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## **VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF AGDER**

During Nov 11-12, 2024, Prof. <u>Renaldas Urniezius</u> from the Artificial Intelligence Centre and Dept of Automation, Electrical and Electronics engineering Faculty; Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania, to lead an insightful guest seminar (as an invitation by University of Agder Professor **Filippo Sanfilippo**) that bridged foundational concepts with advanced applications in robotics.

The topics he covered brought a fresh perspective on several essential areas, including:

- First Order Systems: He highlighted fascinating associations between circuit theory and robotics, unpacking the real-world benefits of these connections.
- Modelling with Differential Equations: Prof. Urniezius underscored the significance of canonical representations, offering a new lens through which to approach modelling challenges in robotics.
- Electronics Schematics: From DC motor designs to the pathways leading to BLDC and PMSM systems, the session provided valuable insights for those working on actuator technologies.
- Machine Learning for Parameter Identification: An engaging hands-on session on using the method of least squares opened doors for participants to leverage machine learning in parameter identification.
- Inertial Navigation: With practical experience shared on sensor fusion using gyroscopes and accelerometers, the discussion tackled real challenges in robotics navigation.
- Future of Robotics Actuators: Finally, we explored the shift from traditional gearboxes to hybrid drives and the development of next-generation actuators.

These topics were highly relevant to both researchers in Kaunas University of Technology and researchers and all level students and researchers at Artificial Intelligence, Biomechatronics, and Collaborative Robotics UiA - Mechatronics / Mekatronikk UiA - Faculty of Engineering and Science University of Agder (UiA) euRobotics aisbl in Norway.