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Paper title	Noncollocated Proprioceptive Sensing for Lightweight Flexible Robotic
	Manipulators
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Abstract	This article presents the design of a noncollocated feedback system for
	flexible serial manipulators. The device is a passive serial chain of encoders
	and lightweight links, mounted in parallel with the manipulator. This
	measuring arm effectively decouples the manipulator's proprioception from
	its actuators by providing information on the actual end effector pose,
	accounting for both joint and link flexibility. The kinematic redundancy of the
	measuring chain allows for safe operation in the context of human-robot
	interaction. A simple yet effective error model is introduced to assess the
	suitability of the proposed sensor system in the context of robotic control.
	The practicality of the device is first demonstrated by building a physical joint-
	encoder assembly and a simplified planar measuring arm prototype. With this
	additional feedback, a task-space position controller is devised and tested in
	simulation. Finally, the simulation results are validated with an experimental
	3-DoF lightweight manipulator prototype equipped with a five-joint
	measuring arm.
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