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Yabuki earned a Masters in Mathematical Informatics from the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology at the University of Tokyo.