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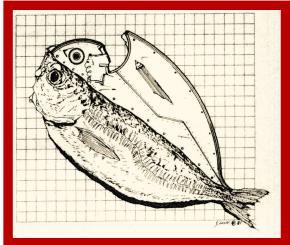
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Zen and the Robot: Engineering Uncanny Robots in Japan

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Mori Masahiro (森政弘 1927~) is best known as the person who first described the phenomenon of 'uncanny valley' in 1970, but his contribution to Japanese robotics goes far beyond that. This talk explores the interplay between Mori's robotics work, engineering methods, Buddhism, and the role of psychology and cognitive science in Japanese humanoid robotics.



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