The term “mindsponge”: it’s what’s inside that matters

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Mindsponge is an information processing framework of the human mind. Since its original conception (Q. H. Vuong, 2016; Q. H. Vuong & Napier, 2015), the framework has been further developed and effectively applied in studies of various fields, particularly mental health (Nguyen, Le, et al., 2021; Q.-H. Vuong, Nguyen, & Le, 2021b), education (Q.-H. Vuong, Nguyen, & Le, 2021a), environmental conservation (Nguyen & Vuong, 2021; Q.-H. Vuong, 2021), publishing (Nguyen, Nguyen, et al., 2021; Q.-H. Vuong, Nguyen, Pham, et al., 2021) and global-scale innovation process (Q.-H. Vuong et al., 2022).

Dr. Quan-Hoang Vuong is the one who originally conceptualized this framework and coined the term “mindsponge” – an English term. Vuong is a Vietnamese researcher, and he mentioned an interesting obstacle: the mindsponge concept does not have an appropriate term in the Vietnamese language (Q.-H. Vuong, 2022). As examples in other Eastern languages, the Chinese term for mindsponge is 思维海绵, and the Japanese term is マインドスポンジ.

But after all, regardless of the language being used as the container, the content inside is still the same, and a concept is always bounded to its founder(s).

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