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What theoretical concepts are used in the research?

What hypotheses, if any, are you using?

Why have you chosen this theory?

What are the implications of using this theory?

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How does the theory relate to the existing literature, your problem statement and your epistemological and ontological positions?

**How has this theory has been applied by others in similar contexts?
What can you learn from them and how do you differ?**

**How do you apply the theory and measure the concepts
(with reference to the literature review/problem statement)?**

**What is the relationship between the various elements and concepts
within the model? Can you depict this visually?**