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Necessary condition analysis: my lessons learned

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Why NCA?

- enables to test assumptions in my field
- has clear relevance for practice

Lessons learned: Theorizing

- need to clearly specify theoretical presumptions (is a predictor necessary or not?)
- to reason on NC, focus on **theoretical** arguments in the literature rather than on existing empirical findings
- combining NC and “usual” (sufficiency) theorizing is challenging to clearly articulate

Lessons learned: methodology

- Don't visualize theoretical models in a traditional way
- No objections to NCA but - questions about data quality are “as usual” (no matter what method is used)
- Control variables?
- How to interpret a specific value of NC?

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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