

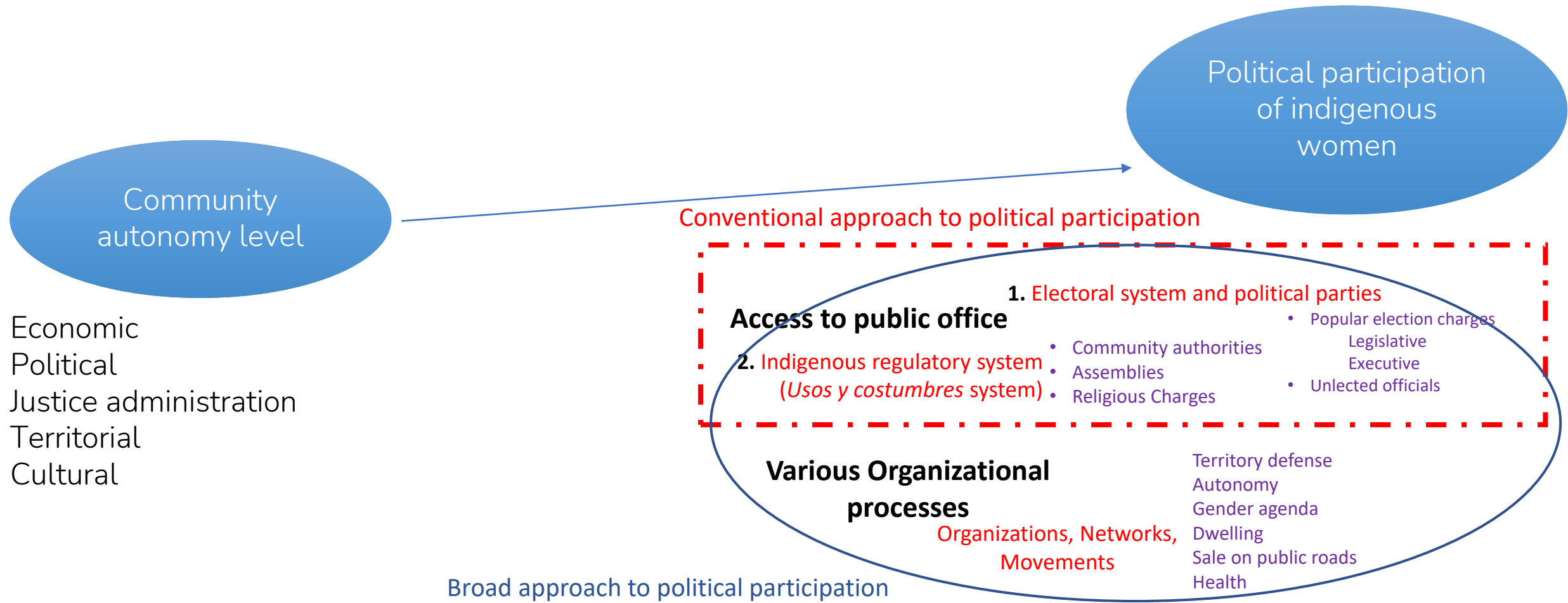


# Political participation of indigenous women in different contexts of community autonomy

The cases of Cherán K'eri (Michoacán) & México City.

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# Literature Review

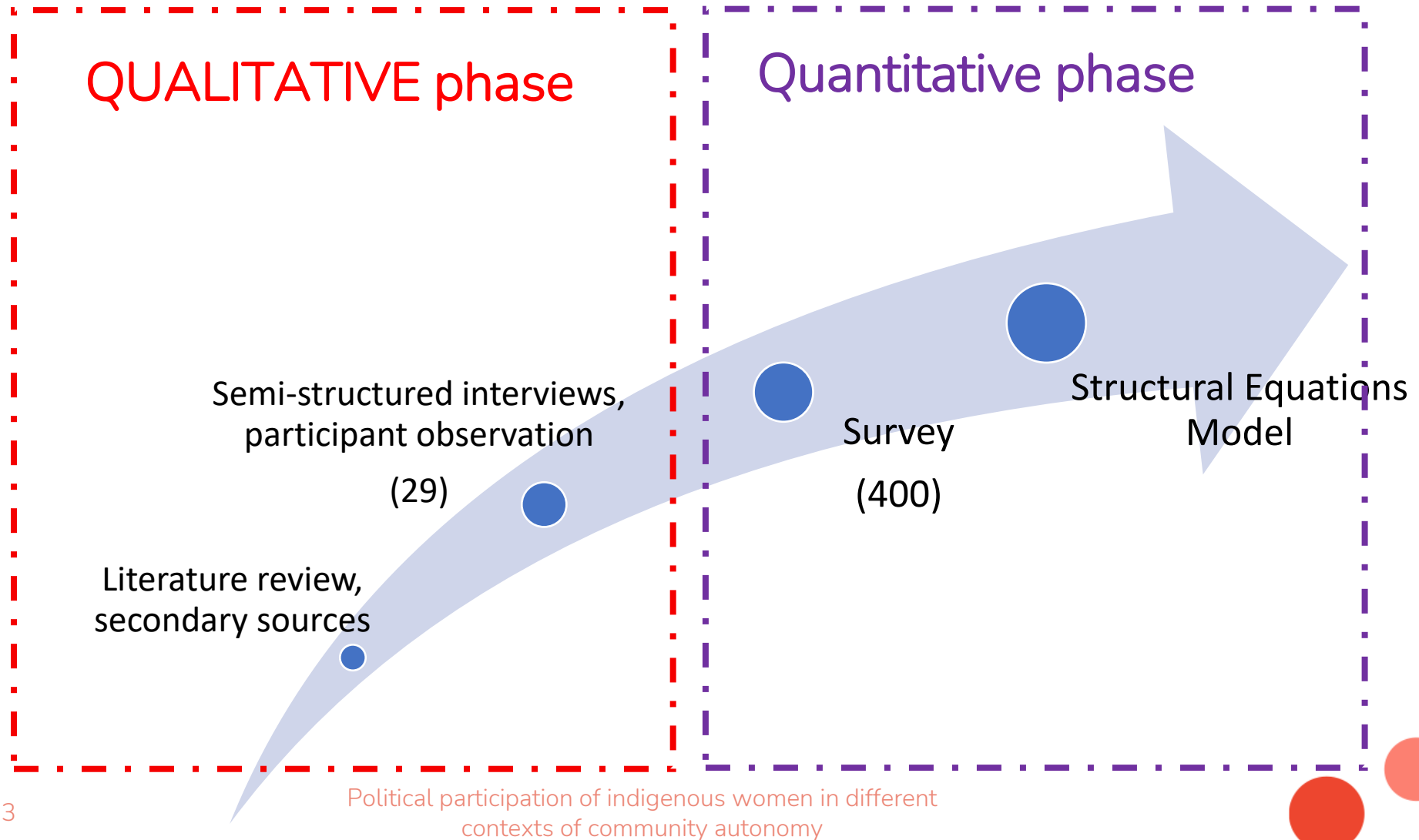


# Research Questions

- What does political participation mean, from the perspectives of indigenous women who live in communities with different levels of autonomy?
- What are the ways in which they participate?
- How is the level of community autonomy of indigenous peoples related to the political participation of the women who live in them?



# Methodology > Mixed Methods > QUAL-> Quant



# Mixed Methods



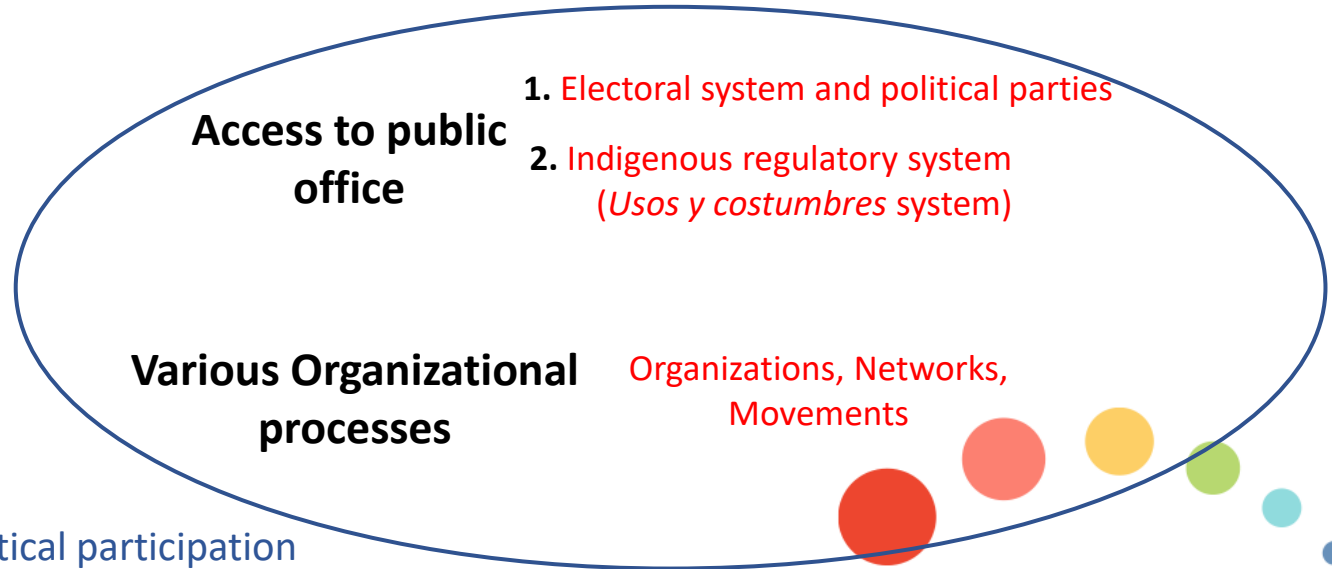
Phase 2:  
quan: survey,  
SEM

- 1. Mexico City
- 2. Cherán K'eri

Low  
Medium  
High

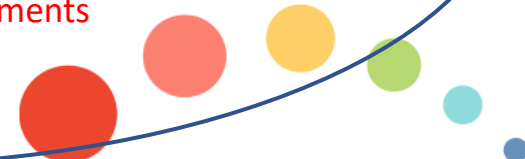
- Economic
- Political
- Justice administration
- Territorial
- Cultural

Phase 1:  
QUAL: Ethnography,  
interviews  
Survey construction  
for quan phase



- Access to public office**
- 1. Electoral system and political parties
- 2. Indigenous regulatory system (*Usos y costumbres system*)

**Various Organizational processes**  
Organizations, Networks, Movements



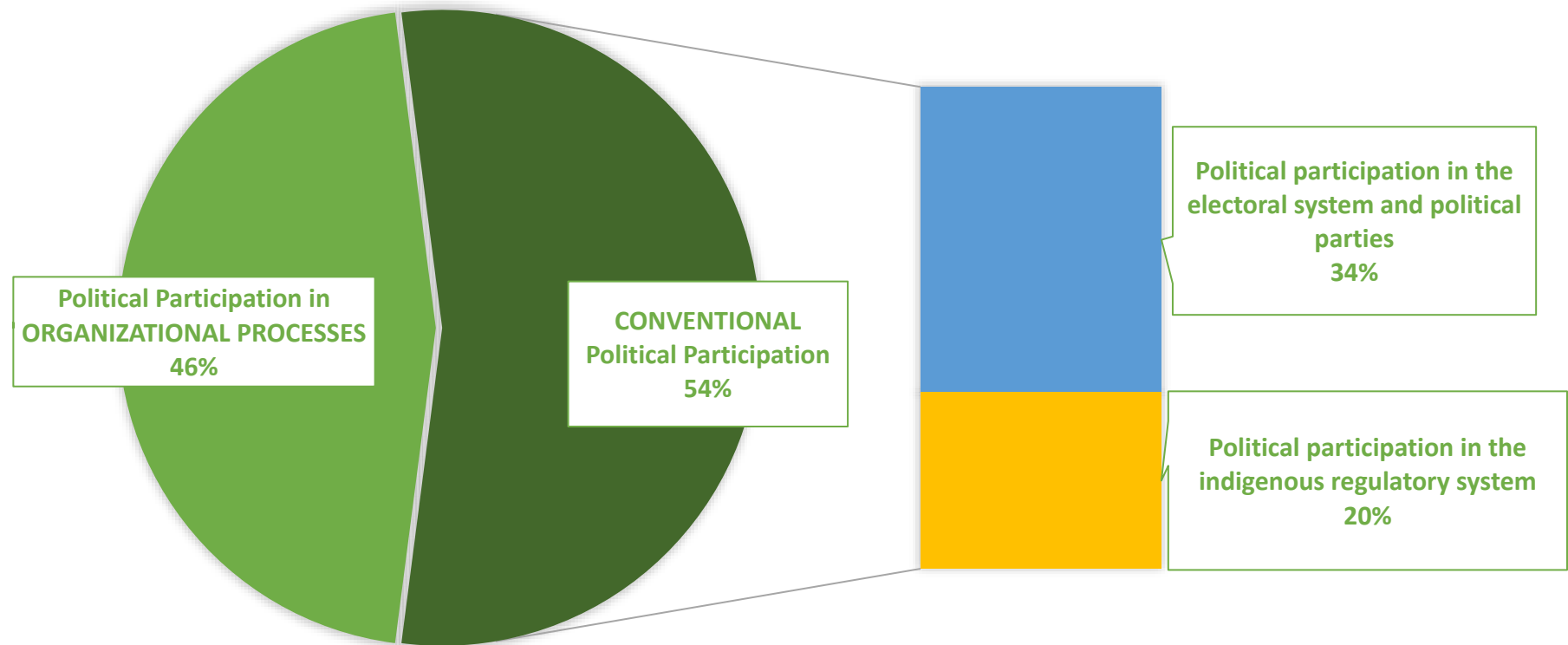
# Using MAXQDA

- Literature Review
- Analyzing Interviews
  - Systematize
  - Compare cases
  - Methodological transparency
- Content Analysis
- Visual exploration tools
- Coding, Memos, Paraphrases, Comments
- Research diary





# Codes by type of approach to political participation of indigenous women (Literature Review)





# Results

- Obstacles, Intersectionality -> need to broaden the definition of political participation for a heterogeneous citizenship.
- Indigenous women conceive of political participation in a broad way
  - They distrust the electoral system and parties
  - They exercise leadership of various kinds
- Gender violence is the main obstacle



# Lessons Learnt

- Affirmative actions, are they being effective?
- Psychological component (insecurity, doubt about their own abilities)  
-> affects the political participation of indigenous women.
- Participating in organizational processes -> offers tools to participate politically in more conventional spaces.
- Still to analyze: relation between autonomy & political participation of indigenous women (quantitative phase)

