

# Integrating energy community flexibility in grid planning: central vs decentral approaches

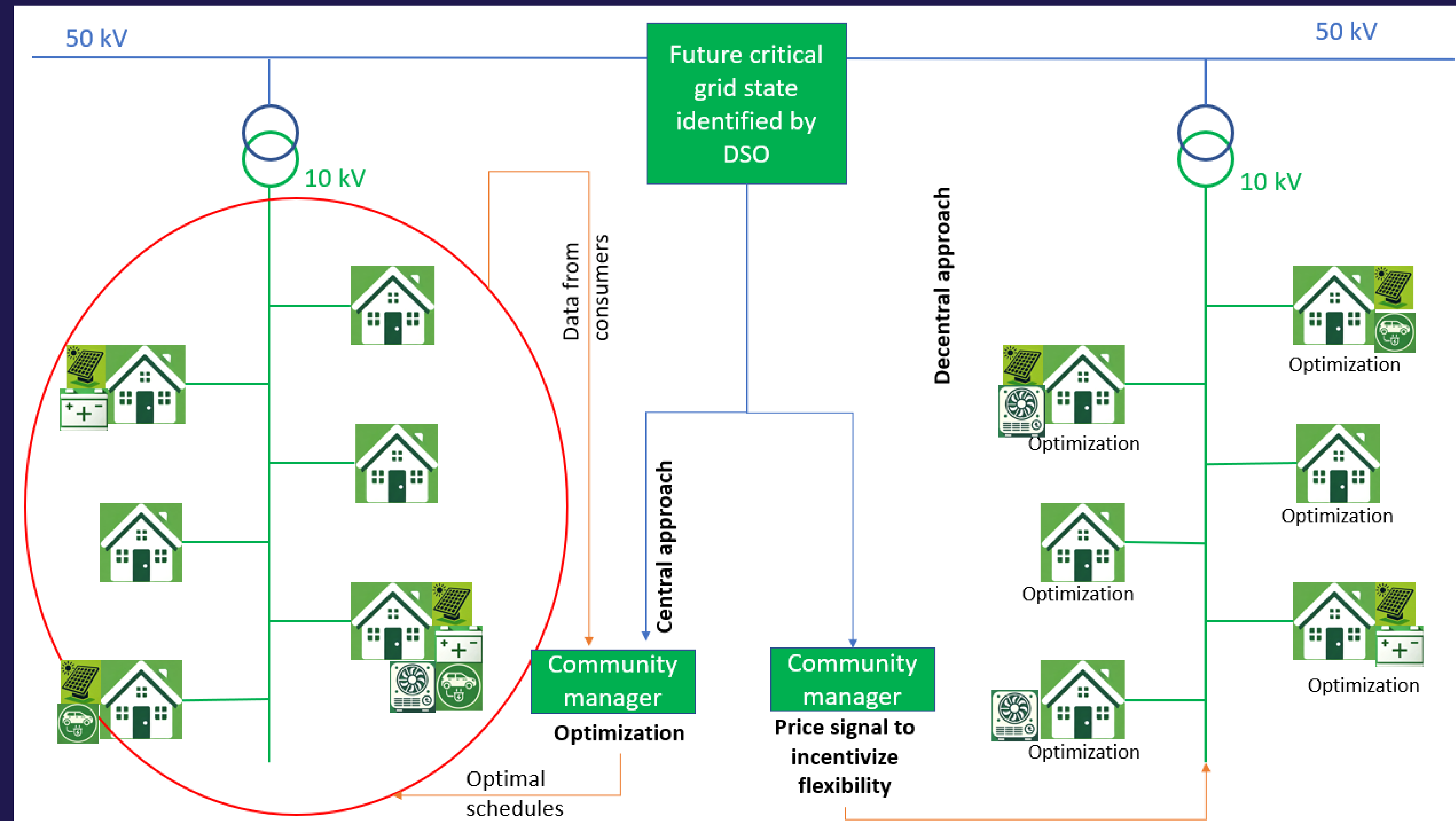
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## How to integrate flexibility from energy communities in grid planning:

- Identifying critical situations of the distribution grid by forecasting of:
  - Transformer loading.
  - Electricity consumption.
  - Heating demand.
- Use of flexibility from controllable loads (batteries, heat pumps, electric vehicles) as countermeasure.
- Scheduling of controllable loads via optimization (central or decentral).

# What should be chosen and why ? Centralized or decentralized coordination

## Schemes for central and decentral optimization



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**Central approach:**  
 Global optimum reached.  
 Long calculation times.  
 Data protection issues.

**Decentral approach:**  
 Faster computation times.  
 Household information handled locally  
 No guaranty of reaching a system's optimality .

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