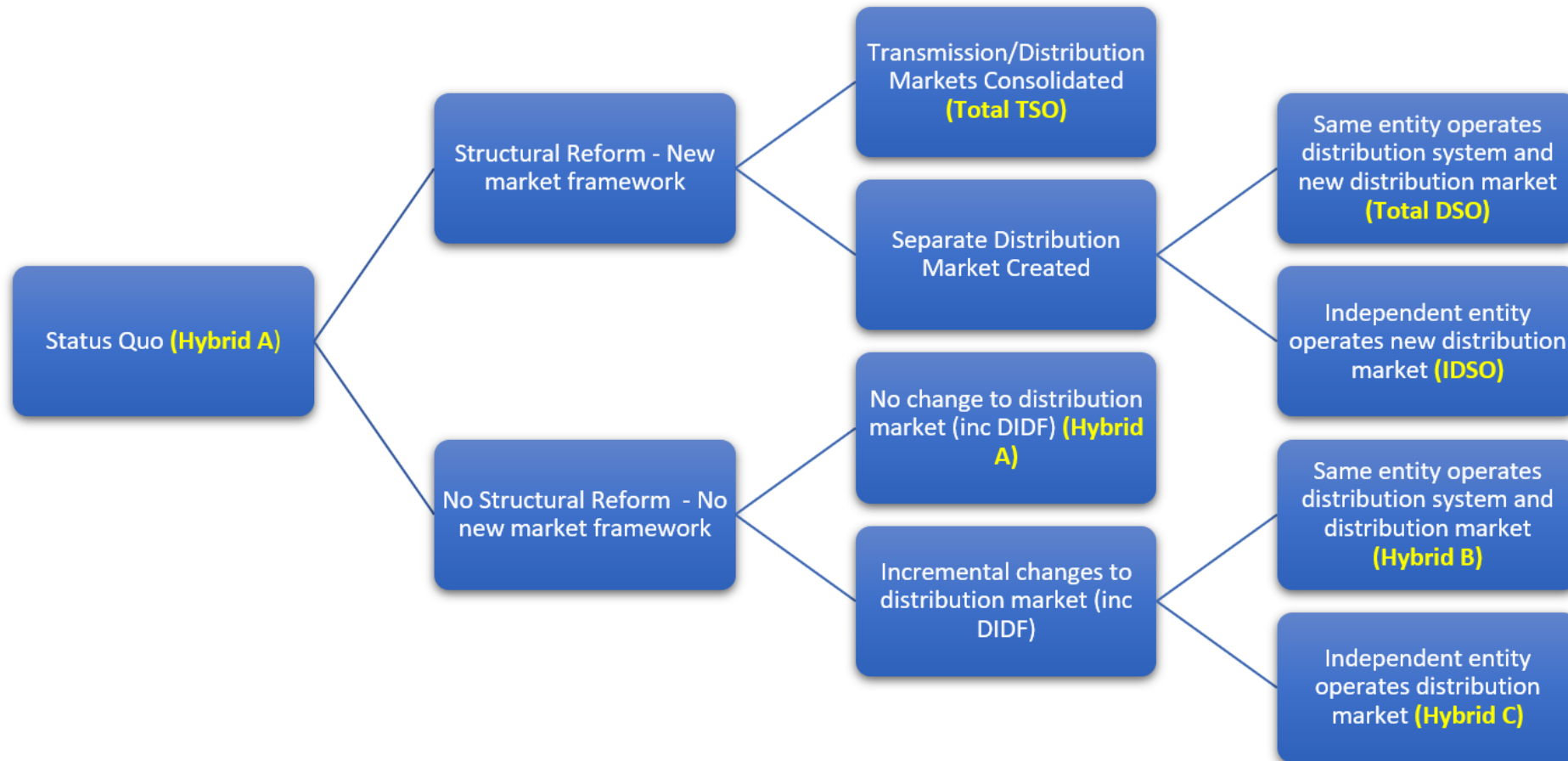# High DER Track 2

Cal Advocates' Comments at Track 2 Workshop
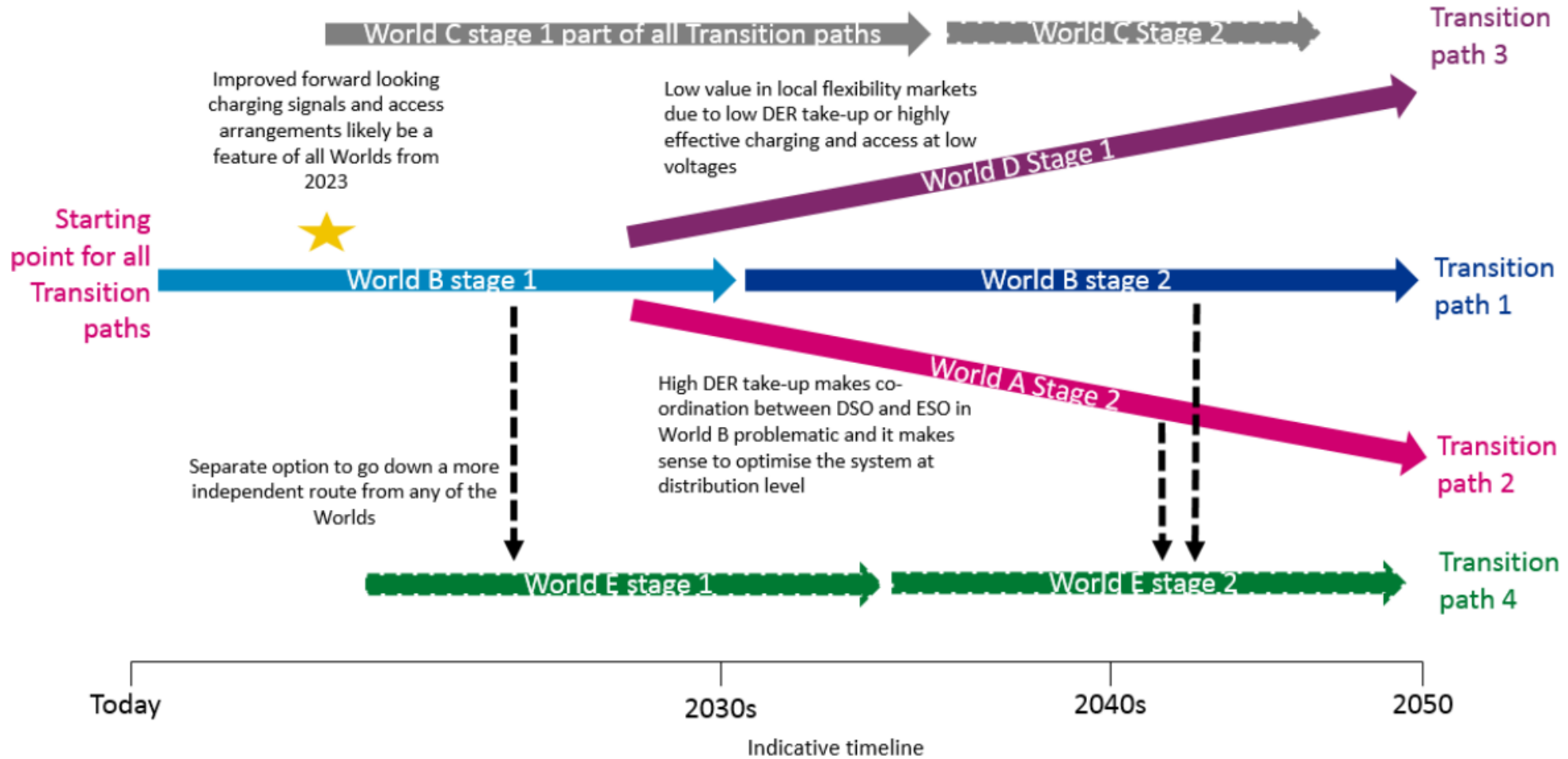
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- We should think of any solution as a journey not an endpoint – see UK roadmap as an example.

- Half of the CPUC Workshop 4 should focus on the journey/transition to any solution identified.

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From UK ENA, DSO Implementation Plan, March 2021, p 8.

Flexibility Around Solutions

- Cal Advocates supports Gridworks' proposal to start by identifying essential 2030 operations (Workshop 1) and then undertaking a gap assessment (Workshop 2).
- Once the gap/problem is better understood parties should think creatively about possible solutions:
  - These may be different from the models set out in the Gridworks paper.
  - Need to take into account current regulatory conditions (e.g. customer programs).
  - One option is to design a "roadmap" like the UK where multiple endpoints remain on the table.
- As solutions are identified, consider a cost benefit analysis (e.g. UK, Australia).

Workshop 1 Should Be Split

- CPUC Workshop 1 covers the first 3 steps in the grid architecture four-step logic: define objectives – determine requirements – identify functions.

- Ideally the functions would be determined bearing in mind the type of detailed tasks that would then need to be undertaken for each function (these are known as "activities" and "steps" in the UK approach).

- This is too much work for one workshop. Recommend splitting Workshop 1 into two workshops to adequately cover issues. These two workshops can be one week apart and scoped as follows:
  - Workshop 1A: Define objectives and determine requirements.
  - Workshop 1B: Identify functions and consider activities/steps.