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05 – Merging methodology

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- 1. Final approach protection**
- 2. Merging methodologies**



Final approach protection

African Flight Procedure Programme (AFPP)

- At FAF XTT changes from 1 to 0.3 NM

AT THE LOCATION where XTT is changing, take the SMALLEST XTT.

$$\text{XTT} = 1 \text{ NM}$$

- At FAF BV changes from 1 to 0.5 NM

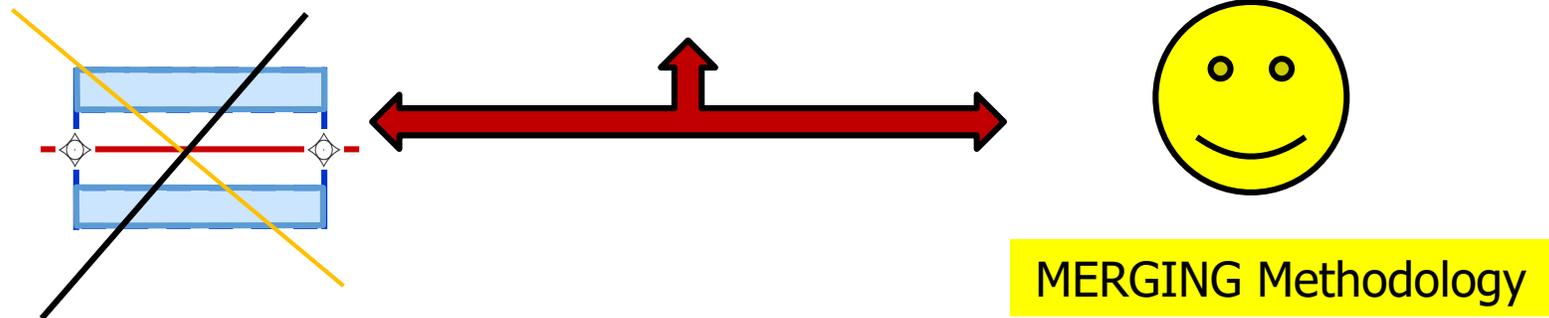
AT THE LOCATION where BV is changing, take the BV of the PRECEDING phase.

$$\text{BV} = 1 \text{ NM}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ AW} = 1.5 \times 0.3 + 1 = 1.45 \text{ NM}$$

- ❑ At IF $\frac{1}{2} AW = 1.5 \times 1 + 1 = 2.5 \text{ NM}$
- ❑ At FAF $\frac{1}{2} AW = 1.5 \times 0.3 + 1 = 1.45 \text{ NM}$

What is the associated protection area?





☐ MERGING methodologies apply:

☞ Each time the area is **NOT** a corridor:

- Each time there is a **CHANGE OF XTT**;
- Each time there is a **CHANGE OF Phase of flight (BV)**.

☞ Whether a waypoint is located or not.

☐ Two merging methodologies:

☞ **FIRST METHOD** is to be applied when **BV** is **CHANGING** whether **XTT** is changing or not;

☞ **SECOND METHOD** is to be applied when **ONLY XTT** is changing and not the **BV**.



Where does a change of BV occurs?

□ For A-RNP, RNP1, RNPCH, RNAV 1/2 with GNSS sensor only, it occurs at:

☞ 30 NM of ARP;

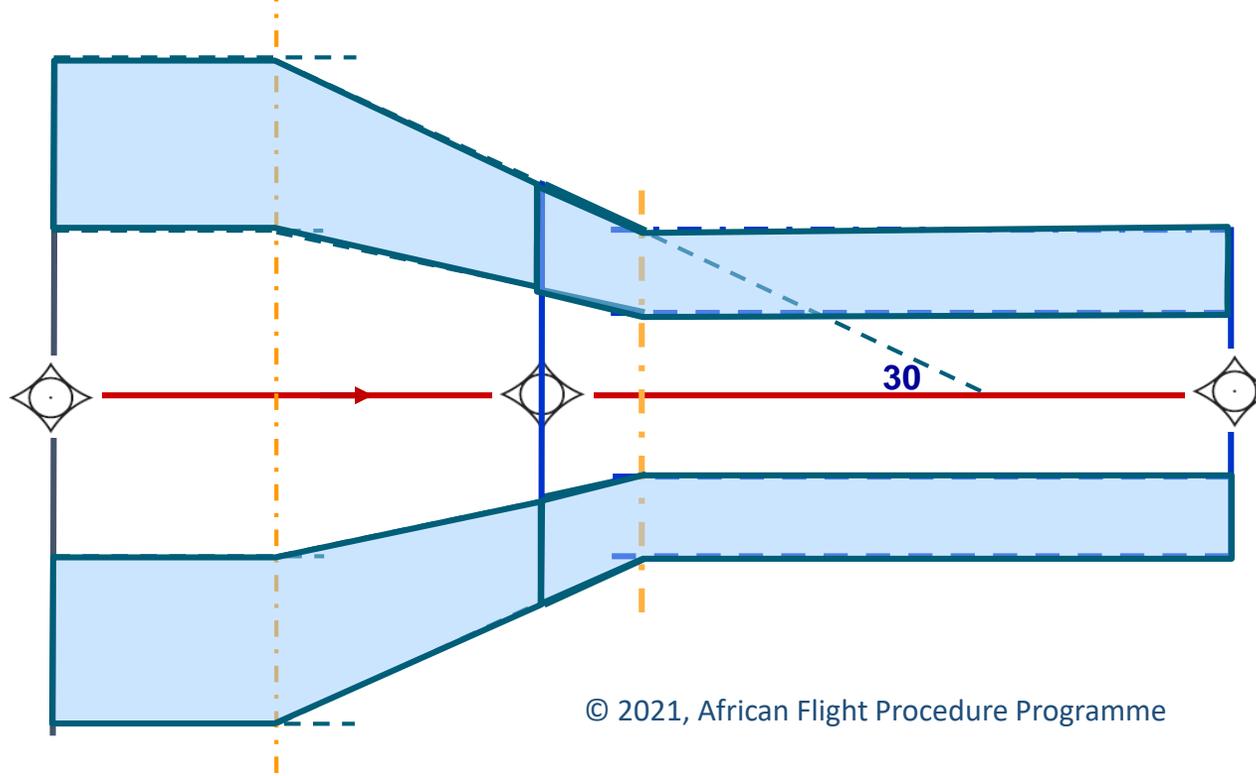
☞ FAF;

☞ 15 NM of ARP.

These changes occur at a waypoint, or at a specific location whether a waypoint is located or not.

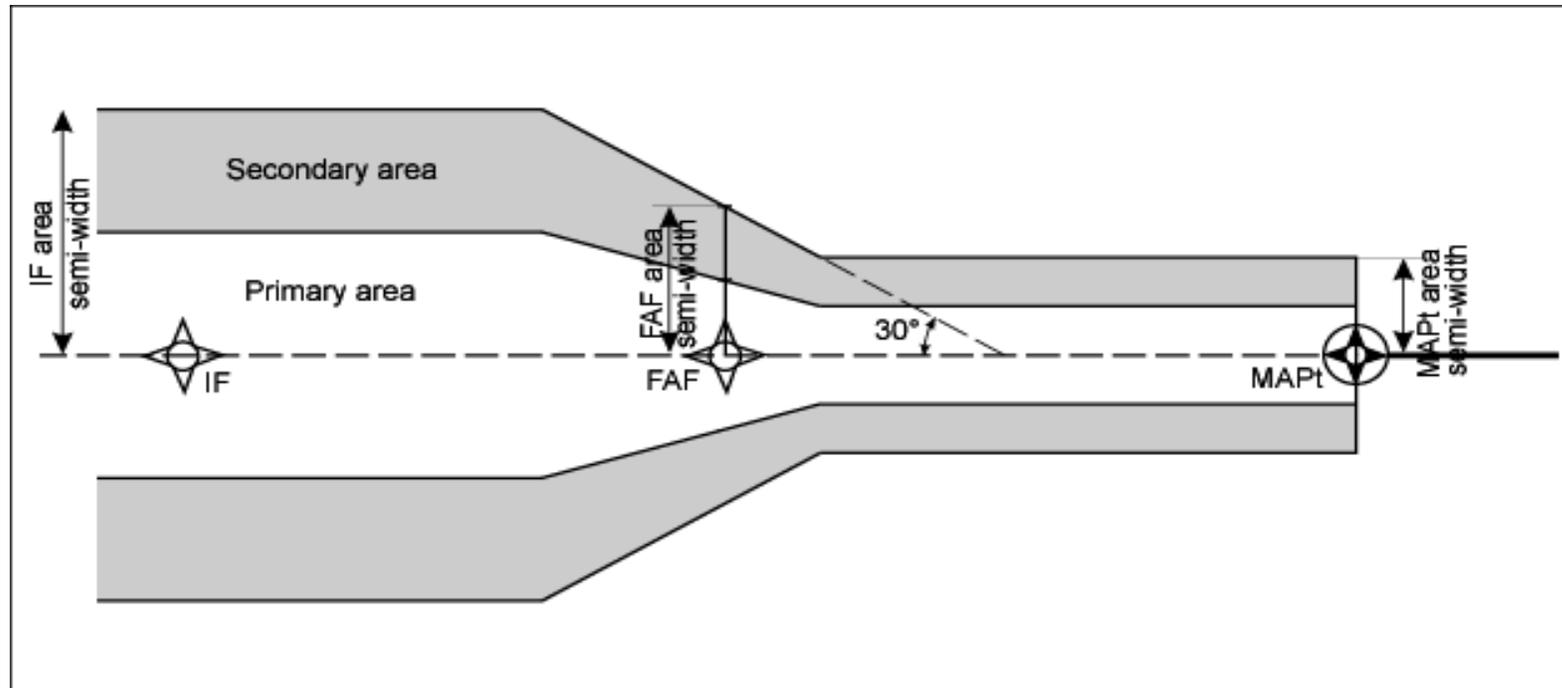
First method: BV is changing Area Width1 > Area Width 2

- Case where area width of the subsequent segment is smaller than the preceding one:
 - Merge with a 30° line to the NOMINAL track ANCHORED AT THE POINT of change.



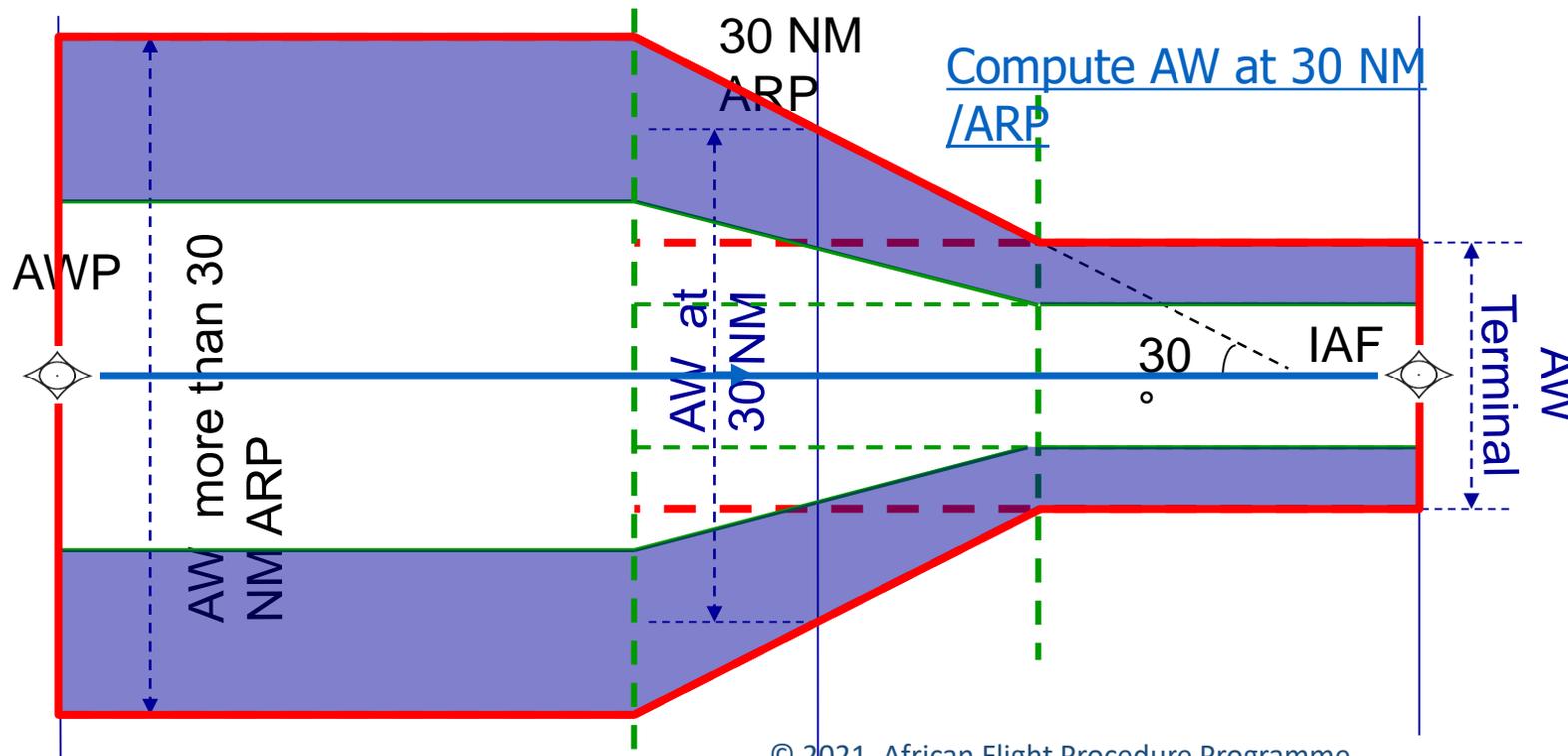
First method: BV is changing at a waypoint

- Example: FAF transition from terminal to approach



First method: BV is changing at a location (not a waypoint)

- Example: Transition from Route to terminal mode





First method: BV and XTT are changing

- Example for RNAV 1/2 STAR with GNSS sensor at 30 NM ARP:
 - At 30 NM ARP XTT changes from 2 to 1 NM

AT the LOCATION where XTT is changing, Take the SMALLER value of XTT.

XTT = 1 NM

- At 30 NM ARP BV changes from 2 to 1 NM

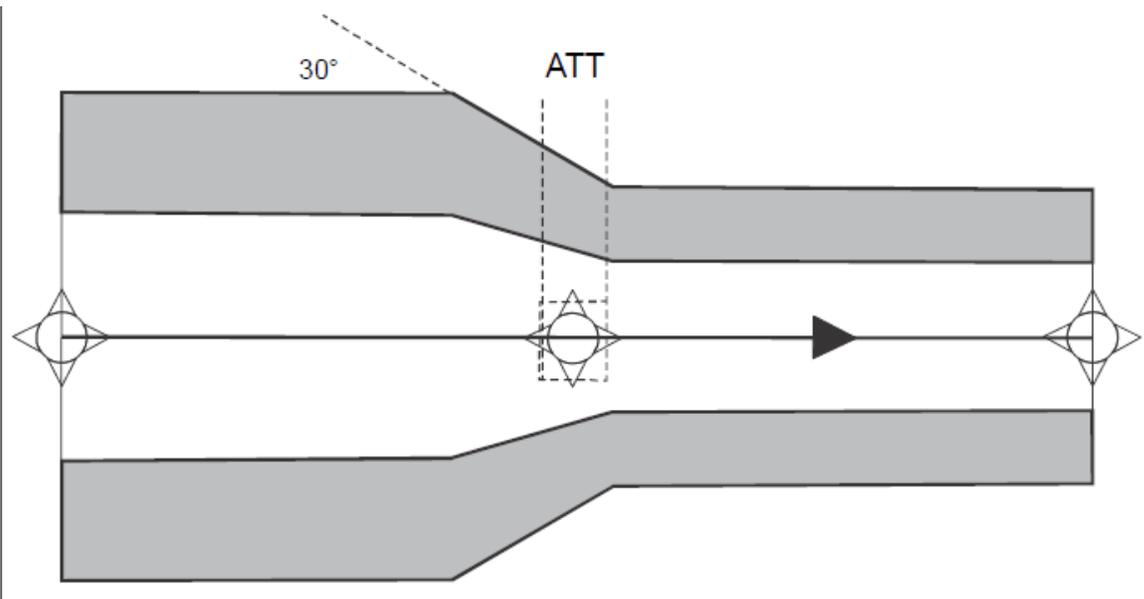
AT THE LOCATION where BV is changing, take the BV of the PRECEDING phase.

BV = 2 NM

$\frac{1}{2} AW = 1.5 \times 1 + 2 = 3.5 \text{ NM}$

Second method: Only XTT is changing

- ❑ Case where Area width 1 > Area width 2 (area width of the subsequent segment is smaller than the preceding one):
 - ☞ When XTT only is changing merge with a 30° line to the NOMINAL track ANCHORED at the LATEST XTT of the point of change.





Where does a change of XTT ONLY occurs?

In A-RNP:

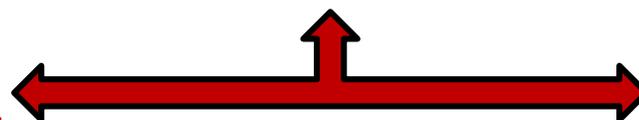
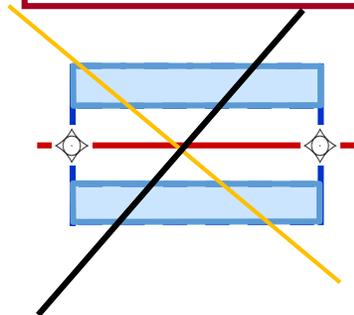
- ☞ As this application is scalable, different RNP values can be used in the same phase of flight;
 - Example: RNP1 within 30 NM: then from an identified waypoint RNP0.5 until IF.

In RNAV 1/2 with DME/DME sensor.

Merging methodology applicable for both methods: Case Area width area 1 < Area width 2

Navigation specification		RNP	FTE	IMAL	ATT	XTT	BV	1/2AW
RNP APCH	< 30 Nm ARP	1	0.5		0.8	1	1	2.5
	FAF	0.3	0.25		0.24	0.3	1	1.45
	MAPT	0.3	0.25		0.24	0.3	0.5	0.95
	MA <15 NM	1	0.5		0.8	1	0.5	2

What is the associated protection area?

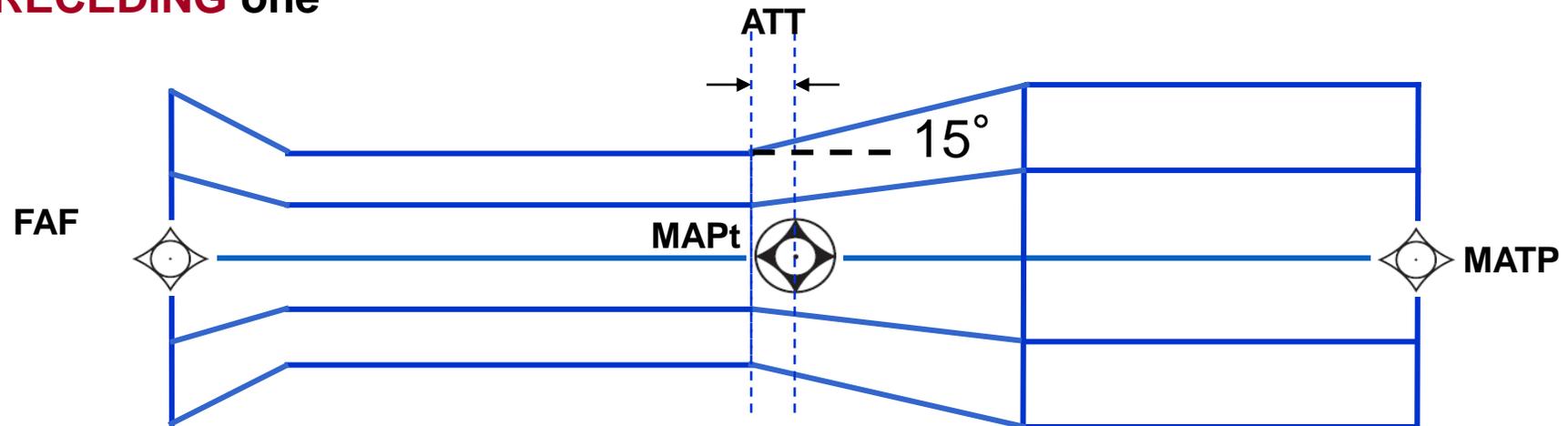


MERGING Methodology

Merge with a 15° SPLAY at the EARLIEST limit of the point of change

Merging methodology applicable for both methods: Case Area width area 1 < Area width 2

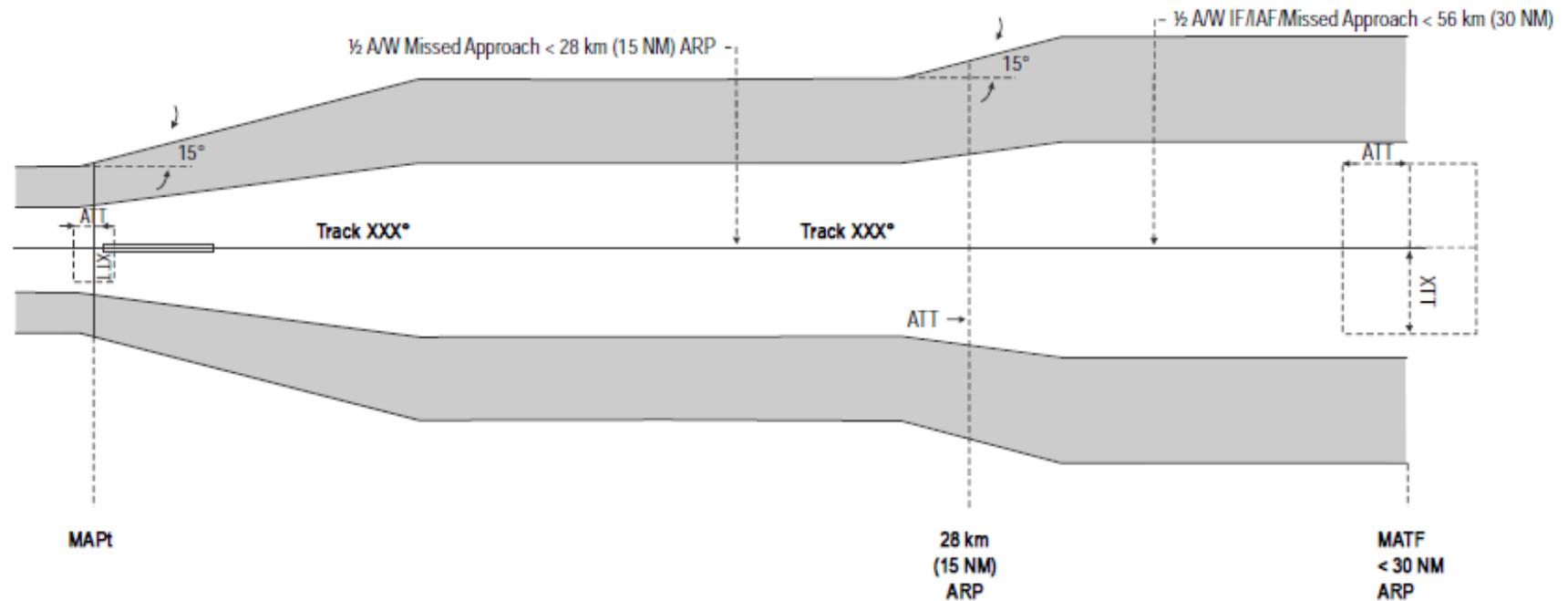
Case where area width of the **SUBSEQUENT** segment is **GREATER** than the **PRECEDING** one



Merge with a **15° SPLAY** at the **EARLIEST** limit of the point of change

Case illustrated : change of XTT at a waypoint

Merging methodology applicable for both methods: Case Area width area 1 < Area width 2



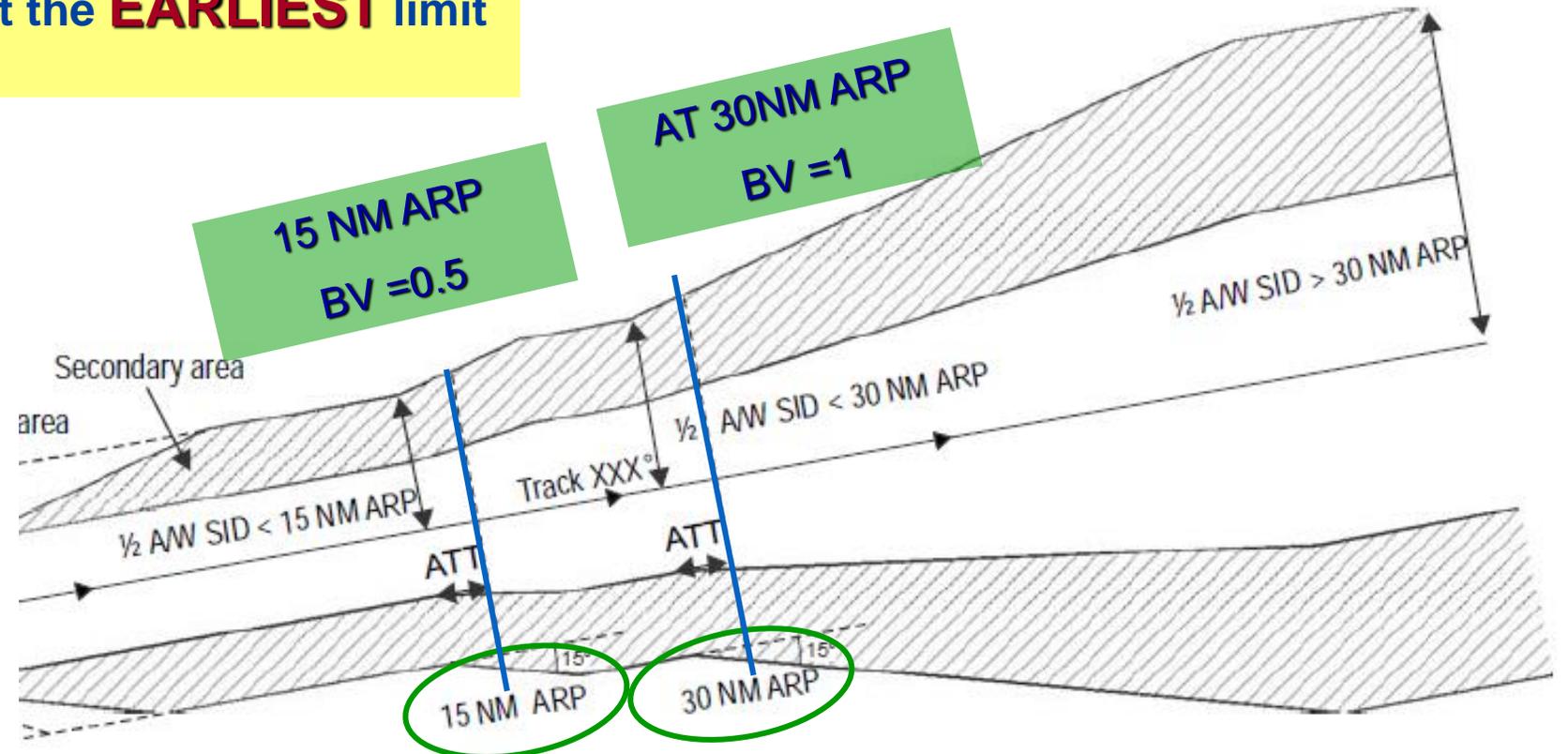


Merging methodologies

African Flight Procedure Programme (AFPP)

Merging methodology applicable for both methods:
Case Area width area 1 < Area width 2

Merge with a **15° SPLAY** at the **EARLIEST** limit of the point of change



Case illustrated : change of BV at a location

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Central American
and Caribbean
(NACC) Office
Mexico City

South American
(SAM) Office
Lima

ICAO
Headquarters
Montreal

Western and
Central African
(WACAF) Office
Dakar

European and
North Atlantic
(EUR/NAT) Office
Paris

Middle East
(MID) Office
Cairo

Eastern and
Southern African
(ESAF) Office
Nairobi

Asia and Pacific
(APAC) Office
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