



Computing Local Tropospheric Models for Colombia Based on GNSS Data

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- 4 Degradation of Tropospheric Refraction into heights obtained by GNSS
- □ Goal: Approximation to calculation of Zenith Tropospheric Delay (ZTD) based on GNSS



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- $_{O^7}$ Neglecting to apply tropospheric refraction results in an absolute scale error (absolute troposphere biases) and wrong station heights (relative troposphere biases)





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 $\ensuremath{ \delta}$ Saastamoinen Model

$$\Delta \varrho = \frac{0,002277}{\cos z} \left[p + \left(\frac{1255}{T} + 0,05 \right) e - \tan^2 z \right]$$

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