

Subsurface structure in the northern part of Nara basin estimated with a seismic vertical array

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Spectral analysis was made for seismic data from a vertical array (GL 0m, -20m, -42m, -100m) modeling S-wave velocities and Q structure of soil sediments in the northernmost part of Nara basin, where depth to bedrock reaches 600m. Spectral ratios of surface components to subsurface ones and horizontal-to-vertical ratios were examined. As for Q of S-waves, a functional form of $Q_s = Q_0 * V_s^{**m} * f^{**n}$ ($m=1,2,3$; $n=0,0.5,1$; f =frequency) was assumed. As a result, it was revealed that, V_s ranges from 350 to 800m/s for surface to bottom soil layers comparable to velocities of corresponding strata of the same geologic time in Osaka basin, and the most appropriate model for Q_s is $(Q_0, m, n) = (2^{**}-8, 3, 1)$; V_s in m/s).