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Interactive comment on "Site effect classification based on microtremor data analysis using concentration—area fractal model" by A. Adib et al.

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Cheng and Agterberg (1996), Sim et al (1999), Goncalves et al (2001) are not using classification method for more than 3 classes but detection tool for extreme data (2 classes, as shown in all plots of those articles). The article from Afzal et al. (2010) proposes to extend the Concentration-Area method to more than two classes without theoretical justification. More than a theoretical work, this article should point out at least a discussion about the justification for the case of more than 2 classes, in the framework of fractal/multifractal. Also the authors should state clearly that their use of the C-A method is extended from the initial version from Cheng et al., 1994.

Figure 3: the scale is still missing.

Figure 8: The points without names will improve the lisibility of the figure and the comparison with figure 9.

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Figure 9: The figure would be more easy to interpret in color using the same color legend than figure 8.

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