

Managing Batch Effects in Microbiome Data

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Chapter 1

Examples of microbiome studies with batch effects

This vignette provides all the analyses performed in the paper “Managing Batch Effects in Microbiome Data”.

Packages installation and loading

First, you will need to install then load the following packages:

```
#cran.packages = c('knitr', 'mixOmics', 'xtable', 'ggplot2', 'vegan', 'cluster', 'gridExtra', 'pheatmap', 'ruv')
#install.packages(cran.packages)
#bioconductor.packages = c('sva', 'limma', 'AgiMicroRna', 'variancePartition', 'pvca')
#if (!requireNamespace("BiocManager", quietly = TRUE))
#  install.packages("BiocManager")
#BiocManager::install(bioconductor.packages, version = "3.8")

library(knitr)
library(xtable) # table
library(mixOmics)
library(sva) # ComBat
library(ggplot2) # PCA sample plot with density
library(gridExtra) # PCA sample plot with density
library(limma) # removeBatchEffect (LIMMA)
library(vegan) # RDA
library(AgiMicroRna) # RLE plot
library(cluster) # silhouette coefficient
library(variancePartition) # variance calculation
library(pvca) # PVCA
library(pheatmap) # heatmap
library(ruv) # RUVIII
library(lmerTest) # lmer
library(bapred) # FAbatch
```



1.1 Study description

1.1.1 Sponge *Aplysina aerophoba* study

Sacristán-Soriano *et al.* studied the potential involvement of bacterial communities from the sponge species *A. aerophoba* in the biosynthesis of brominated alkaloids (BAs) (Sacristán-Soriano *et al.*, 2011). They compared the microbial composition and BA concentration in two different tissues (ectosome and choanosome) to investigate the relationship between bacterial composition and BA concentration. The authors concluded that differences in bacterial profiles were not only due to tissue variation (the main effect of interest), but also because the samples were run on two separate denaturing gradient gels during processing. Gel thus acted as a technical batch effect as described in Table 1.

1.1.2 Anaerobic digestion study

Anaerobic Digestion (AD) is a microbiological process of organic matter degradation that produces a biogas used in electrical and thermal energy production. However, the AD bioprocess undergoes inhibition during its developmental stage that is not well characterised: Chapleur *et al.* explored microbial indicators that could improve the AD bioprocess's efficacy and prevent its failure (Chapleur *et al.*, 2016). They profiled the microbiota of 75 AD samples in various conditions. Here we consider two different ranges of phenol concentration as treatments. The experiment was conducted at different dates (5), which constitutes a technical source of unwanted variation (Table 1).

1.1.3 Huntington's disease study

In their study, Kong *et al.* reported differences in microbial composition between Huntington's disease (HD) and wild-type (WT) mice (Kong *et al.*, 2018). However, the establishment of microbial communities was also driven by biological batch effects: the cage environment and sex. Here we consider only female mice to illustrate a special case of a batch \times treatment unbalanced design. The HD data include 13 faecal mice samples hosted across 4 cages (Table 1).

We load the data and functions that are provided *outside* the packages.

```
# load the data
load(file = './datasets/microbiome_datasets.RData')

# load the extra functions
source(file = './Functions.R')
dim(sponge.tss)
```

```
## [1] 32 24
```

```
dim(ad.count)
```

```
## [1] 75 567
```

```
dim(hd.count)
```

```
## [1] 13 368
```

Note: the AD data and HD data loaded are raw counts, while sponge data are total sum scaling (TSS) scaled data calculated on raw counts, with no offset.

1.2 Data processing

Data processing steps for microbiome data:



1. Prefilter the count data to remove features with excess zeroes across all samples
2. Add an offset of 1 to the whole data matrix
3. Total Sum Scaling transformation
4. Log-ratio transformation

1.2.1 Prefiltering

We use a prefiltering step to remove OTUs for which the sum of counts are below a set threshold (0.01%) compared to the total sum of all counts from (Arumugam et al., 2011).

```
# ad data
ad.index.keep = which(colSums(ad.count)*100/(sum(colSums(ad.count))) > 0.01)
ad.count.keep = ad.count[,ad.index.keep]
dim(ad.count.keep)

## [1] 75 231

# hd data
#hd.index.keep = which(colSums(hd.count)*100/(sum(colSums(hd.count))) > 0.001)
hd.count.keep = hd.count
dim(hd.count.keep)

## [1] 13 368
```

Compared with the raw counts, many OTUs below the threshold are removed. As HD data are small part of a big dataset and only have 13 samples, it is too strict to use the threshold 0.01% to filter the OTUs. We then maintained all the OTUs in HD data.

1.2.2 Total sum scaling

Now, let's apply a TSS scaling on the filtered data:

Note: We need to add an offset of 1 to all count data (i.e. count data = count.keep + 1). Although sponge data are already TSS data, a 'tiny' offset is added and then TSS is redone. Because the presence of zeroes will make the next step – log-ratio transformation impossible.

```
# sponge data
sponge.tss = t(apply(sponge.tss + 0.01, 1, TSS.divide))

# ad data
ad.tss = t(apply(ad.count.keep + 1, 1, TSS.divide))

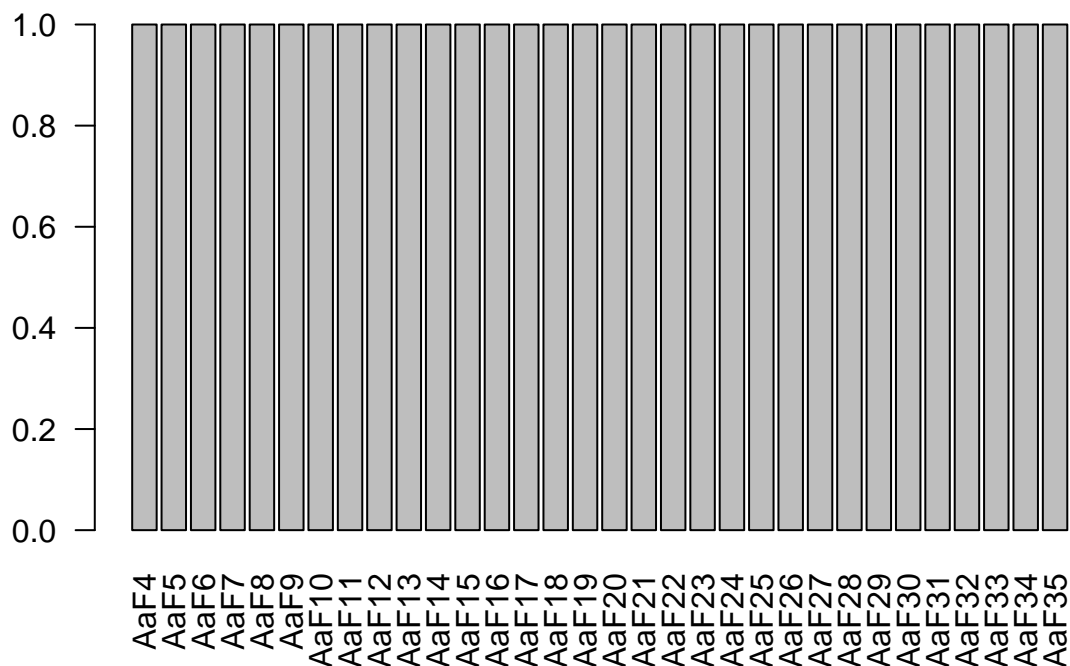
# hd data
hd.tss = t(apply(hd.count.keep + 1, 1, TSS.divide))
```

Check the library size sums to 1 for each sample. We now have compositional data.

```
# sponge data
sponge.lib.size.tss <- apply(sponge.tss, 1, sum)
barplot(sponge.lib.size.tss, main = 'Sponge data', las=2)
```

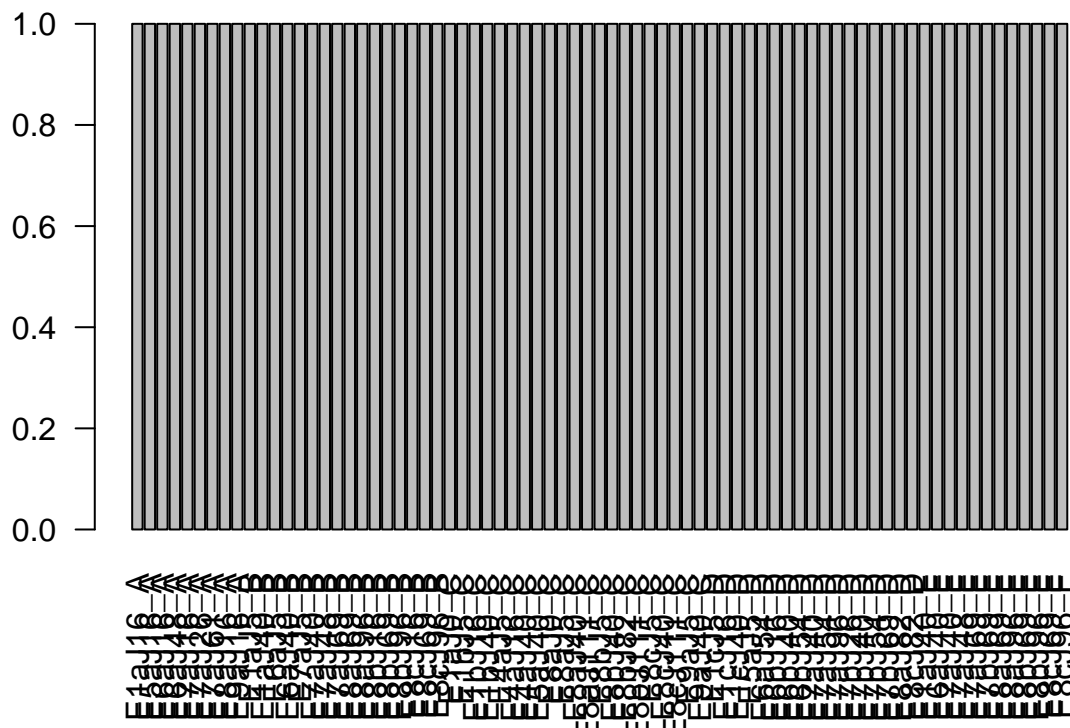


Sponge data

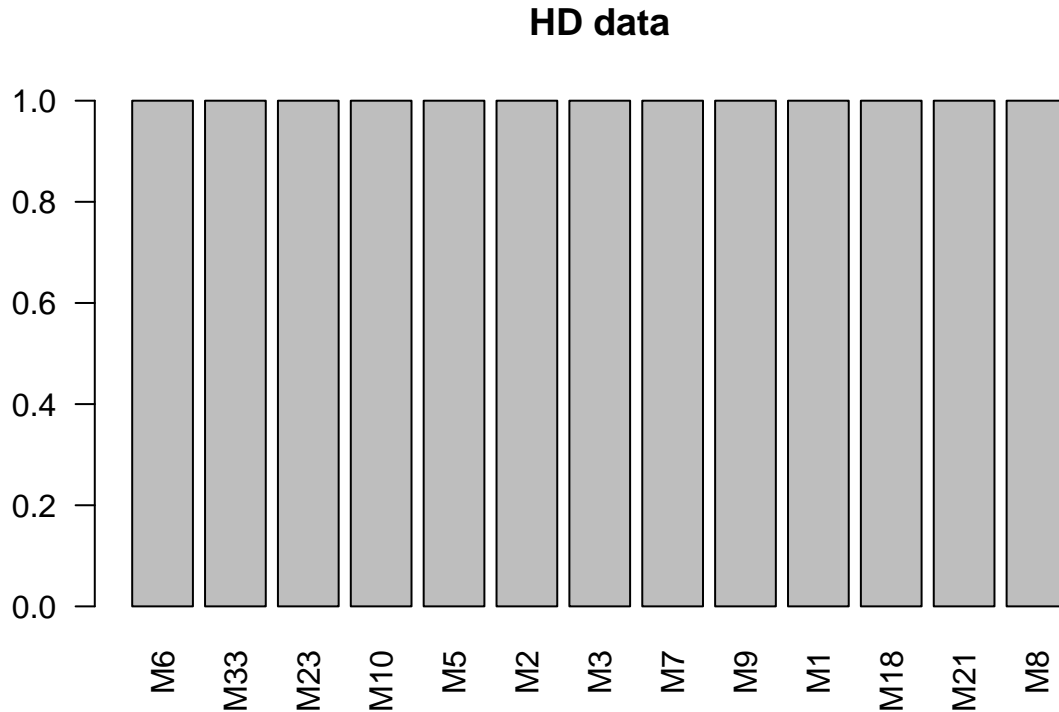


```
# ad data
ad.lib.size.tss <- apply(ad.tss, 1, sum)
barplot(ad.lib.size.tss, main = 'AD data', las=2)
```

AD data




```
# hd data
hd.lib.size.tss <- apply(hd.tss, 1, sum)
barplot(hd.lib.size.tss, main = 'HD data', las=2)
```



1.2.3 Centered log-ratio transformation

TSS results in compositional data (or proportions) that are restricted to a space where the sum of all OTU proportions for a given sample sums to 1. Using standard statistical methods on such data may lead to spurious results and therefore the data must be further transformed. The CLR is the transformation of choice.

```
# sponge data
sponge.tss.clr <- logratio.transfo(sponge.tss, logratio = 'CLR')
class(sponge.tss.clr) <- 'matrix'

# ad data
ad.tss.clr <- logratio.transfo(ad.tss, logratio = 'CLR')
class(ad.tss.clr) <- 'matrix'

# hd data
hd.tss.clr <- logratio.transfo(hd.tss, logratio = 'CLR')
class(hd.tss.clr) <- 'matrix'
```

The final TSS-CLR data of sponge study, AD study and HD study contain 32 samples and 24 OTUs, 75 samples and 231 OTUs, 13 samples and 368 OTUs, respectively as described in Table 1.

Table 1. Overview of exemplar datasets with batch effects. We considered microbiome studies from sponge *Aplysina aerophoba*; organic matter in anaerobic digestion (AD) and mice models with Huntington’s disease (HD).



	Sponge data			AD data			HD data		
No. of OTUs	24			231			368		
No. of samples	32			75			13		
Design type	Balanced			Approx. balanced			Unbalanced		
Organism	Sponge samples			Organic matter			Fecal samples		
Batch sources	Gel (sample processing)			Date (sample processing and sequencing)			Cage (housing)		
Batch × treatment design	Ectosome		Choanosome	0-0.5		1-2	HD		WT
	Gel 1	8	8	09/04/2015	4	5	Cage F	0	3
				14/04/2016	4	12	Cage G	3	0
				01/07/2016	8	13	Cage H	3	0
	Gel 2	8	8	14/11/2016	8	9	Cage J	0	4
				21/09/2017	2	10			



Chapter 2

Batch effect detection

In this chapter, we apply qualitative methods to assess the presence of batch effects using visualisations.

2.1 Principal component analysis (PCA) with density plot per component

We first start with a PCA sample plot with density plot per PC.

PCA is an unsupervised method used to explore the data variance structure by reducing its dimensions to a few principal components (PC) that explain the greatest variation in the data. Density plots are a complementary way to visualise batch effects per PC through examining the distributions of all samples.

```
# sponge data
sponge.pca.before = pca(sponge.tss.clr, ncomp = 3)

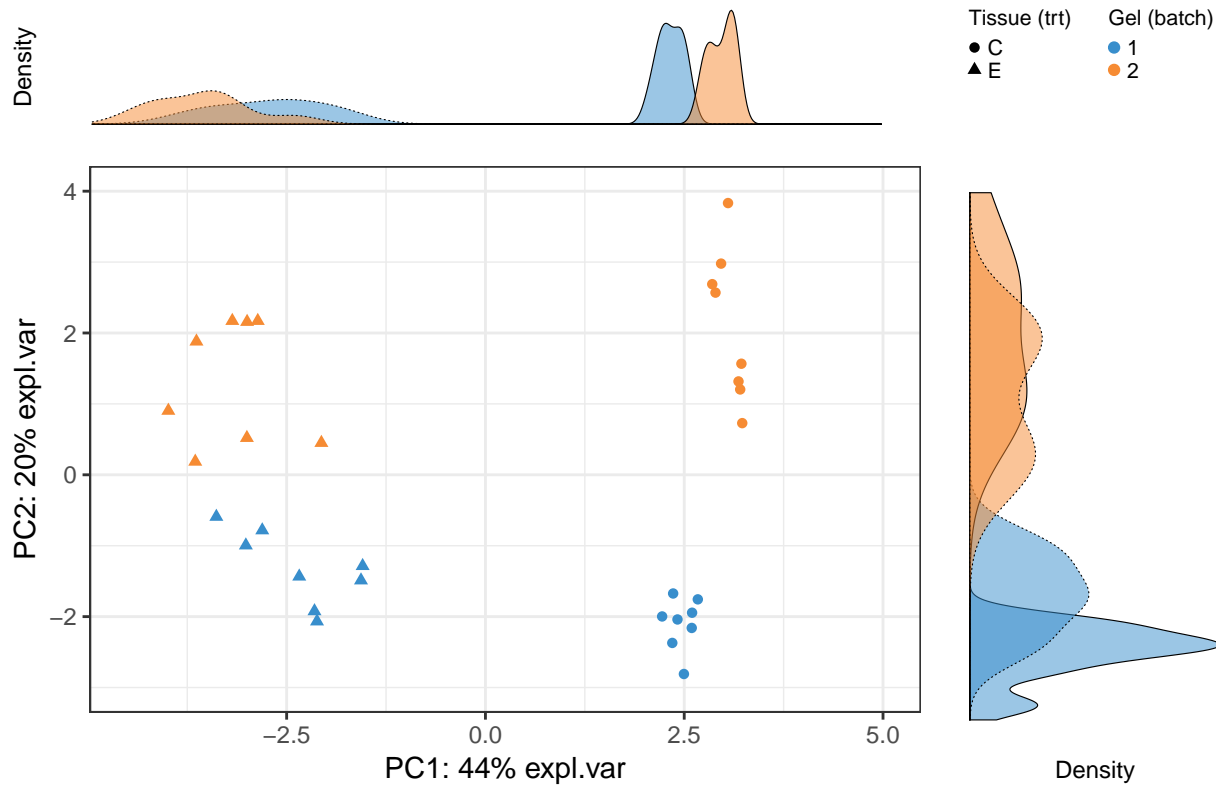
# ad data
ad.pca.before = pca(ad.tss.clr, ncomp = 3)

# hd data
hd.pca.before = pca(hd.tss.clr, ncomp = 3)
```

The PCA sample plots detect batch effects easily.

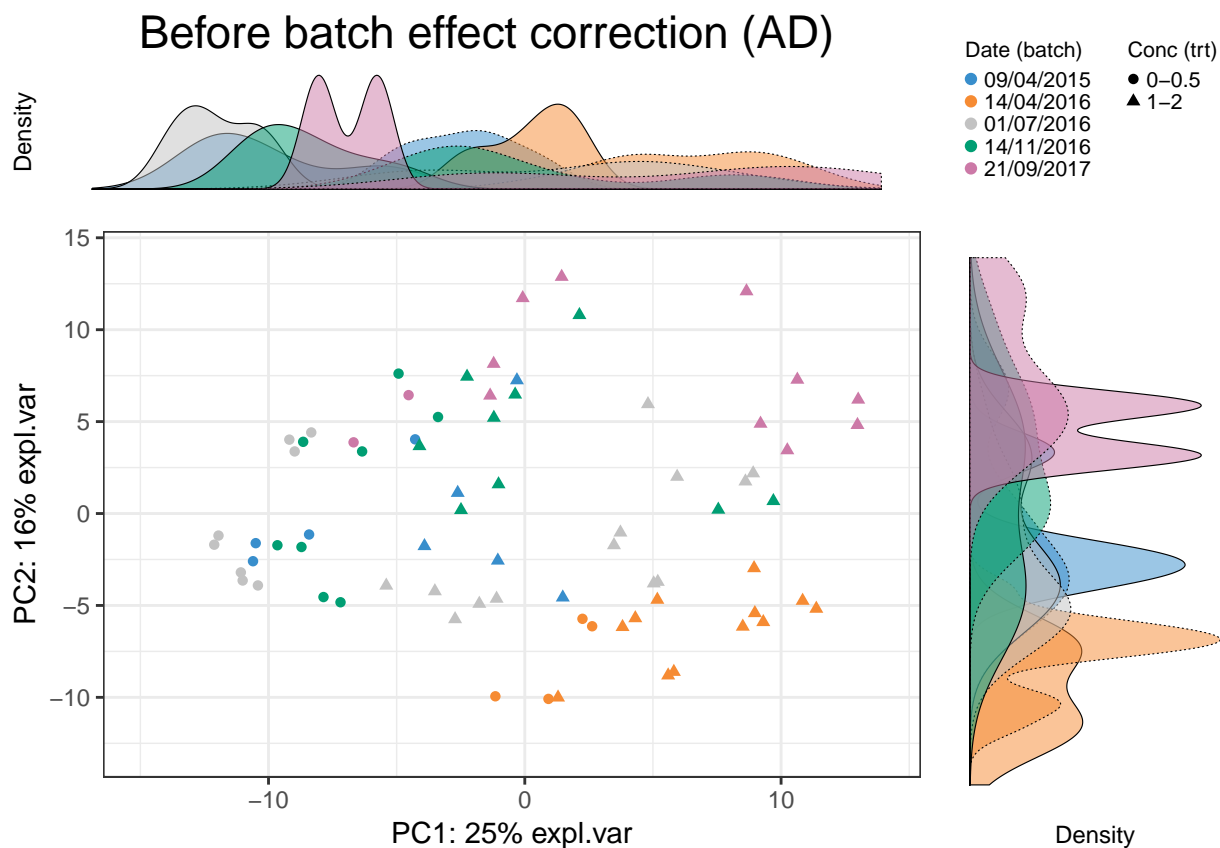
```
Scatter_Density(data = sponge.pca.before$variates$X, batch = sponge.batch, trt = sponge.trt, expl.var =
```

Before batch effect correction (Sponge)



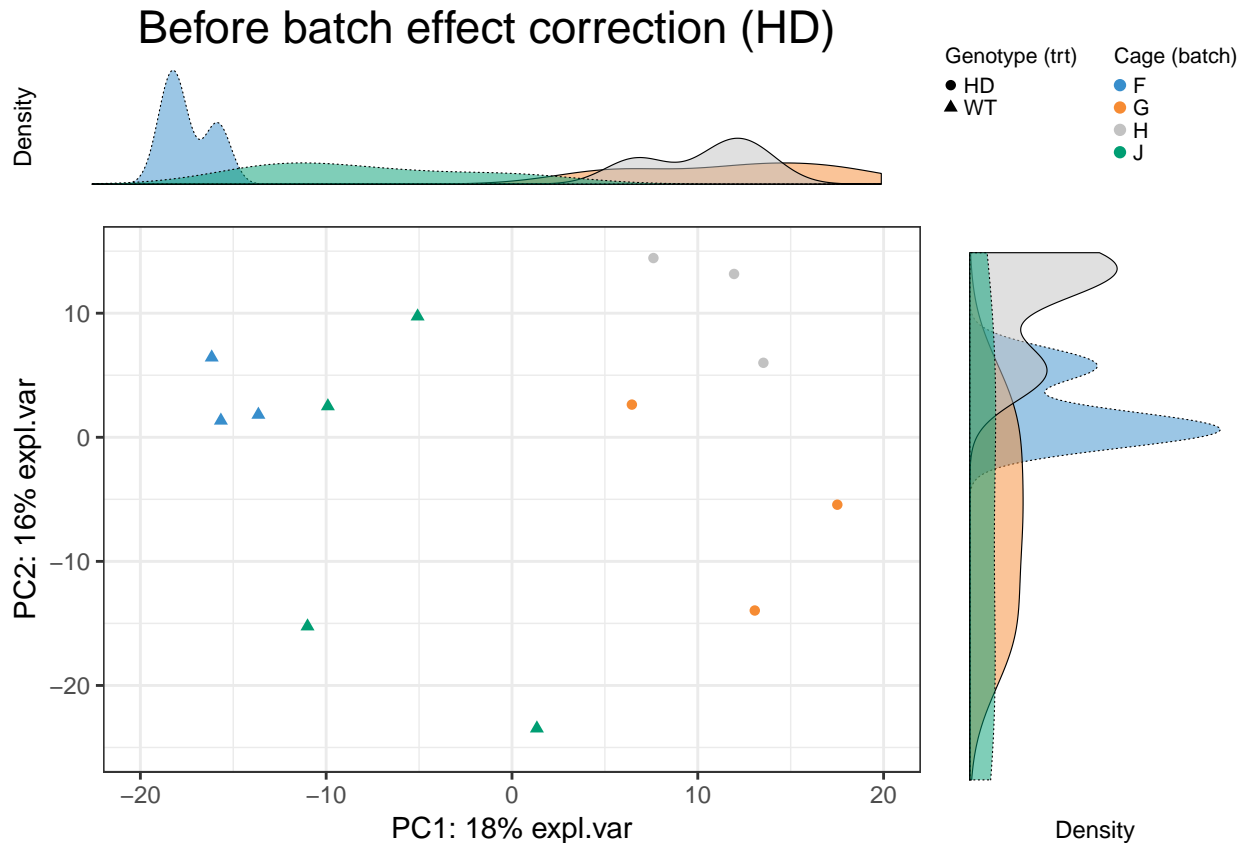
The first PC (explaining the largest source of variation) shows variation between samples from different tissues (the effect of interest), while the second PC (explaining the second largest source of variation) displays sample differences due to different batches, as also highlighted in the density plots per component. Therefore, PCA plots can inform not only of the presence of batch effects, but also which variation is the largest in the data. In this particular dataset, the effect of interest variation is larger than batch variation.

```
Scatter_Density(data = ad.pca.before$variates$X, batch = ad.batch, trt = ad.trt, expl.var = ad.pca.before$expl.var)
```



In AD data, we observe a separation of samples from batch 14/04/2016.

```
Scatter_Density(data = hd.pca.before$variates$X, batch = hd.batch, trt = hd.trt, expl.var = hd.pca.before$expl.var)
```



In HD data, batch effect is due to different cages and obvious.

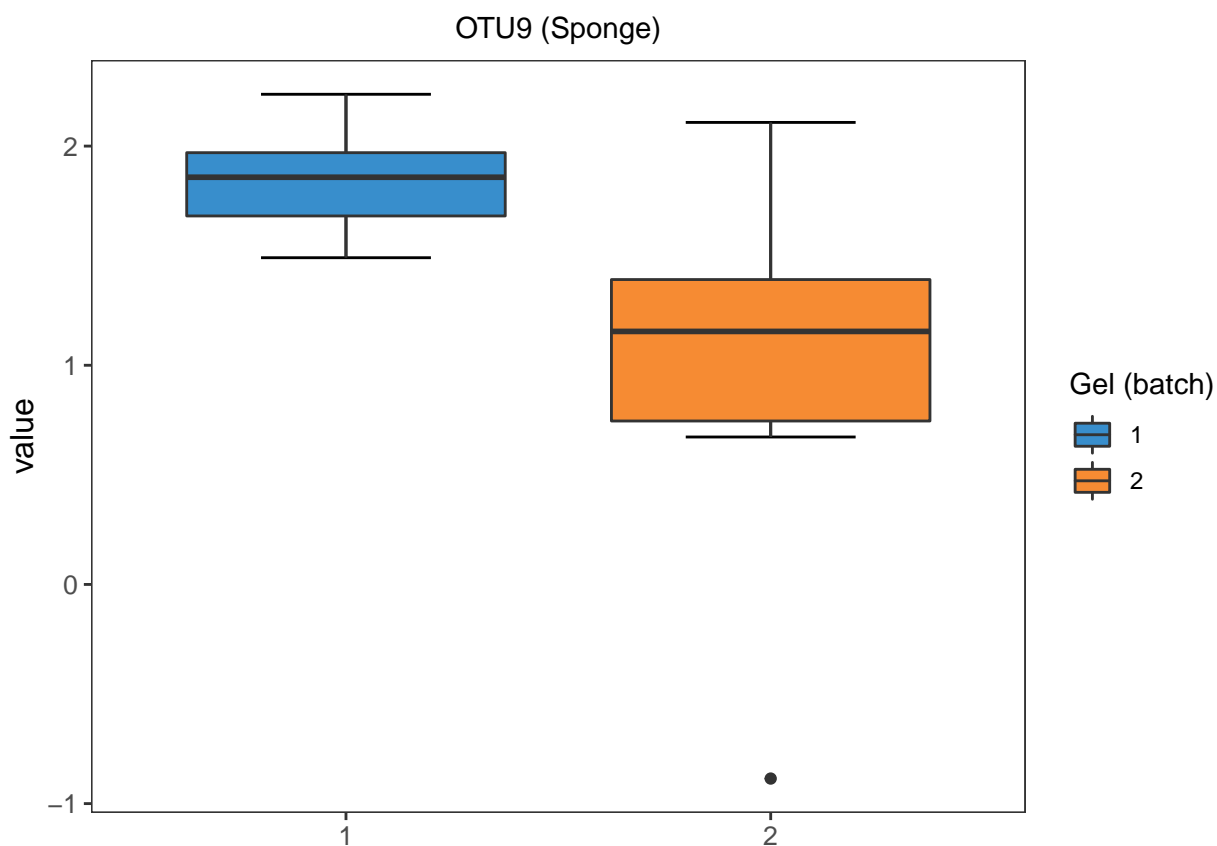
2.2 Density plot and box plot

We also apply density plots and box plots on OTUs one at a time from each dataset to visualise batch effects. But only one OTU each dataset is selected as examples.

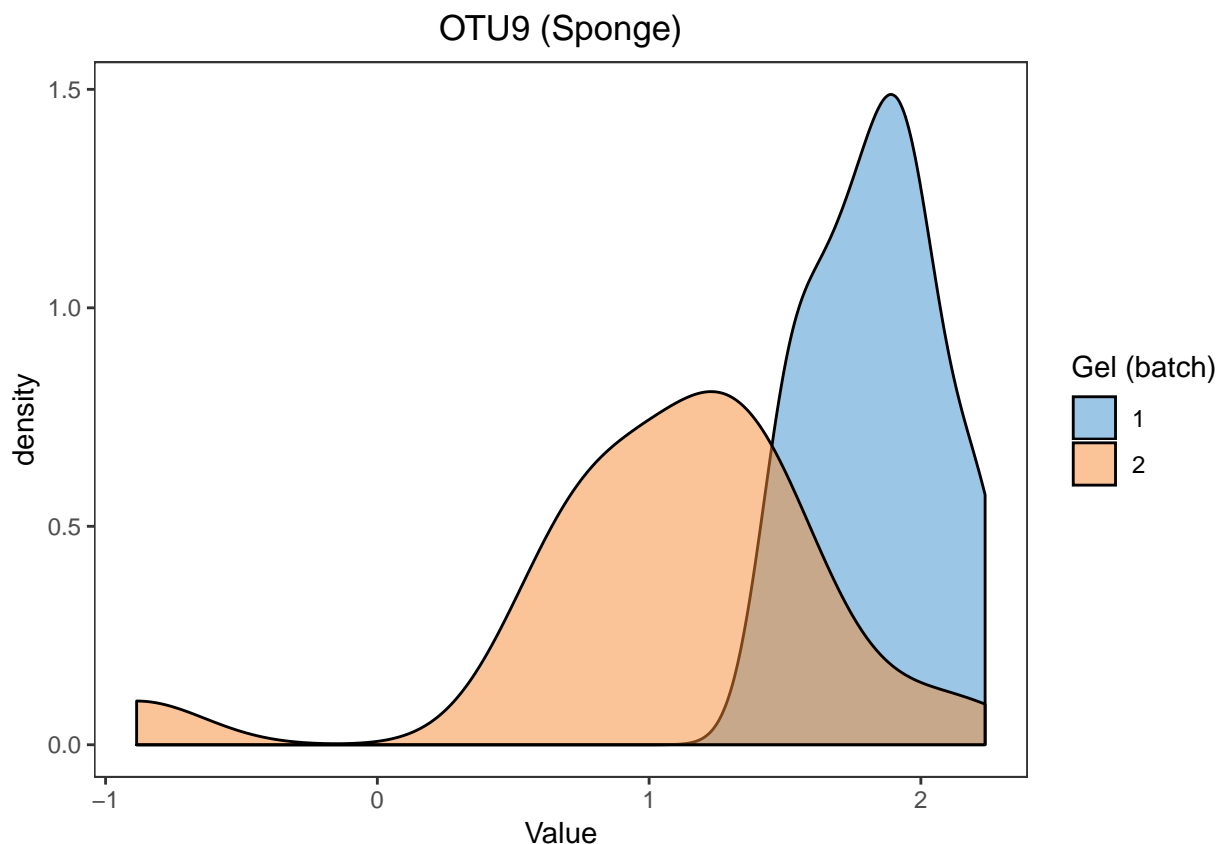
For each variable (e.g. OTU), density plots and box plots can be generated separately across samples within each batch to observe whether batch effects serve as a major source of variation.

```
# sponge data
sponge.before.df = data.frame(value = sponge.tss.clr[,9], batch = sponge.batch)

box_plot_fun(data = sponge.before.df, x=sponge.before.df$batch,
             y=sponge.before.df$value, title = 'OTU9 (Sponge)',
             batch.legend.title = 'Gel (batch)')
```



```
ggplot(sponge.before.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5) + scale_fill_manual(
```



For the abundance of OTU9, the samples within different batches are very distinct, indicating a strong batch effect in sponge data.

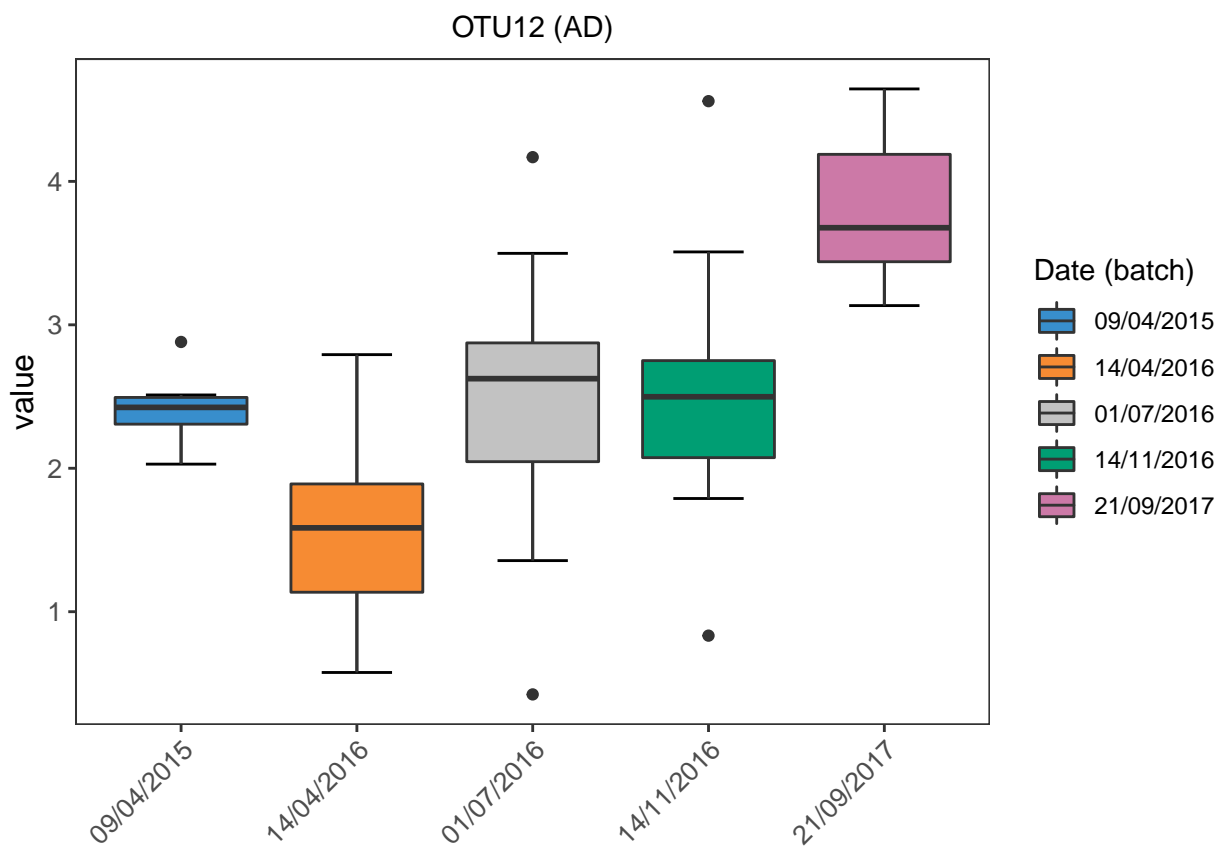
```
sponge.lm = lm(sponge.tss.clr[,9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
summary(sponge.lm)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = sponge.tss.clr[, 9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.87967 -0.24705  0.04588  0.24492  1.00757
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    1.7849    0.1497   11.922 1.06e-12 ***
## sponge.trtE     0.1065    0.1729    0.616  0.543
## sponge.batch2   -0.7910    0.1729   -4.575 8.24e-05 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.489 on 29 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.4236, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3839
## F-statistic: 10.66 on 2 and 29 DF,  p-value: 0.0003391
```

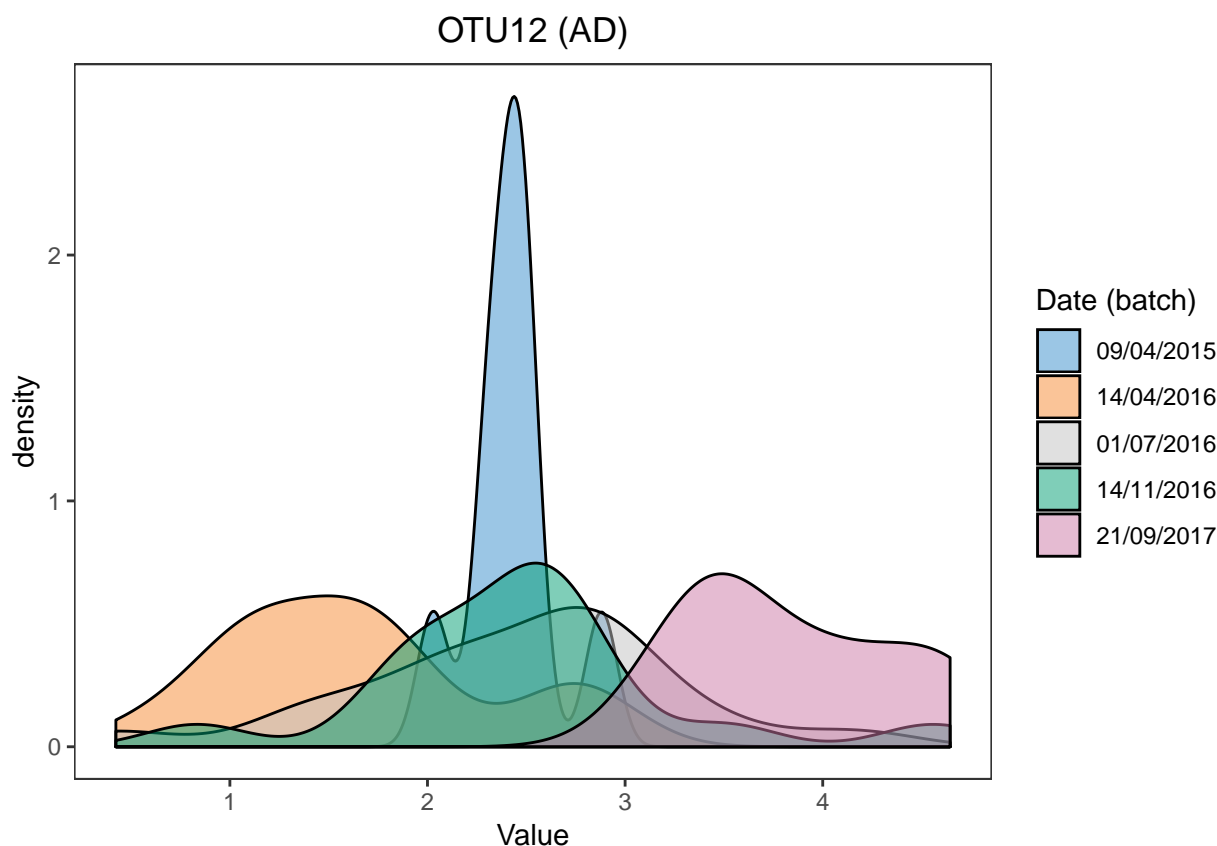
The batch effect observed with density and box plots was further confirmed with a linear regression model with tissue and batch effects ($P < 0.001$ for the regression coefficient associated with the batch effect in a linear model).



```
#####  
# ad data  
ad.before.df = data.frame(value = ad.tss.clr[,1], batch = ad.batch)  
  
box_plot_fun(data = ad.before.df, x=ad.before.df$batch,  
             y=ad.before.df$value, title = 'OTU12 (AD)',  
             batch.legend.title = 'Date (batch)',  
             x.angle = 45, x.hjust = 1)
```



```
ggplot(ad.before.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5) + scale_fill_manual(value
```



Batch effects in AD data are also visualised.

```
ad.lm = lm(ad.tss.clr[,1] ~ ad.trt + ad.batch)
anova(ad.lm)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: ad.tss.clr[, 1]
##          Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## ad.trt    1  1.460   1.4605   3.1001  0.08272 .
## ad.batch   4 32.889   8.2222 17.4532 6.168e-10 ***
## Residuals 69 32.506   0.4711
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

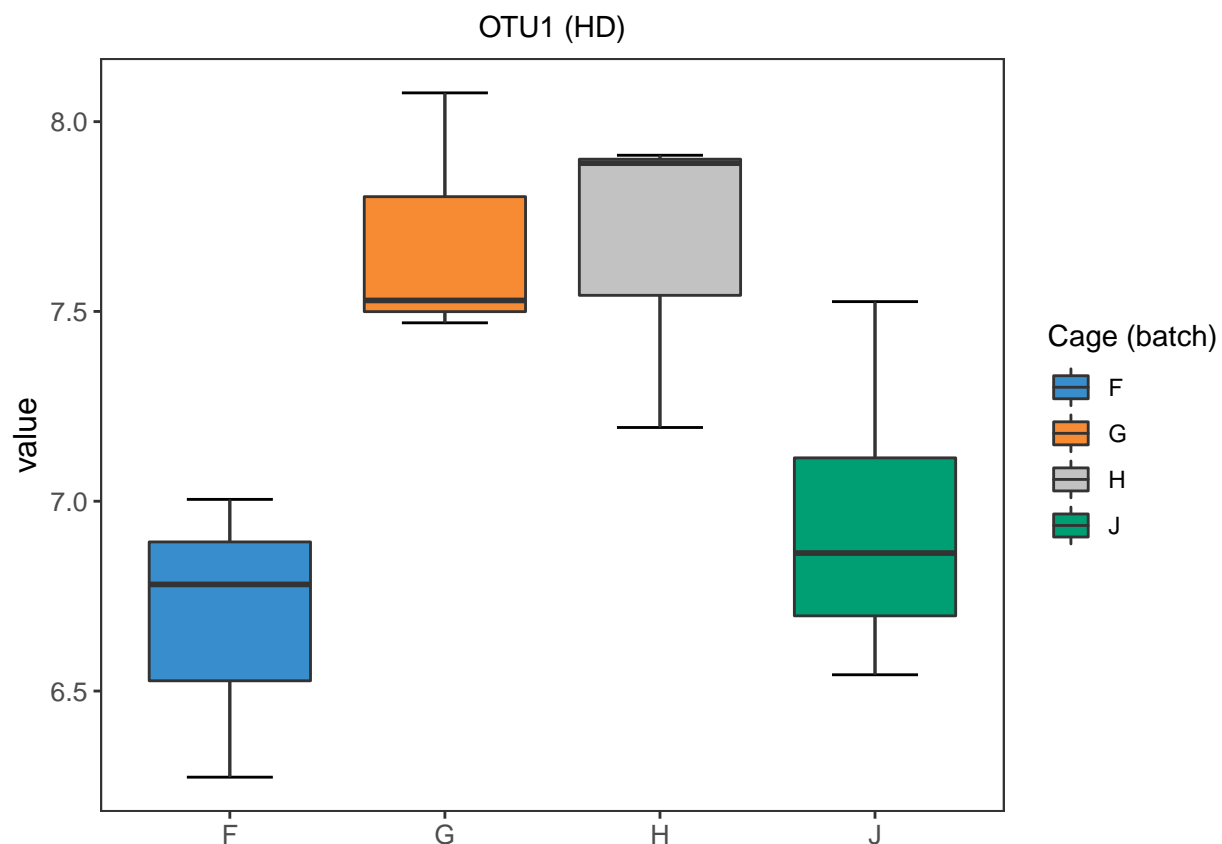
The difference between batches is statistically significant ($P < 0.001$, as tested with ANOVA). We can also obtain P values between each two batch categories.

```
summary(ad.lm)
```

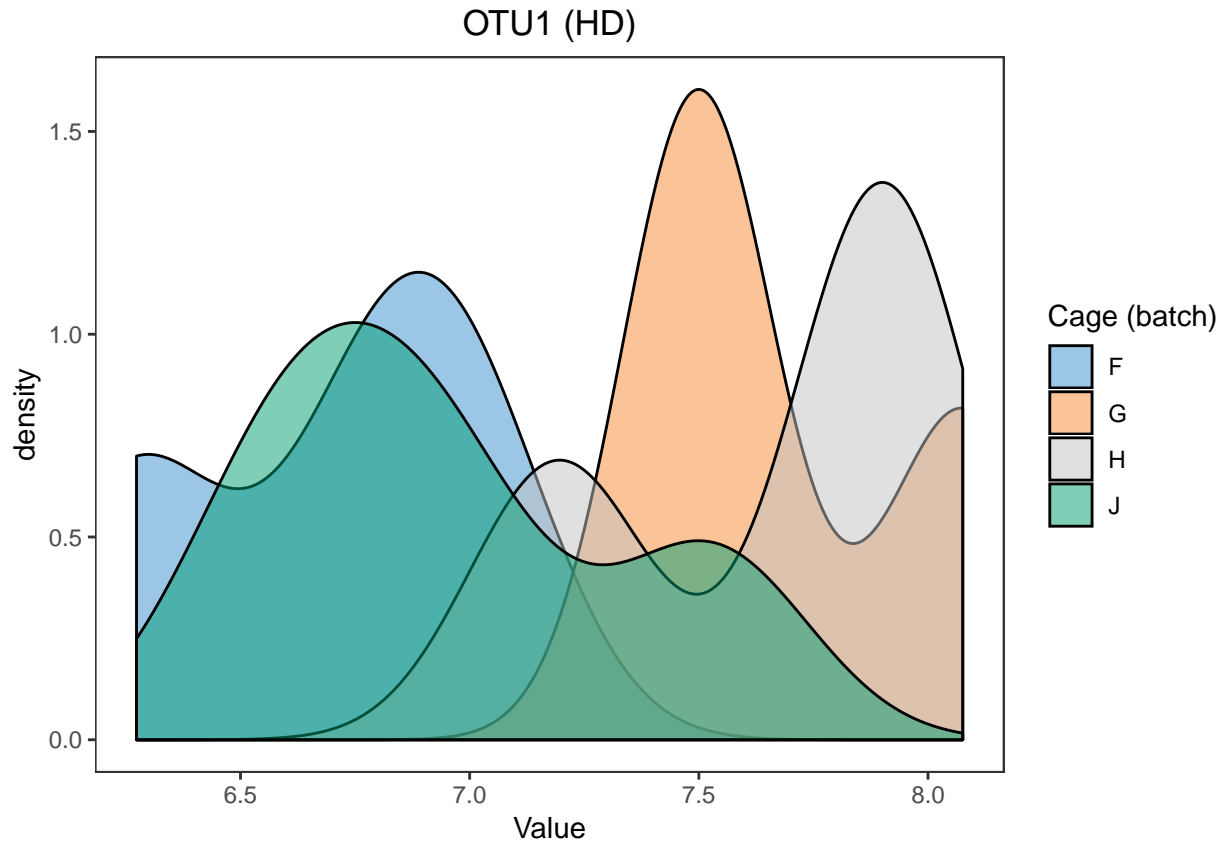
```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = ad.tss.clr[, 1] ~ ad.trt + ad.batch)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2.09885 -0.39613 -0.00381  0.36645  1.98185
##
## Coefficients:
```

```
##               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)      2.311213    0.247768   9.328 7.57e-14 ***
## ad.trt1-2         0.203619    0.171183   1.189 0.23833
## ad.batch14/04/2016 -0.828100    0.287918  -2.876 0.00535 **
## ad.batch01/07/2016  0.007239    0.273672   0.026 0.97897
## ad.batch14/11/2016  0.062689    0.282978   0.222 0.82533
## ad.batch21/09/2017  1.361132    0.306373   4.443 3.30e-05 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.6864 on 69 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.5138, Adjusted R-squared:  0.4786
## F-statistic: 14.58 on 5 and 69 DF,  p-value: 9.665e-10
#####
# hd data
hd.before.df = data.frame(value = hd.tss.clr[,1], batch = hd.batch)

box_plot_fun(data = hd.before.df, x=hd.before.df$batch,
              y=hd.before.df$value, title = 'OTU1 (HD)',
              batch.legend.title = 'Cage (batch)')
```



```
ggplot(hd.before.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5) + scale_fill_manual(value
```



It is easy to detect the differences between samples within different batches.

```
hd.lm = lm(hd.tss.clr[,1] ~ hd.batch)
anova(hd.lm)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: hd.tss.clr[, 1]
##      Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## hd.batch   3  2.4108   0.80359    5.2569 0.02276 *
## Residuals  9  1.3758   0.15286
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

As the batch \times treatment design of HD data is nested and unbalanced, the linear model with both treatment (genotype) and batch (cage) is unable to fit. We therefore fit a linear model with batch effect only. The difference between cages is statistically significant ($P < 0.05$). But the difference may also be influenced by treatment and we are unable to exclude this influence.

2.3 RLE plots

RLE plots can be plotted using 'RleMicroRna' in R package 'AgiMicroRna'. Here, we made some changes on the function 'RleMicroRna', thus we call it 'RleMicroRna2'.

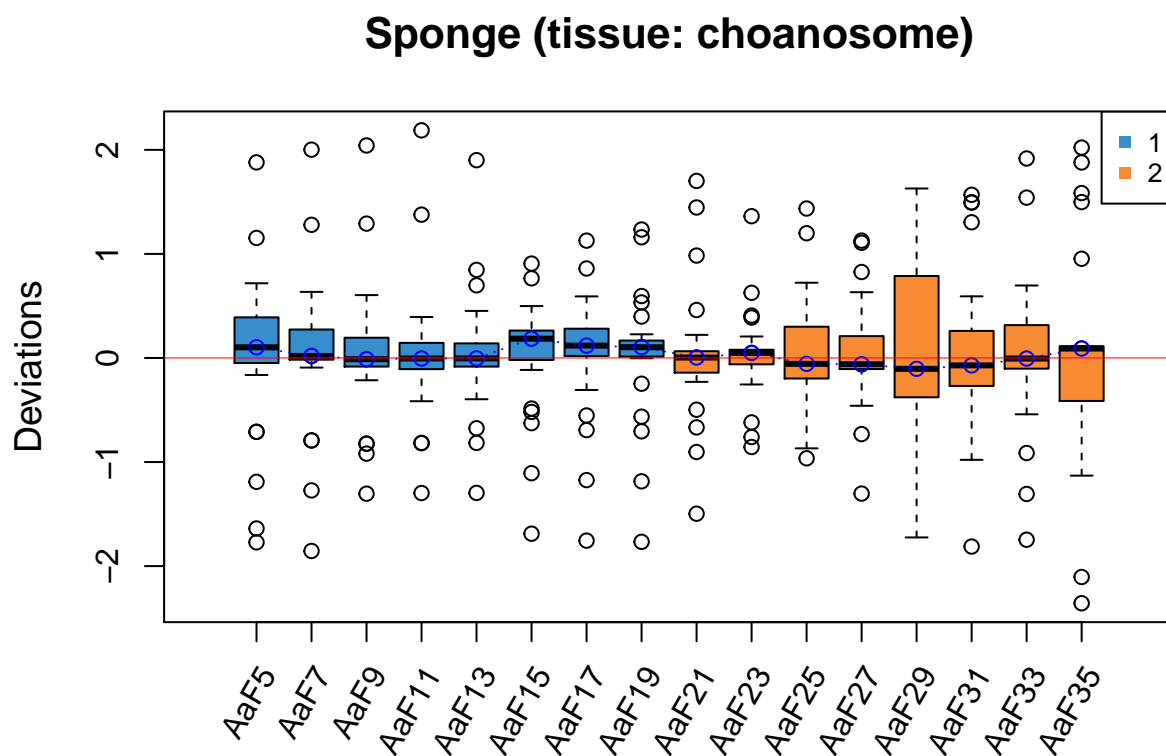
RLE plots are based on the assumption that the majority of microbial variables are unaffected by the effect of interest, and therefore any sample heterogeneity observed - i.e. different distributions and their variances, and medians different from zero, should indicate the presence of batch effects. In our case studies, the treatment information is known, so we generate

multiple RLE plots per treatment group, as suggested by (Lin et al., 2018).

```
# sponge data
sponge.batch_c = sponge.batch[sponge.trt == 'C']
sponge.batch_e = sponge.batch[sponge.trt == 'E']

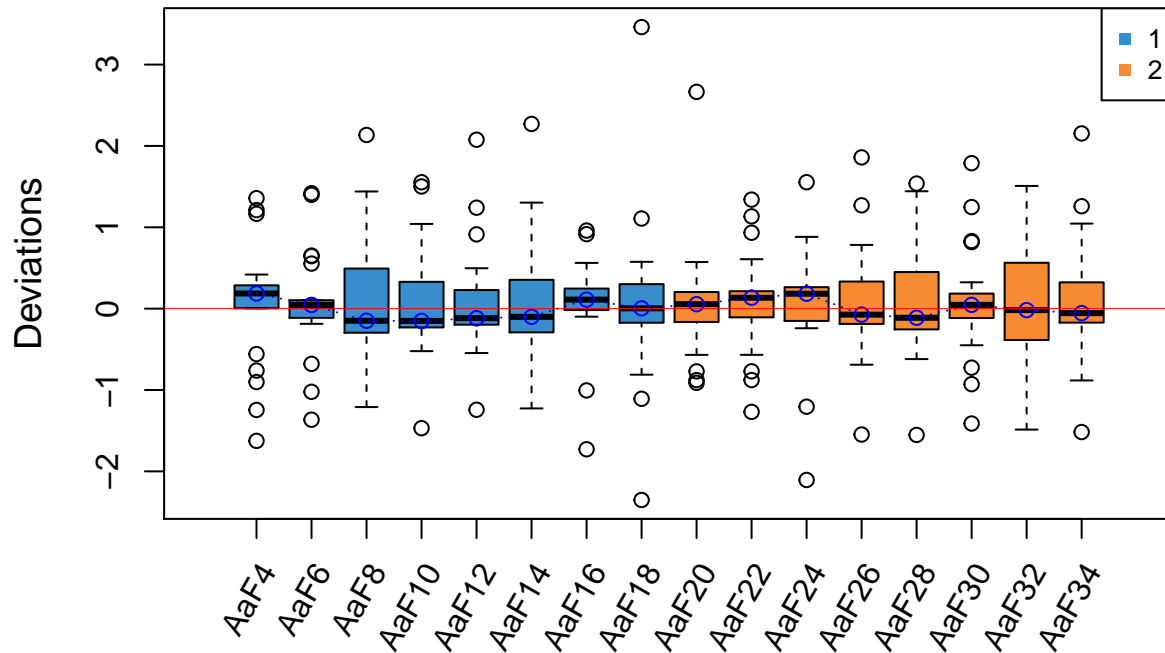
# before
sponge.before_c = sponge.tss.clr[sponge.trt == 'C',]
sponge.before_e = sponge.tss.clr[sponge.trt == 'E',]

RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.before_c), batch = sponge.batch_c, maintitle = 'Sponge (tissue: choanosome)')
```



```
RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.before_e), batch = sponge.batch_e, maintitle = 'Sponge (tissue: ectosome)')
```

Sponge (tissue: ectosome)



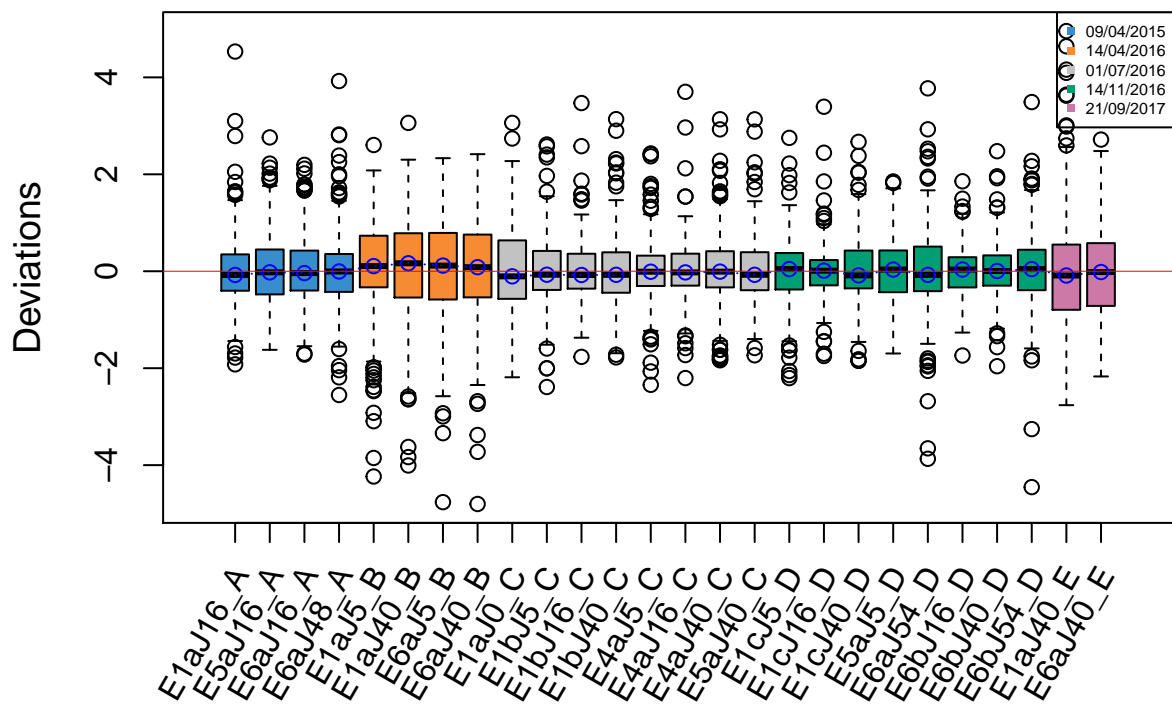
The batch effect before correction is not obvious as all medians of samples are close to zero, but Gel2 has a greater interquartile range (IQR) than the other samples.

```
# ad data
ad.batch_05 = ad.batch[ad.trt == '0-0.5']
ad.batch_2 = ad.batch[ad.trt == '1-2']

# before
ad.before_05 = ad.tss.clr[ad.trt == '0-0.5',]
ad.before_2 = ad.tss.clr[ad.trt == '1-2',]

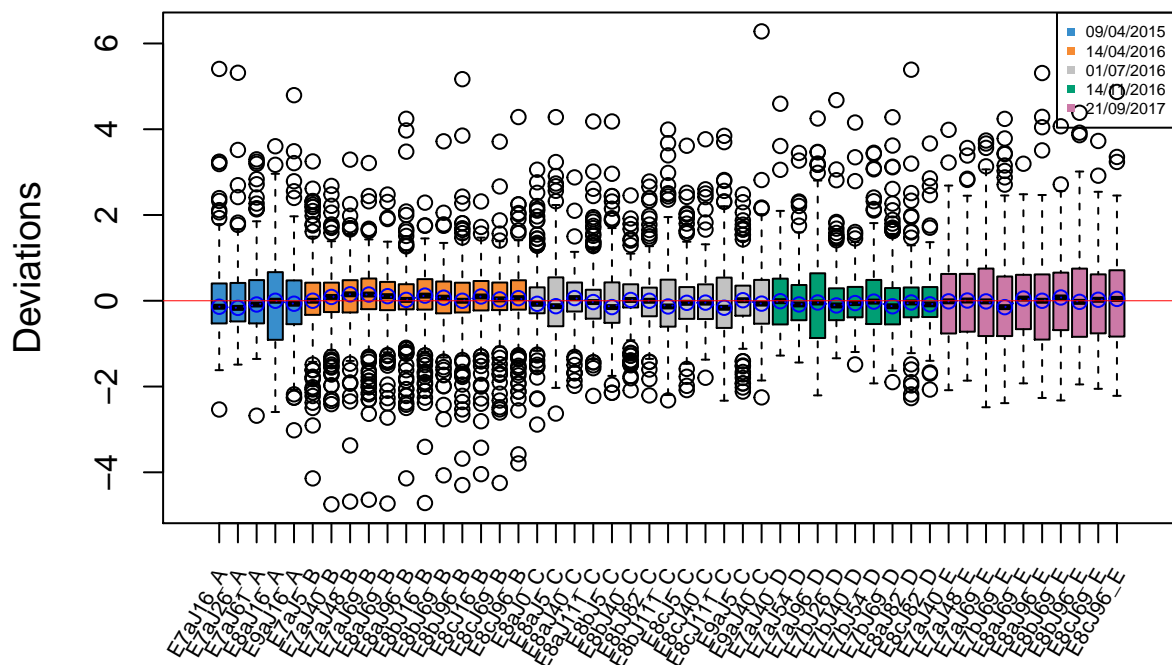
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.before_05), batch = ad.batch_05, maintitle = 'AD (initial phenol conc: 0-0.5 g
```

AD (initial phenol conc: 0–0.5 g/L)



```
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.before_2), batch = ad.batch_2, maintitle = 'AD (initial phenol conc: 1–2 g/L)')
```

AD (initial phenol conc: 1–2 g/L)

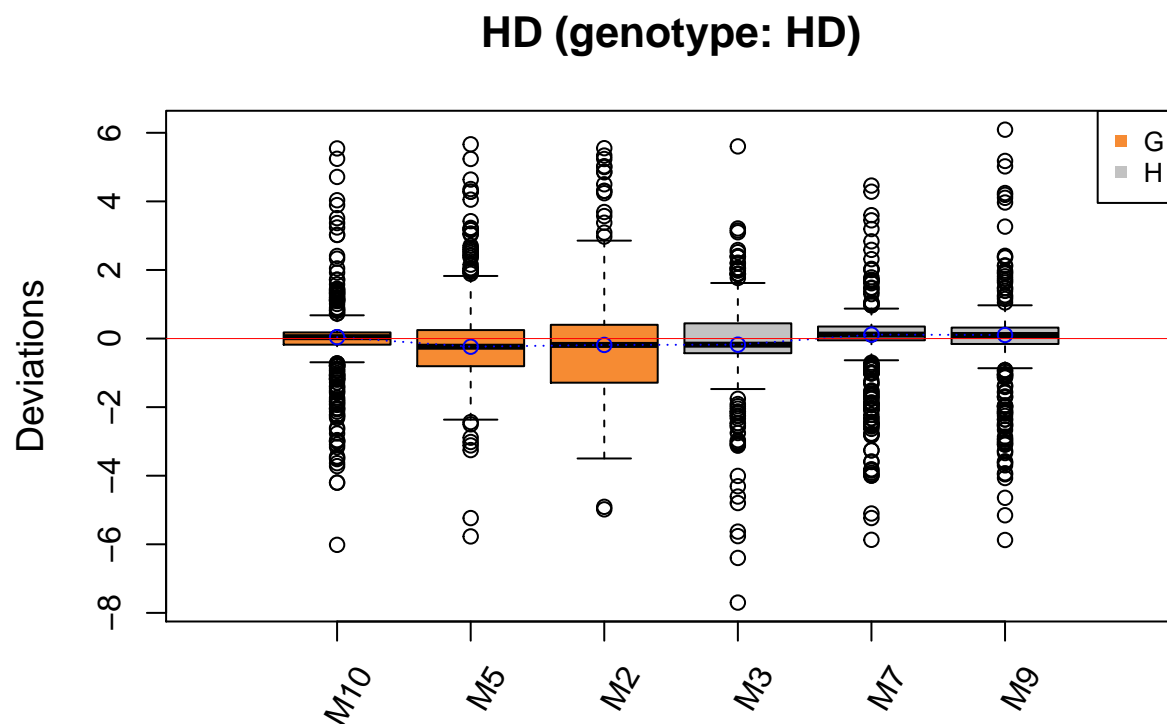


In RLE plots for the AD data, the batch effect before correction is not obvious as all medians of samples are close to zero, but the samples dated 14/04/2016 may be affected by batch.

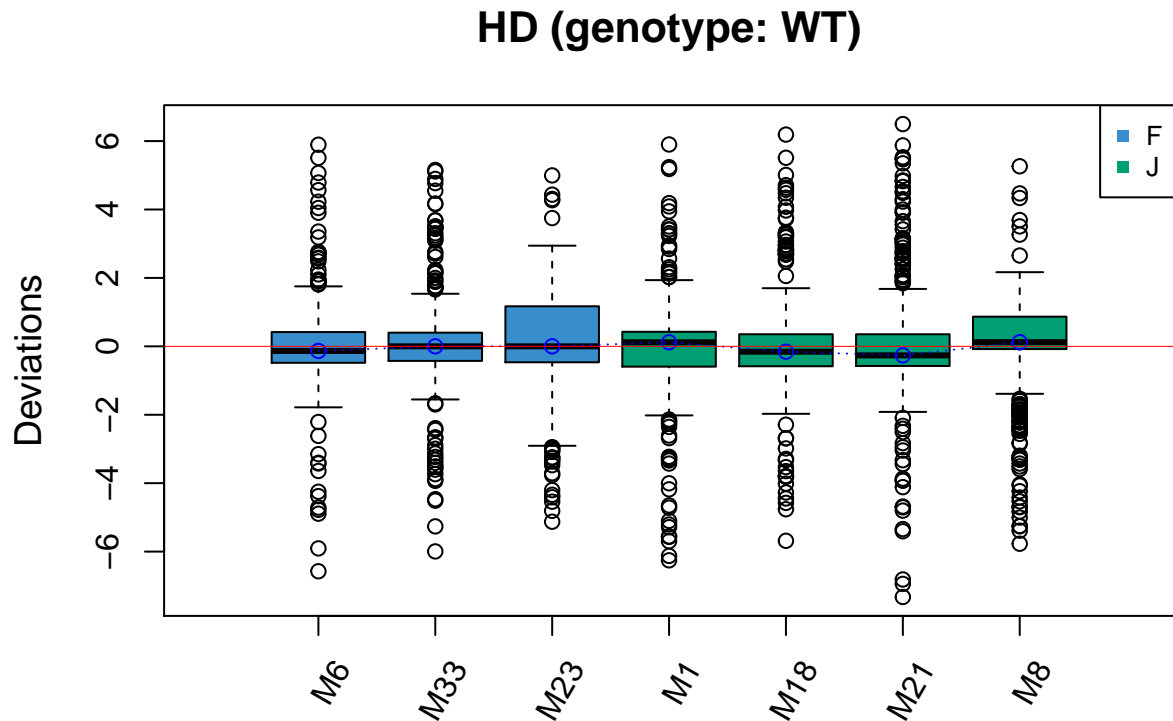
```
# hd data #####
hd.batch_h = hd.batch[hd.trt == 'HD']
hd.batch_w = hd.batch[hd.trt == 'WT']

# before
hd.before_h = hd.tss.clr[hd.trt == 'HD',]
hd.before_w = hd.tss.clr[hd.trt == 'WT',]

RleMicroRna2(object = t(hd.before_h), batch = hd.batch_h, maintitle = 'HD (genotype: HD)')
```



```
RleMicroRna2(object = t(hd.before_w), batch = hd.batch_w, maintitle = 'HD (genotype: WT)')
```

The batch effect in HD data is not easily detected, but Cage G has a greater interquartile range (IQR) than the other samples, which may indicate a batch effect.

2.4 Heatmap

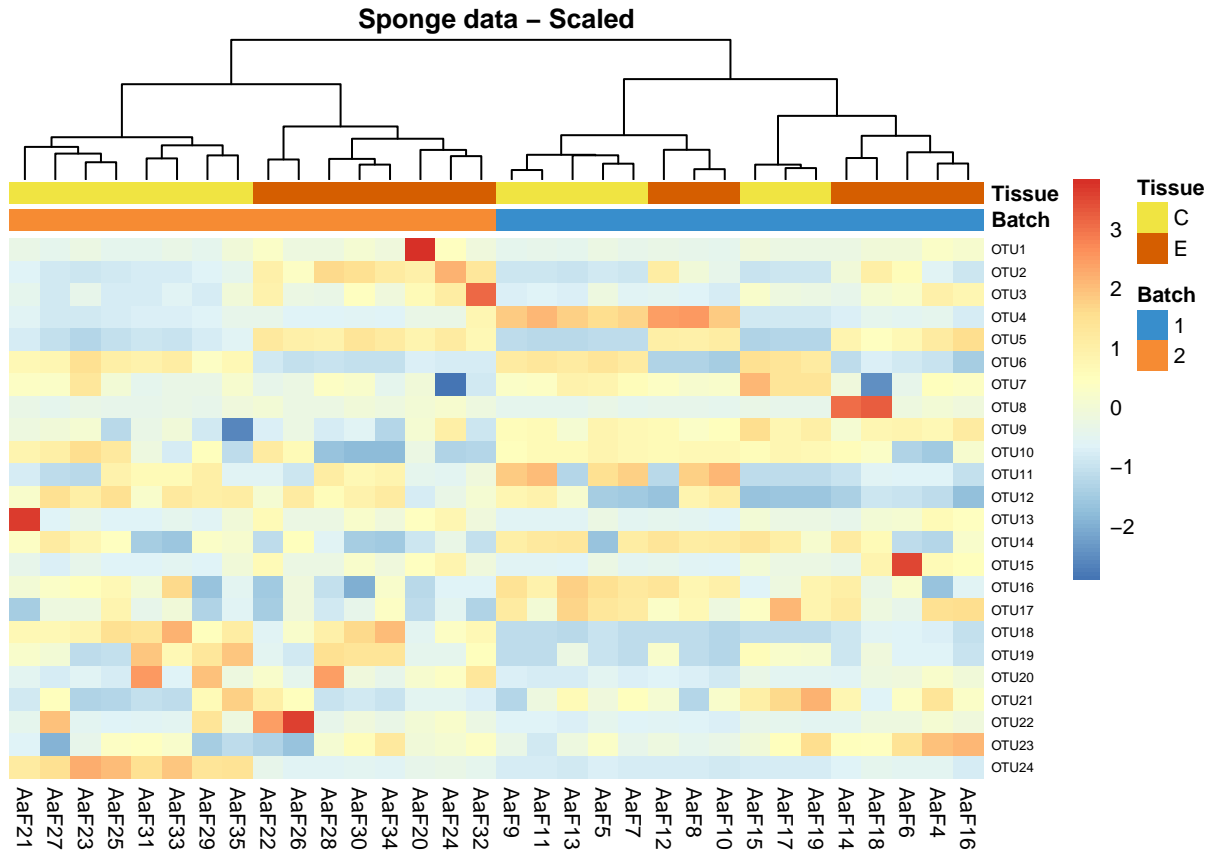
Clustering analysis can be used to detect batch effects. Ideally samples with the same treatment will be clustered together, data clustered by batches instead of treatments indicate a batch effect. Heatmaps and dendrograms are two common approaches to visualise the clusters.

```
# Sponge data
#scale
sponge.tss.clr.scale = scale(sponge.tss.clr, center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
sponge.tss.clr.scale = scale(t(sponge.tss.clr.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

sponge.anno_col = data.frame(Batch = sponge.batch, Tissue = sponge.trt)
sponge.anno_metabo_colors = list(Batch = c('1'="#388ECC", '2'="#F68B33"), Tissue = c(C="#F0E442", E="#D55E00"))

pheatmap(sponge.tss.clr.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=5, fontsize_col=8,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = sponge.anno_col,
  annotation_colors = sponge.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
```

```
main = 'Sponge data - Scaled')
```

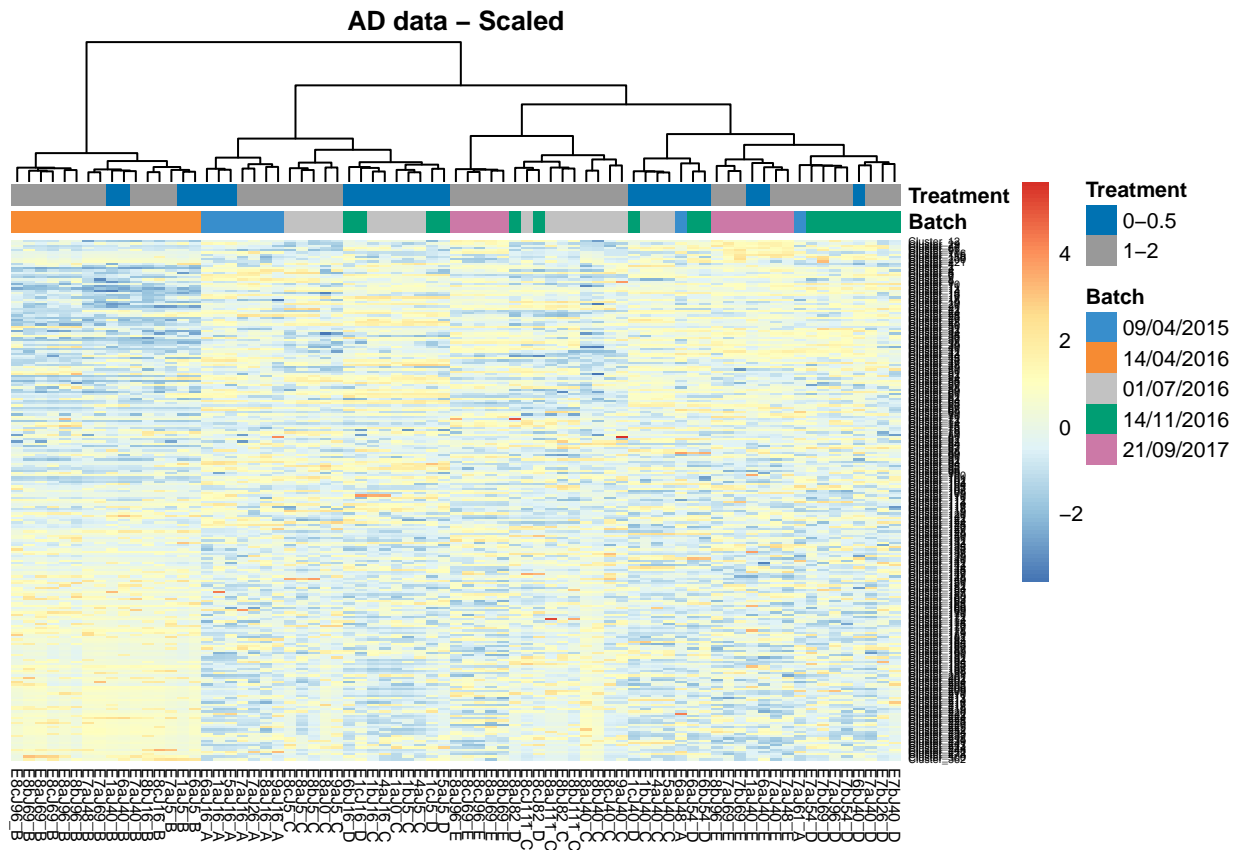


In sponge data, samples are preferentially clustered by batch instead of tissue type, indicating a batch effect.

```
#####
# AD data
#scale
ad.tss.clr.scale = scale(ad.tss.clr,center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
ad.tss.clr.scale = scale(t(ad.tss.clr.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

ad.anno_col = data.frame(Batch = ad.batch, Treatment = ad.trt)
ad.anno_metabo_colors = list(Batch = c('09/04/2015'="#388ECC", '14/04/2016'="#F68B33", '01/07/2016'="#C2C2C2"))

pheatmap(ad.tss.clr.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=4, fontsize_col=6,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = ad.anno_col,
  annotation_colors= ad.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'AD data - Scaled')
```

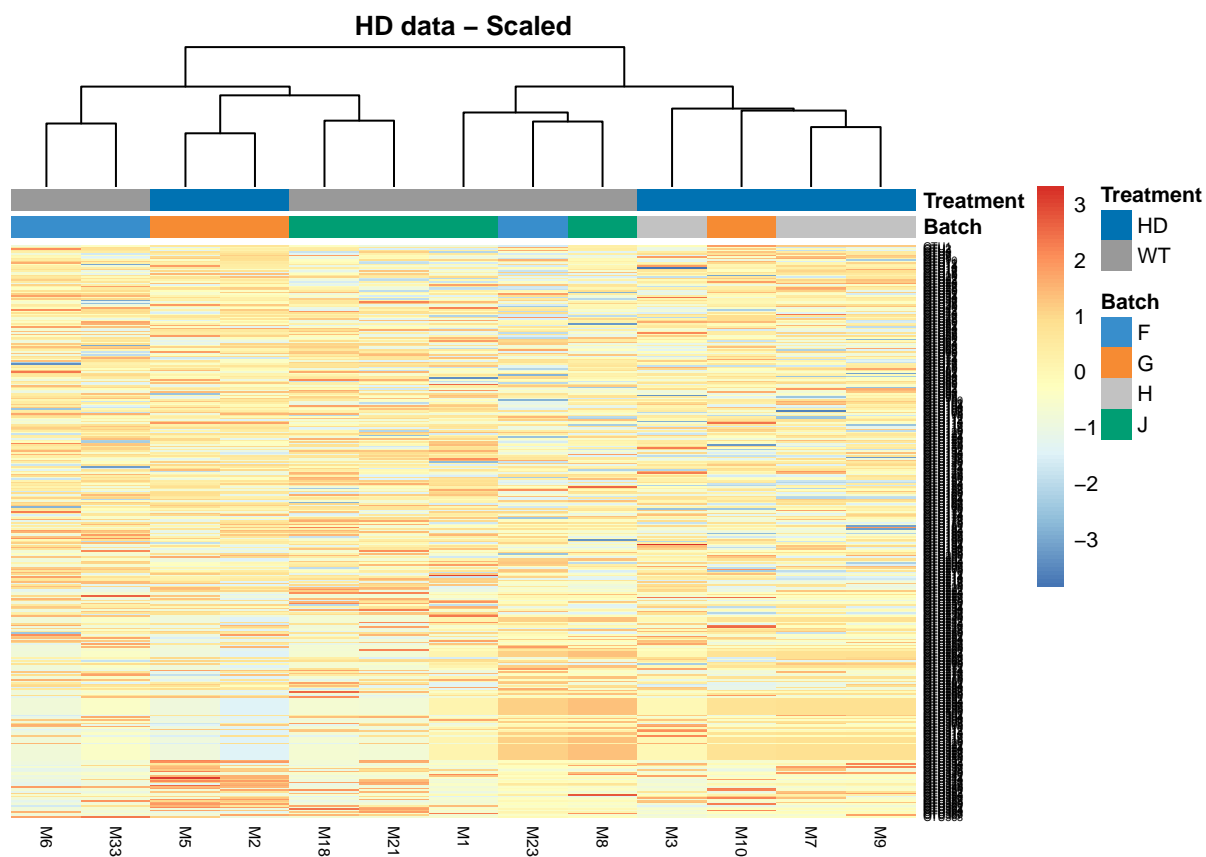


In AD data, samples within batch 14/04/2016 are clustered and distinct from other samples, also indicating a batch effect.

```
#####
# HD data
#scale
hd.tss.clr.scale = scale(hd.tss.clr,center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
hd.tss.clr.scale = scale(t(hd.tss.clr.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

hd.anno_col = data.frame(Batch = hd.batch, Treatment = hd.trt)
hd.anno_metabo_colors = list(Batch = c('F'="#388ECC",'G'="#F68B33",'H'="#C2C2C2",'J'="#009E73"), Treatment = c('0-0.5'="#388ECC",'1-2'="#F68B33"))

pheatmap(hd.tss.clr.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=4, fontsize_col=6,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = hd.anno_col,
  annotation_colors= hd.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'HD data - Scaled')
```



The batch effect in HD data is not very obviously visualised through heatmap, because there is no batch with samples clustered together and separated from other samples.

Chapter 3

Batch effect adjustment

3.1 Accounting for batch effects

Methods that account for batch effects estimate unknown batch effects through matrix decomposition and / or assign a known or estimated batch as a covariate with linear models.

3.1.1 Linear model and linear mixed model

LM and LMM are suitable for known batch effects, and can consider batch x treatment interaction and deal with unbalanced batch x treatment design. But they are univariate and rely on a Gaussian likelihood assumption, which may not apply to zero-inflated microbiome data despite CLR transformation.

We fit a linear model for both sponge and AD data.

```
# Sponge data
sponge.trt_p <- apply(sponge.tss.clr, 2, FUN = function(x){
  res.lm <- lm(x ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
  summary.res = summary(res.lm)
  p = summary.res$coefficients[2,4]
})

sponge.trt_q = p.adjust(sponge.trt_p,method = 'fdr')

# AD data
ad.trt_p <- apply(ad.tss.clr, 2, FUN = function(x){
  res.lm <- lm(x ~ ad.trt + ad.batch)
  summary.res = summary(res.lm)
  p = summary.res$coefficients[2,4]
})

ad.trt_q = p.adjust(ad.trt_p,method = 'fdr')
```

As the batch x treatment design of AD data is unbalanced, we fit a linear mixed model considering batch (cage) as random effects.

```
# HD data
hd.trt_p <- apply(hd.tss.clr, 2, FUN = function(x){
  res.lmm <- lmer(x ~ hd.trt + (1|hd.batch))
  summary.res = summary(res.lmm)
```

```
p = summary.res$coefficients[2,5]
})

hd.trt_q = p.adjust(hd.trt_p,method = 'fdr')
```

3.1.2 SVA

SVA can account for unknown batch effects. But it is univariate, relies on a Gaussian likelihood assumption and implicitly introduces a correlation between treatment and batch.

The *sva* function performs two different steps. First it identifies the number of latent factors that need to be estimated. The number of factors can be estimated using the *num.sv*.

```
# sponge data
sponge.mod = model.matrix(~sponge.trt) # full model
sponge.mod0 = model.matrix(~1,data = sponge.trt) # null model
sponge.sva.n <- num.sv(dat = t(sponge.tss.clr), mod = sponge.mod)
```

Next we apply the *sva* function to estimate the surrogate variables:

```
sponge.sva = sva(t(sponge.tss.clr), sponge.mod, sponge.mod0, n.sv = sponge.sva.n)
```

```
## Number of significant surrogate variables is: 3
## Iteration (out of 5):1 2 3 4 5
```

We include the estimated surrogate variables in both the null and full models. The reason is that we want to adjust for the surrogate variables, so we treat them as adjustment variables that must be included in both models. The *f.pvalue* function is then used to calculate parametric F-test P-values and Q-values (adjusted P-values) for each OTU of sponge data.

```
sponge.mod.bat = cbind(sponge.mod,sponge.sva$sv)
sponge.mod0.bat = cbind(sponge.mod0,sponge.sva$sv)

sponge.sva.trt_p = f.pvalue(t(sponge.tss.clr),sponge.mod.bat,sponge.mod0.bat)
sponge.sva.trt_q = p.adjust(sponge.sva.trt_p,method="fdr")
```

Now these P-values and Q-values are accounting for surrogate variables (estimated batch effects).

We also apply SVA on both AD and HD data.

```
# ad data
ad.mod = model.matrix(~ad.trt)
ad.mod0 = model.matrix(~1,data = ad.trt)
ad.sva.n <- num.sv(dat = t(ad.tss.clr), mod = ad.mod)
ad.sva = sva(t(ad.tss.clr), ad.mod, ad.mod0, n.sv = ad.sva.n)
```

```
## Number of significant surrogate variables is: 6
## Iteration (out of 5):1 2 3 4 5
```

```
ad.mod.bat = cbind(ad.mod,ad.sva$sv)
ad.mod0.bat = cbind(ad.mod0,ad.sva$sv)
ad.sva.trt_p = f.pvalue(t(ad.tss.clr),ad.mod.bat,ad.mod0.bat)
ad.sva.trt_q = p.adjust(ad.sva.trt_p,method="fdr")
```

```
# hd data
hd.mod = model.matrix(~hd.trt)
hd.mod0 = model.matrix(~1,data = hd.trt)
```

```
hd.sva.n <- num.sv(dat = t(hd.tss.clr), mod = hd.mod)
hd.sva = sva(t(hd.tss.clr), hd.mod, hd.mod0, n.sv = hd.sva.n)

## Number of significant surrogate variables is: 3
## Iteration (out of 5):1 2 3 4 5

hd.mod.bat = cbind(hd.mod,hd.sva$sv)
hd.mod0.bat = cbind(hd.mod0,hd.sva$sv)
hd.sva.trt_p = f.pvalue(t(hd.tss.clr),hd.mod.bat,hd.mod0.bat)
hd.sva.trt_q = p.adjust(hd.sva.trt_p,method="fdr")
```

3.1.3 RUV2

RUV2 estimates and accounts for unknown batch effects. But it needs negative control variables that are affected by batch effects but not treatment effects.

In the real world, we design negative control variables that are not affected by treatment effects only, we are not sure but assume these controls are affected by batch effects. RUV2 can only account for the difference captured by these controls.

Since our three datasets do not have negative control variables, we use a linear model (or linear mixed model) to identify OTUs less likely to be affected by treatment effects as negative controls to fit the assumptions. The P-values of treatment effects calculated in section ‘Linear model and linear mixed model’ are therefore used here.

Note: it is not a optimal way to obtain negative control variables like what we did. Negative control variables should be known and designed before the experiment. The reason we obtained controls using this way is just to fit the assumption and demonstrate how to use RUV series.

```
# sponge data
sponge.nc = sponge.trt_q > 0.05

# AD data
ad.nc = ad.trt_q > 0.05

# HD data
hd.nc = hd.trt_p > 0.05
```

We then apply the *RUV2* function. This function needs to specify the number of unwanted factors (components of negative controls). We therefore specify $k = 3$, but the number is very subjective and can be changed to any number. After that, we extract the P-values of treatment effects considering unwanted batch effects and then Q-values after FDR adjustment.

```
# sponge data
sponge.ruv2 <- RUV2(Y = sponge.tss.clr, X = sponge.trt, ctl = sponge.nc, k = 3) # k is subjective
sponge.ruv2.trt_p <- sponge.ruv2$p
sponge.ruv2.trt_q <- p.adjust(sponge.ruv2.trt_p,method="fdr")

# AD data
ad.ruv2 <- RUV2(Y = ad.tss.clr, X = ad.trt, ctl = ad.nc, k = 3) # k is subjective
ad.ruv2.trt_p <- ad.ruv2$p
ad.ruv2.trt_q <- p.adjust(ad.ruv2.trt_p,method="fdr")

# HD data
hd.ruv2 <- RUV2(Y = hd.tss.clr, X = hd.trt, ctl = hd.nc, k = 3) # k is subjective
hd.ruv2.trt_p <- hd.ruv2$p
hd.ruv2.trt_q <- p.adjust(hd.ruv2.trt_p,method="fdr")
```

3.1.4 RUV4

RUV4 is an updated version of RUV2 that uses negative control variables and the residual matrix that has no treatment effect to estimate unwanted batch effects.

RUV4 also needs to specify the number of unwanted factors as *RUV2*, and here we use a function called *getK* to estimate this number. This function is only for *RUV4* and the estimated *k* is not always suitable. If the estimated *k* is 0, *k* can be forced to 1 and still to account for unwanted variation captured from negative controls.

```
# sponge data
sponge.k.obj = getK(Y = sponge.tss.clr, X = sponge.trt, ctl = sponge.nc)
sponge.k = sponge.k.obj$k
sponge.k = ifelse(sponge.k != 0, sponge.k, 1)
sponge.ruv4 <- RUV4(Y = sponge.tss.clr, X = sponge.trt, ctl = sponge.nc, k = sponge.k)
sponge.ruv4.trt_p <- sponge.ruv4$p
sponge.ruv4.trt_q <- p.adjust(sponge.ruv4.trt_p, method="fdr")

# AD data
ad.k.obj = getK(Y = ad.tss.clr, X = ad.trt, ctl = ad.nc)
ad.k = ad.k.obj$k
ad.k = ifelse(ad.k != 0, ad.k, 1)
ad.ruv4 <- RUV4(Y = ad.tss.clr, X = ad.trt, ctl = ad.nc, k = ad.k)
ad.ruv4.trt_p <- ad.ruv4$p
ad.ruv4.trt_q <- p.adjust(ad.ruv4.trt_p, method="fdr")

# HD data
hd.k.obj = getK(Y = hd.tss.clr, X = hd.trt, ctl = hd.nc)
hd.k = hd.k.obj$k
hd.k = ifelse(hd.k != 0, hd.k, 1)
hd.ruv4 <- RUV4(Y = hd.tss.clr, X = hd.trt, ctl = hd.nc, k = hd.k)
hd.ruv4.trt_p <- hd.ruv4$p
hd.ruv4.trt_q <- p.adjust(hd.ruv4.trt_p, method="fdr")
```

3.2 Correcting for batch effects

3.2.1 BMC (batch mean centering)

We center data within a batch across all variables. As a result, each batch mean is standardised to zero. The disadvantages of BMC are it is univariate and not optimal for non-Gaussian distributed microbiome data.

```
# Sponge data
sponge.b1 = scale(sponge.tss.clr[sponge.batch== 1,], center = TRUE, scale = FALSE)
sponge.b2 = scale(sponge.tss.clr[sponge.batch== 2,], center = TRUE, scale = FALSE)
sponge.bmc = rbind(sponge.b1, sponge.b2)
sponge.bmc = sponge.bmc[rownames(sponge.tss.clr),]

#####
# AD data
ad.b1 = scale(ad.tss.clr[ad.batch=="09/04/2015",], center = TRUE, scale = FALSE)
ad.b2 = scale(ad.tss.clr[ad.batch=="14/04/2016",], center = TRUE, scale = FALSE)
ad.b3 = scale(ad.tss.clr[ad.batch=="14/11/2016",], center = TRUE, scale = FALSE)
ad.b4 = scale(ad.tss.clr[ad.batch=="01/07/2016",], center = TRUE, scale = FALSE)
ad.b5 = scale(ad.tss.clr[ad.batch=="21/09/2017",], center = TRUE, scale = FALSE)
```



```
ad.bmc = rbind(ad.b1,ad.b2,ad.b3,ad.b4,ad.b5)
ad.bmc = ad.bmc[rownames(ad.tss.clr),]
```

3.2.2 ComBat

ComBat works on known and systematic batch effects. If the treatment information is known, the option *mod* can be fitted with a full model having treatment information to efficiently maintain enough treatment variation, like what we do here on sponge and AD data. The *mod* can also be NULL if the treatment information is unknown.

```
# Sponge data
sponge.combat <- t(ComBat(t(sponge.tss.clr),batch=sponge.batch,mod = sponge.mod,par.prior=F,prior.plots

## Found2batches
## Adjusting for1covariate(s) or covariate level(s)
## Standardizing Data across genes
## Fitting L/S model and finding priors
## Finding nonparametric adjustments
## Adjusting the Data
#####
# AD data
ad.combat <- t(ComBat(t(ad.tss.clr),batch=ad.batch,mod = ad.mod, par.prior=F,prior.plots = F))

## Found5batches
## Adjusting for1covariate(s) or covariate level(s)
## Standardizing Data across genes
## Fitting L/S model and finding priors
## Finding nonparametric adjustments
## Adjusting the Data
```

3.2.3 removeBatchEffect

removeBatchEffect is a function implemented in the LIMMA package that fits a linear model for each variable given a series of conditions as explanatory variables, including the batch effect and treatment effect. Contrary to a standard linear or linear mixed models (see section ‘linear model and linear mixed model’) that simultaneously estimate treatment and batch effects, *removeBatchEffect* subtracts the batch effect from the original data, resulting in a residual matrix that contains any and only treatment effect. The option *design* is the same as option *mod* in ComBat.

```
# Sponge data
sponge.limma <- t(removeBatchEffect(t(sponge.tss.clr),batch = sponge.batch,design = sponge.mod))

#####
ad.limma <- t(removeBatchEffect(t(ad.tss.clr),batch = ad.batch,design = ad.mod))
```

3.2.4 FAbatch

FAbatch is a combination of location-scale adjustment and factor analysis. We fit *y* with the treatment information and *batch* with batch information. Since this method only accepts numeric variables, the levels of variables are changed to

be numeric (e.g. '1', '2' and so on). However, FAbatch is unable to converge on both sponge data and AD data. This may influence the effect of batch correction. We therefore do not compare the results from FAbatch with those from other methods.

```
# sponge data
sponge.fabatch.obj = fabatch(x = sponge.tss.clr, y = as.factor(as.numeric(sponge.trt)), batch = sponge.batch)
sponge.fabatch <- sponge.fabatch.obj$xadj

# ad data
ad.fabatch.obj = fabatch(x = ad.tss.clr, y = as.factor(as.numeric(ad.trt)), batch = as.factor(as.numeric(ad.batch)))
ad.fabatch <- ad.fabatch.obj$xadj
```

3.2.5 percentile normalisation

Percentile normalisation (PN) is developed for microbiome data integration. For each batch, it transforms the relative abundance of control samples to their own percentiles while converting the relative abundance of case samples into the percentiles of their corresponding control distribution. The method thus only applies to case-control studies, and may lose a large amount of information as it uses percentiles rather than the original values.

```
sponge.percentile = percentile_norm(data = sponge.tss, batch = sponge.batch, trt = sponge.trt)

# ad data
ad.percentile = percentile_norm(data = ad.tss, batch = ad.batch, trt = ad.trt)
```

3.2.6 SVD-based method

We center and scale the data before SVD. After SVD, we deflate the first component, which has the highest variation and is assumed to be related to batch effects.

```
#####
# sponge data
sponge.sd = apply(sponge.tss.clr, 2, sd)
sponge.mean = apply(sponge.tss.clr, 2, mean)
sponge.X = scale(sponge.tss.clr, center = T, scale = T)

sponge.m = crossprod(sponge.X)
sponge.m.svd = svd(sponge.m)
# barplot(sponge.m.svd$d)

sponge.a1 = sponge.m.svd$u[, 1]
sponge.b1 = sponge.m.svd$v[, 1]

# component 1
sponge.t1 = sponge.X %*% sponge.a1 / drop(sqrt(crossprod(sponge.a1)))
sponge.c1 = crossprod(sponge.X, sponge.t1) / drop(crossprod(sponge.t1))
sponge.svd.defl.matrix1 = sponge.X - sponge.t1 %*% t(sponge.c1)

## add back mean and variance
sponge.svd = sponge.svd.defl.matrix1
sponge.svd[1:nrow(sponge.svd), 1:ncol(sponge.svd)] = NA
for(i in 1:ncol(sponge.svd.defl.matrix1)){
  for(j in 1:nrow(sponge.svd.defl.matrix1)){
    sponge.svd[j, i] = sponge.svd.defl.matrix1[j, i]*sponge.sd[i] + sponge.mean[i]
```

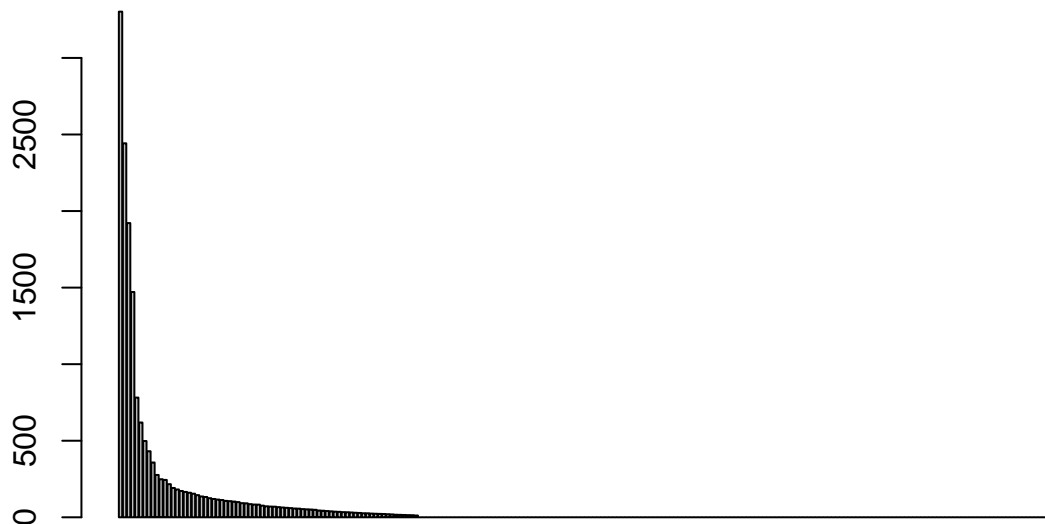
```

}
}

#####
# ad data
ad.sd = apply(ad.tss.clr,2,sd)
ad.mean = apply(ad.tss.clr,2,mean)
ad.X = scale(ad.tss.clr,center = T,scale = T)

ad.m = crossprod(ad.X)
ad.m.svd = svd(ad.m)
barplot(ad.m.svd$d)

```



```

ad.a1 = ad.m.svd$u[,1]
ad.b1 = ad.m.svd$v[,1]

# component 1
ad.t1 = ad.X %*% ad.a1 / drop(sqrt(crossprod(ad.a1)))
ad.c1 = crossprod(ad.X, ad.t1) / drop(crossprod(ad.t1))
ad.svd.defl.matrix1 = ad.X - ad.t1 %*% t(ad.c1)

# #
ad.svd = ad.svd.defl.matrix1
ad.svd[1:nrow(ad.svd),1:ncol(ad.svd)] = NA
for(i in 1:ncol(ad.svd.defl.matrix1)){
  for(j in 1:nrow(ad.svd.defl.matrix1)){
    ad.svd[j,i] = ad.svd.defl.matrix1[j,i]*ad.sd[i] + ad.mean[i]
  }
}
}

```

3.2.7 RUVIII

RUVIII needs not only negative control variables as RUV2 and RUV4, but also technical sample replicates. As only AD data have sample replicates, RUVIII is only applied on AD data.

In contrast to RUV2 and RUV4, RUVIII is a multivariate method that accounts for the dependency between microbial



variables, but it is currently limited to the correction of technical and computational sources of batch effects.

Note: RUVIII requires the number of negative control variables to be larger than the sample size in order to fully use the sample information.

```
#####  
# ad data only  
ad.replicates = ad.metadata$sample_name.data.extraction  
ad.replicates.matrix = replicate.matrix(ad.replicates)  
  
ad.ruvIII <- RUVIII(Y=ad.tss.clr,M = ad.replicates.matrix, ctl = ad.nc)  
rownames(ad.ruvIII) = rownames(ad.tss.clr)
```

Chapter 4

Methods evaluation

4.1 Diagnostic plots

4.1.1 Principal component analysis (PCA) with density plot per component

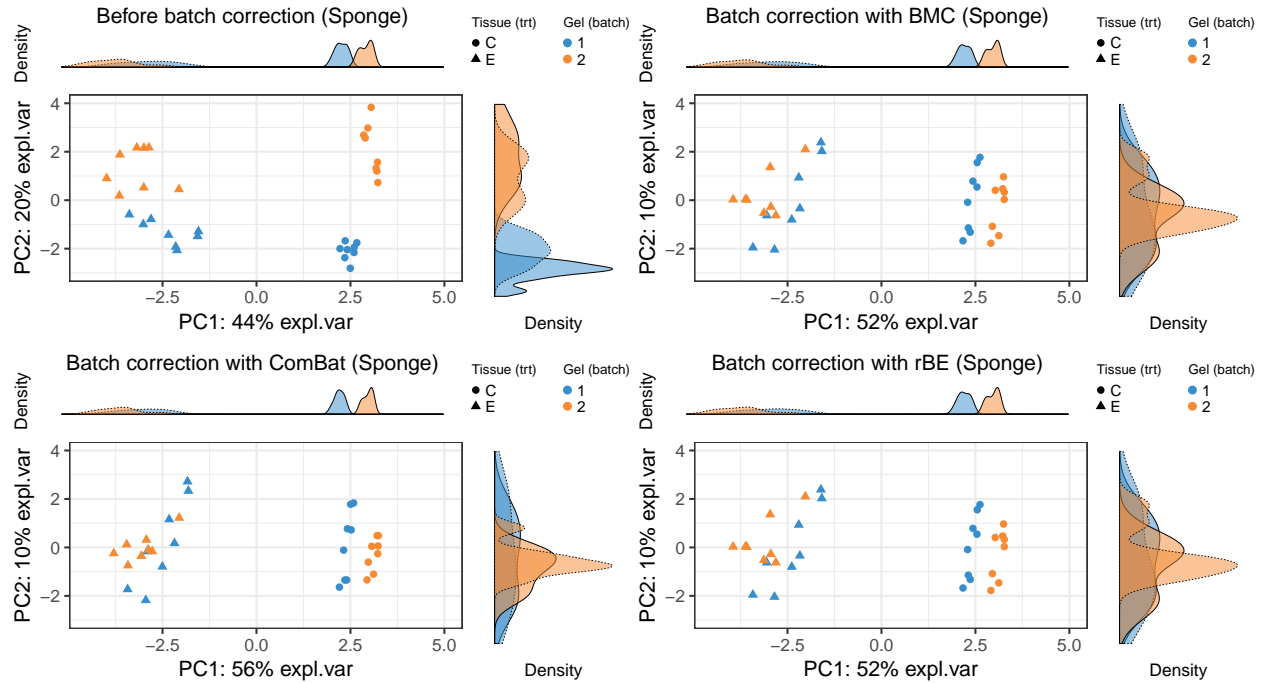
We apply PCA on both sponge and AD data before and after correction with different methods.

```
# sponge data
sponge.pca.before = pca(sponge.tss.clr, ncomp = 3)
sponge.pca.bmc = pca(sponge.bmc, ncomp = 3)
sponge.pca.combat = pca(sponge.combat, ncomp = 3)
sponge.pca.limma = pca(sponge.limma, ncomp = 3)
sponge.pca.percentile = pca(sponge.percentile, ncomp = 3)
sponge.pca.svd = pca(sponge.svd, ncomp = 3)

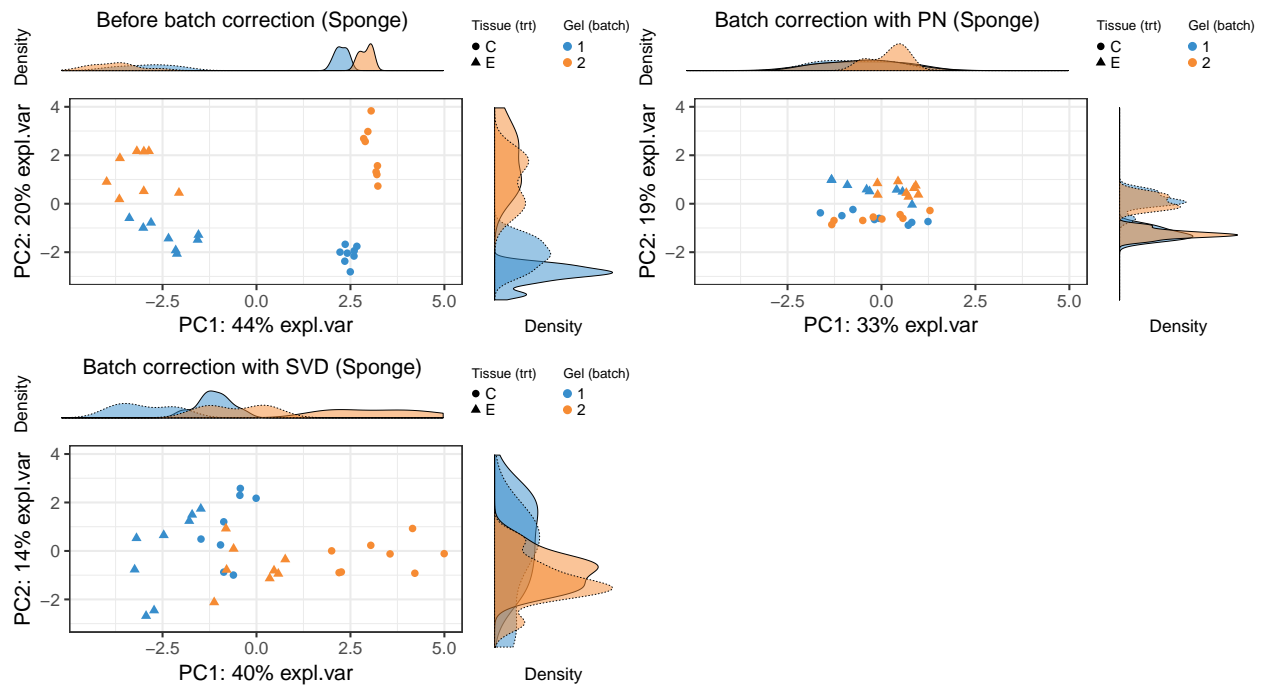
# ad data
ad.pca.before = pca(ad.tss.clr, ncomp = 3)
ad.pca.bmc = pca(ad.bmc, ncomp = 3)
ad.pca.combat = pca(ad.combat, ncomp = 3)
ad.pca.limma = pca(ad.limma, ncomp = 3)
ad.pca.percentile = pca(ad.percentile, ncomp = 3)
ad.pca.svd = pca(ad.svd, ncomp = 3)
ad.pca.ruv = pca(ad.ruvIII, ncomp = 3)
```

We then plot these PCA sample plots with density plots per PC.

```
grid.arrange(sponge.pca.plot.before, sponge.pca.plot.bmc, sponge.pca.plot.combat, sponge.pca.plot.limma,
```

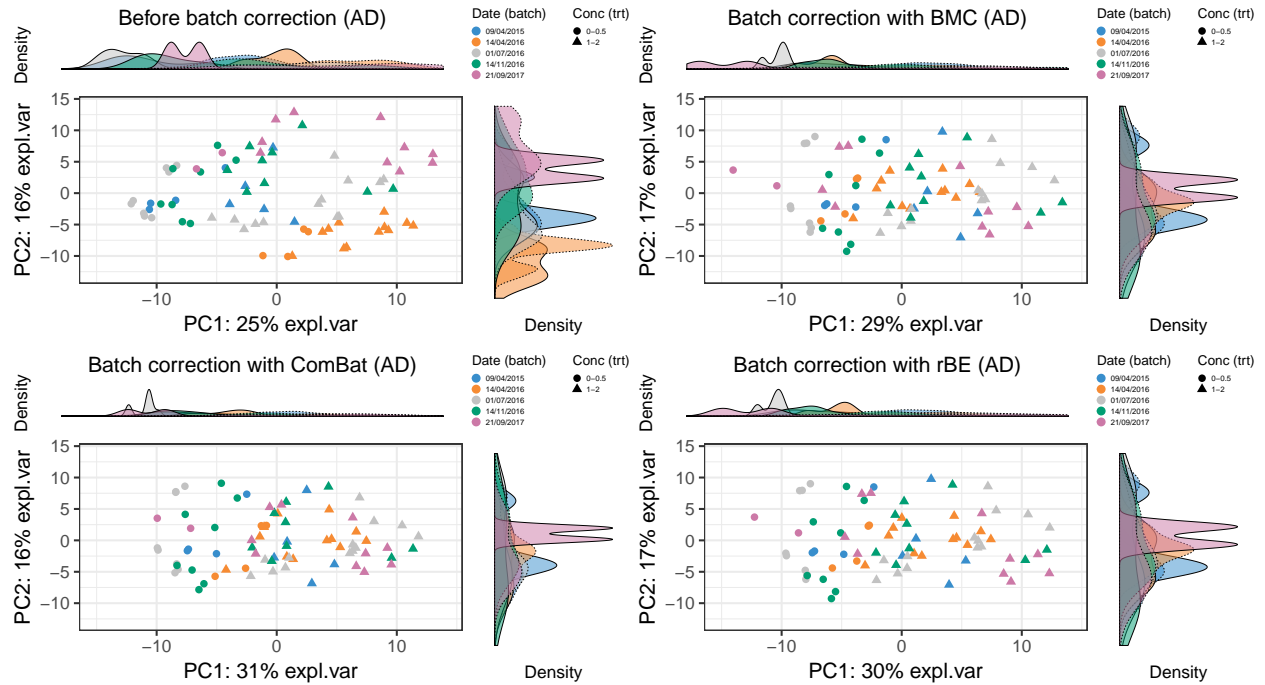


```
grid.arrange(sponge.pca.plot.before, sponge.pca.plot.percentile, sponge.pca.plot.svd, ncol=2)
```

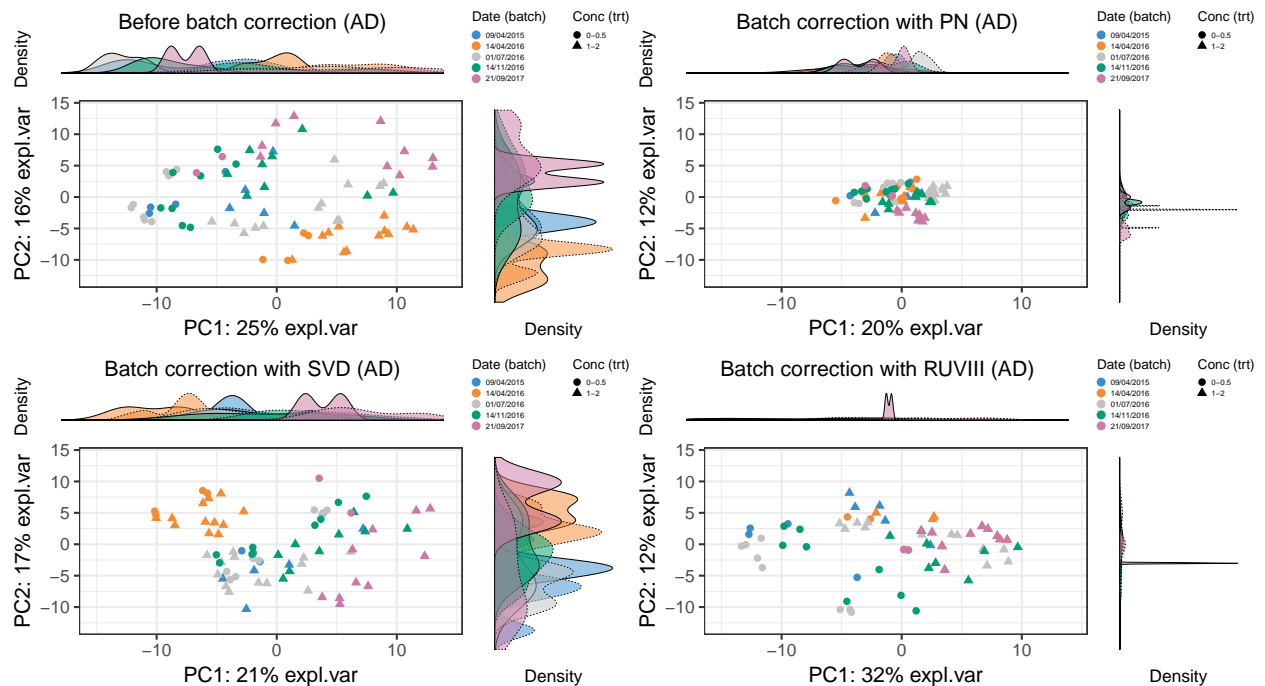


SVD performed the worse, compared to BMC, removeBatchEffect and percentile normalisation, as it did not remove batch effects but removed tissue variation instead.

```
grid.arrange(ad.pca.plot.before, ad.pca.plot.bmc, ad.pca.plot.combat, ad.pca.plot.limma, ncol=2)
```



```
grid.arrange(ad.pca.plot.before, ad.pca.plot.percentile, ad.pca.plot.svd, ad.pca.plot.ruv, ncol=2)
```



BMC, removeBatchEffect, percentile normalisation and RUVIII removed the batch effects, and maintained the treatment effects. SVD did not removed the batch effect but decreased the treatment effects.

4.1.2 Density plot and box plot

```
#####
## sponge data
```

```
sponge.before.df = data.frame(value = sponge.tss.clr[,9], batch = sponge.batch)
sponge.boxplot.before <- box_plot_fun(data = sponge.before.df,x=sponge.before.df$batch,
  y=sponge.before.df$value,title = 'OTU9 - before (Sponge)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Gel (batch)')

sponge.bmc.df = data.frame(value = sponge.bmc[,9], batch = sponge.batch)
sponge.boxplot.bmc <-box_plot_fun(data = sponge.bmc.df,x=sponge.bmc.df$batch,
  y=sponge.bmc.df$value,title = 'OTU9 - BMC (Sponge)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Gel (batch)')

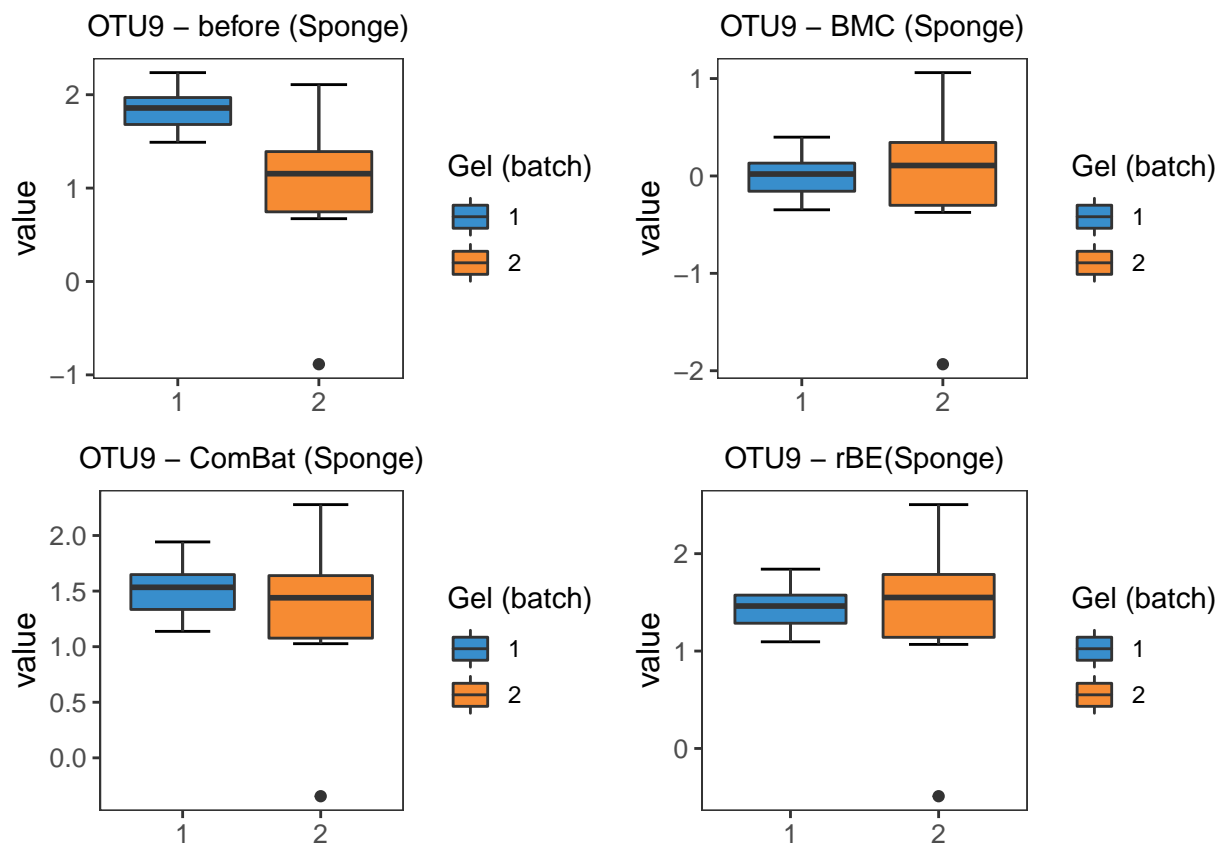
sponge.combat.df = data.frame(value = sponge.combat[,9], batch = sponge.batch)
sponge.boxplot.combat <-box_plot_fun(data = sponge.combat.df,x=sponge.combat.df$batch,
  y=sponge.combat.df$value,title = 'OTU9 - ComBat (Sponge)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Gel (batch)')

sponge.limma.df = data.frame(value = sponge.limma[,9], batch = sponge.batch)
sponge.boxplot.limma <-box_plot_fun(data = sponge.limma.df,x=sponge.limma.df$batch,
  y=sponge.limma.df$value,title = 'OTU9 - rBE(Sponge)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Gel (batch)')

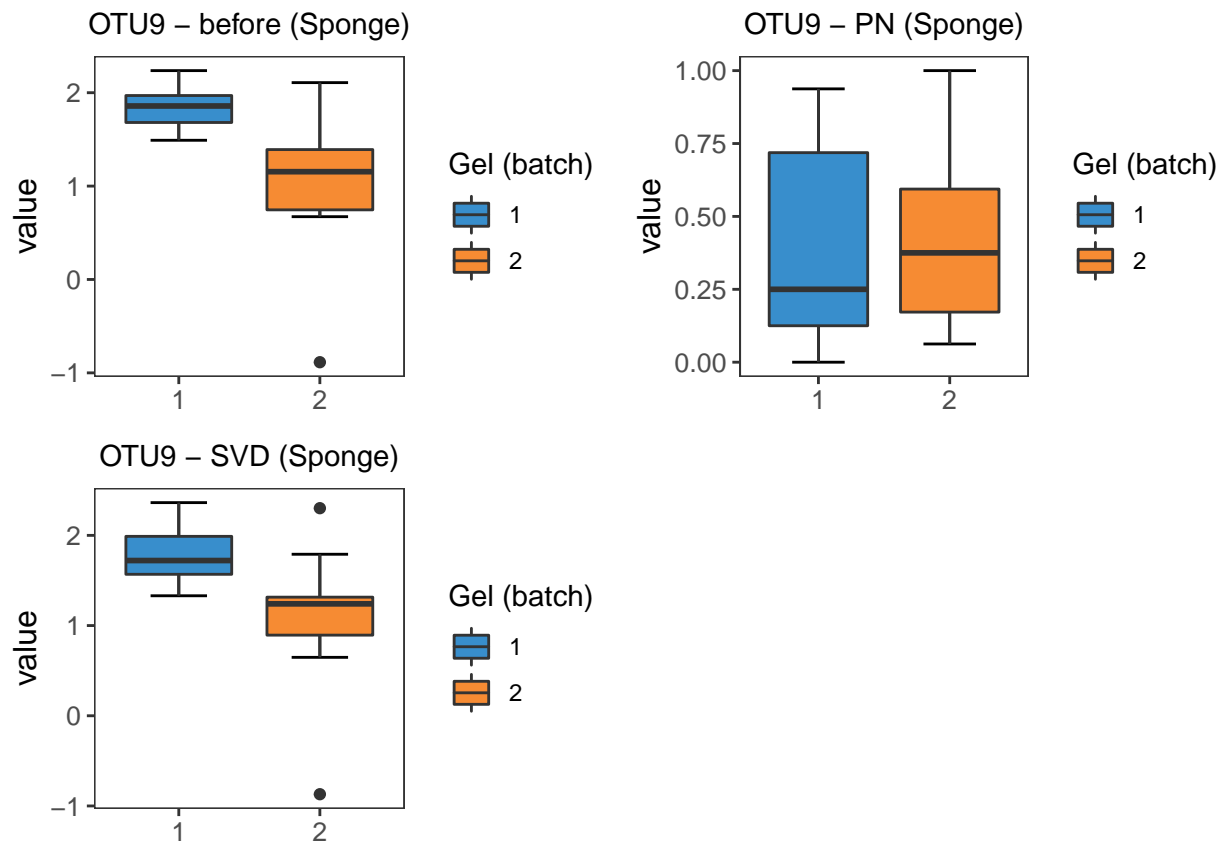
sponge.percentile.df = data.frame(value = sponge.percentile[,9], batch = sponge.batch)
sponge.boxplot.percentile <-box_plot_fun(data = sponge.percentile.df,x=sponge.percentile.df$batch,
  y=sponge.percentile.df$value,title = 'OTU9 - PN (Sponge)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Gel (batch)')

sponge.svd.df = data.frame(value = sponge.svd[,9], batch = sponge.batch)
sponge.boxplot.svd <-box_plot_fun(data = sponge.svd.df,x=sponge.svd.df$batch,
  y=sponge.svd.df$value,title = 'OTU9 - SVD (Sponge)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Gel (batch)')

grid.arrange(sponge.boxplot.before, sponge.boxplot.bmc, sponge.boxplot.combat, sponge.boxplot.limma,ncol=4)
```

```
grid.arrange(sponge.boxplot.before, sponge.boxplot.percentile, sponge.boxplot.svd, ncol=2)
```



```
## density plot
# before
sponge.dens.before <- ggplot(sponge.before.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5)

# BMC
sponge.dens.bmc <- ggplot(sponge.bmc.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5) + scale_x_continuous(breaks = 0, labels = "0")

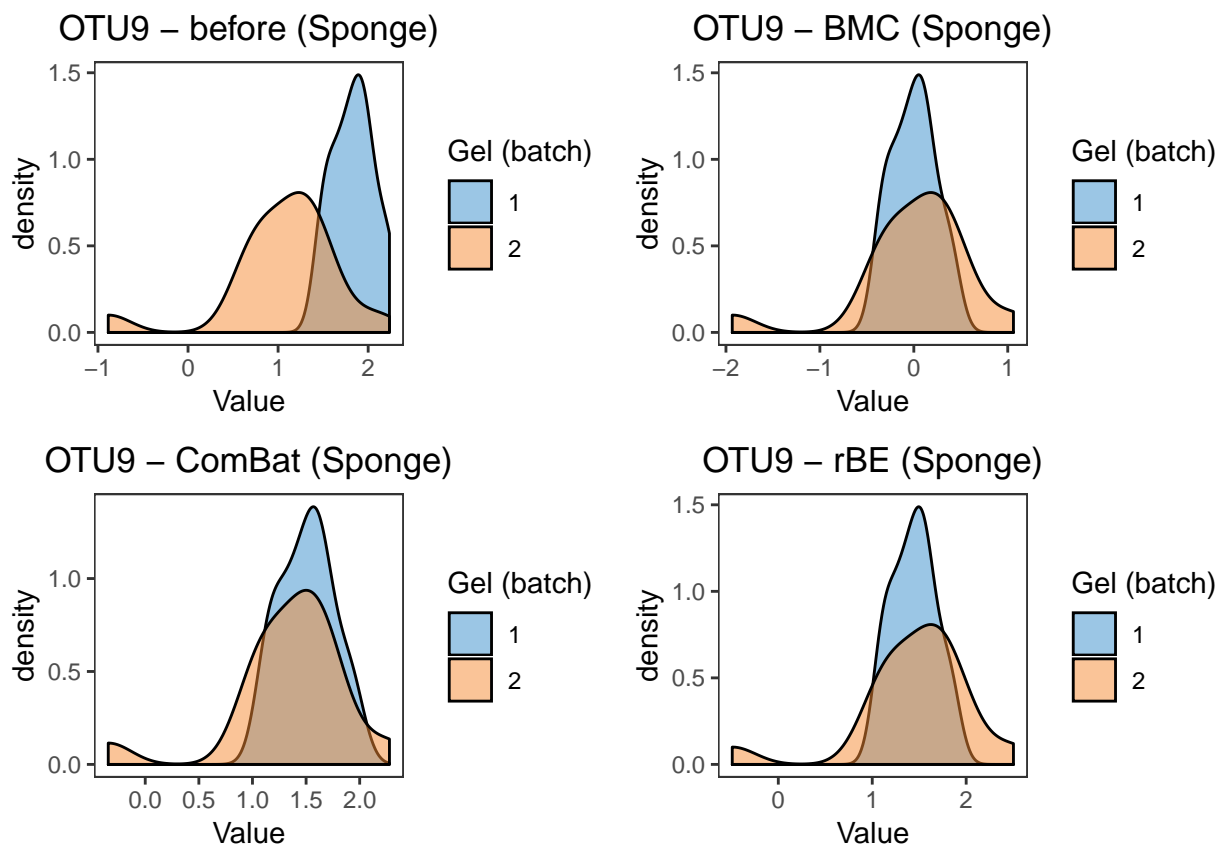
# ComBat
sponge.dens.combat <- ggplot(sponge.combat.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5)

# removeBatchEffect
sponge.dens.limma <- ggplot(sponge.limma.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5)

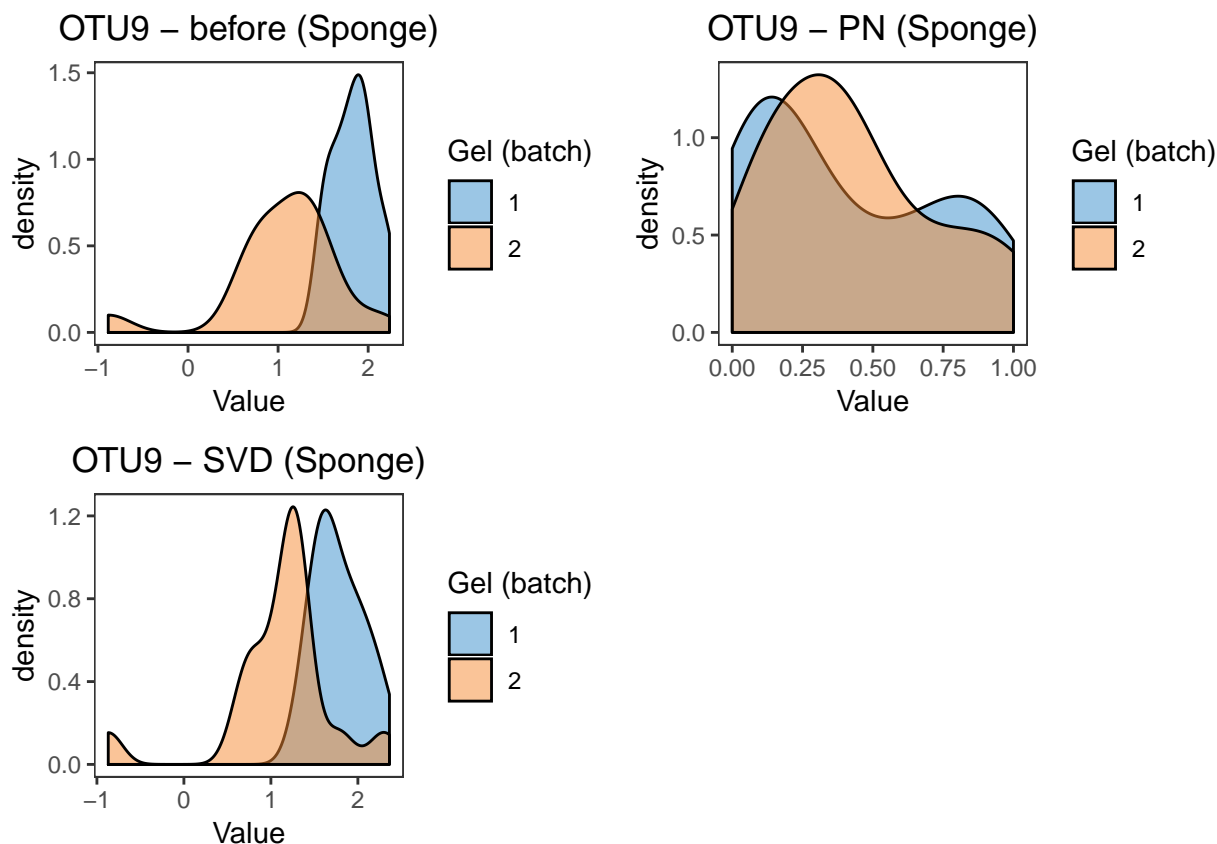
# percentile normal
sponge.dens.percentile <- ggplot(sponge.percentile.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5)

# SVD
sponge.dens.svd <- ggplot(sponge.svd.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5) + scale_x_continuous(breaks = 0, labels = "0")

grid.arrange(sponge.dens.before, sponge.dens.bmc, sponge.dens.combat, sponge.dens.limma, ncol=2)
```



```
grid.arrange(sponge.dens.before, sponge.dens.percentile, sponge.dens.svd, ncol=2)
```



```
##### p-values
sponge.lm.before = lm(sponge.tss.clr[,9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
summary(sponge.lm.before)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = sponge.tss.clr[, 9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.87967 -0.24705  0.04588  0.24492  1.00757
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    1.7849     0.1497  11.922 1.06e-12 ***
## sponge.trtE     0.1065     0.1729   0.616   0.543
## sponge.batch2  -0.7910     0.1729  -4.575 8.24e-05 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.489 on 29 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.4236, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3839
## F-statistic: 10.66 on 2 and 29 DF,  p-value: 0.0003391
sponge.lm.bmc = lm(sponge.bmc[,9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
summary(sponge.lm.bmc)

##
```



```
## Call:
## lm(formula = sponge.bmc[, 9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.87967 -0.24705  0.04588  0.24492  1.00757
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  -5.323e-02  1.497e-01  -0.356   0.725
## sponge.trtE    1.065e-01  1.729e-01   0.616   0.543
## sponge.batch2  3.925e-17  1.729e-01   0.000   1.000
##
## Residual standard error: 0.489 on 29 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.01291,    Adjusted R-squared:  -0.05517
## F-statistic: 0.1896 on 2 and 29 DF,  p-value: 0.8283

sponge.lm.combat = lm(sponge.combat[,9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
summary(sponge.lm.combat)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = sponge.combat[, 9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.64583 -0.22414  0.05092  0.24065  0.88585
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    1.46291    0.13491  10.844 1.02e-11 ***
## sponge.trtE     0.09081    0.15578   0.583   0.564
## sponge.batch2  -0.16201    0.15578  -1.040   0.307
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.4406 on 29 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.04672,    Adjusted R-squared:  -0.01902
## F-statistic: 0.7107 on 2 and 29 DF,  p-value: 0.4996

sponge.lm.limma = lm(sponge.limma[,9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
summary(sponge.lm.limma)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = sponge.limma[, 9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.87967 -0.24705  0.04588  0.24492  1.00757
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  1.389e+00  1.497e-01   9.280 3.49e-10 ***
## sponge.trtE    1.065e-01  1.729e-01   0.616   0.543
```



```
## sponge.batch2 2.355e-16 1.729e-01 0.000 1.000
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.489 on 29 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.01291, Adjusted R-squared: -0.05517
## F-statistic: 0.1896 on 2 and 29 DF, p-value: 0.8283

sponge.lm.percentile = lm(sponge.percentile[,9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
summary(sponge.lm.percentile)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = sponge.percentile[, 9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -0.4531 -0.2070 -0.0625  0.1797  0.6562
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   0.48438    0.09515   5.090 1.97e-05 ***
## sponge.trtE   -0.17187    0.10987  -1.564   0.129
## sponge.batch2  0.03125    0.10987   0.284   0.778
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.3108 on 29 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.08018, Adjusted R-squared: 0.01674
## F-statistic: 1.264 on 2 and 29 DF, p-value: 0.2976

sponge.lm.svd = lm(sponge.svd[,9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
summary(sponge.lm.svd)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = sponge.svd[, 9] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.82982 -0.27539  0.05228  0.28204  1.05932
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   1.6433    0.1526  10.766 1.21e-11 ***
## sponge.trtE    0.2817    0.1763   1.598  0.12085
## sponge.batch2 -0.6831    0.1763  -3.875  0.00056 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.4985 on 29 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3773, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3344
## F-statistic: 8.787 on 2 and 29 DF, p-value: 0.001039

#####
# ad data
```

```
# boxplot
ad.before.df = data.frame(value = ad.tss.clr[,1], batch = ad.batch)

ad.boxplot.before <- box_plot_fun(data = ad.before.df, x=ad.before.df$batch,
  y=ad.before.df$value, title = 'OTU12 - before (AD)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Date (batch)',
  x.angle = 45, x.hjust = 1)

ad.bmc.df = data.frame(value = ad.bmc[,1], batch = ad.batch)

ad.boxplot.bmc <- box_plot_fun(data = ad.bmc.df, x=ad.bmc.df$batch,
  y=ad.bmc.df$value, title = 'OTU12 - BMC (AD)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Date (batch)',
  x.angle = 45, x.hjust = 1)

ad.combat.df = data.frame(value = ad.combat[,1], batch = ad.batch)

ad.boxplot.combat <- box_plot_fun(data = ad.combat.df, x=ad.combat.df$batch,
  y=ad.combat.df$value, title = 'OTU12 - ComBat (AD)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Date (batch)',
  x.angle = 45, x.hjust = 1)

ad.limma.df = data.frame(value = ad.limma[,1], batch = ad.batch)

ad.boxplot.limma <- box_plot_fun(data = ad.limma.df, x=ad.limma.df$batch,
  y=ad.limma.df$value, title = 'OTU12 - rBE (AD)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Date (batch)',
  x.angle = 45, x.hjust = 1)

ad.percentile.df = data.frame(value = ad.percentile[,1], batch = ad.batch)

ad.boxplot.percentile <- box_plot_fun(data = ad.percentile.df, x=ad.percentile.df$batch,
  y=ad.percentile.df$value, title = 'OTU12 - PN (AD)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Date (batch)',
  x.angle = 45, x.hjust = 1)

ad.svd.df = data.frame(value = ad.svd[,1], batch = ad.batch)

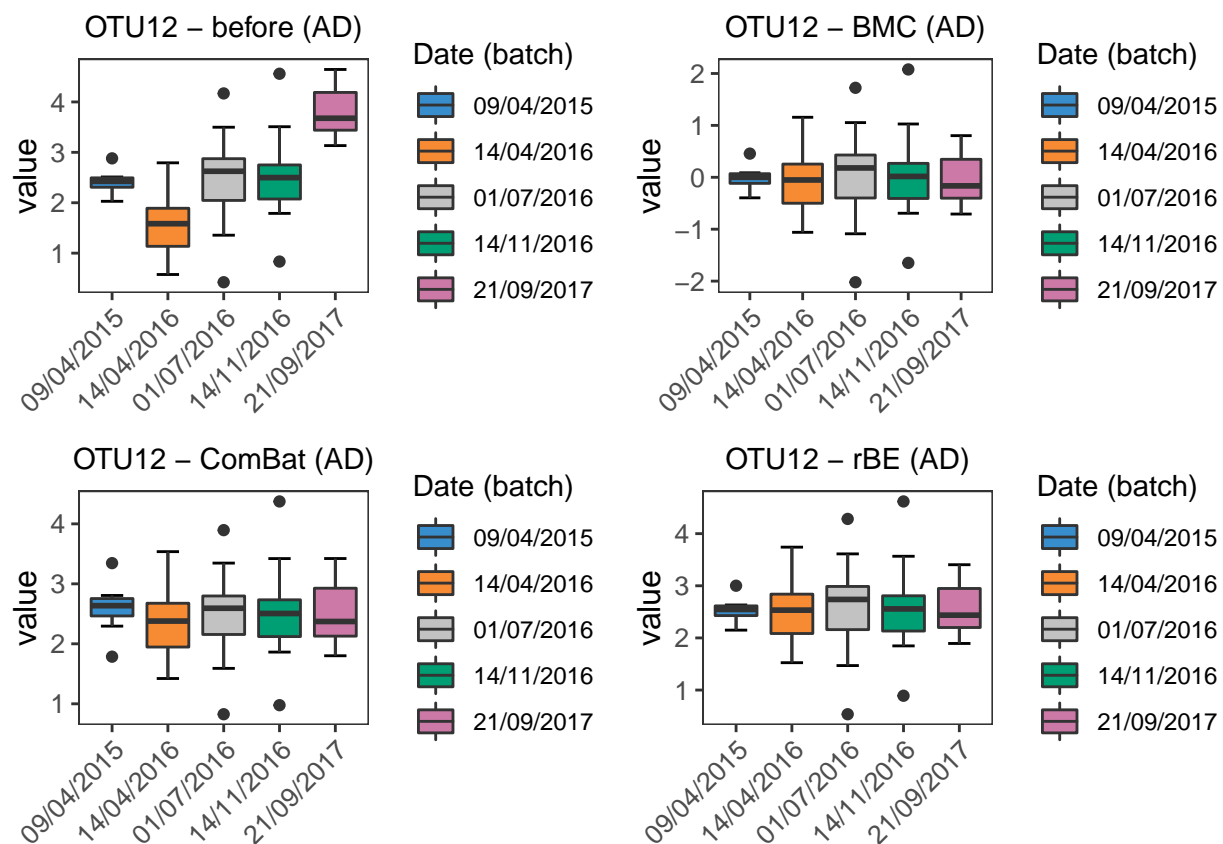
ad.boxplot.svd <- box_plot_fun(data = ad.svd.df, x=ad.svd.df$batch,
  y=ad.svd.df$value, title = 'OTU12 - SVD (AD)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Date (batch)',
  x.angle = 45, x.hjust = 1)

ad.ruv.df = data.frame(value = ad.ruvIII[,1], batch = ad.batch)

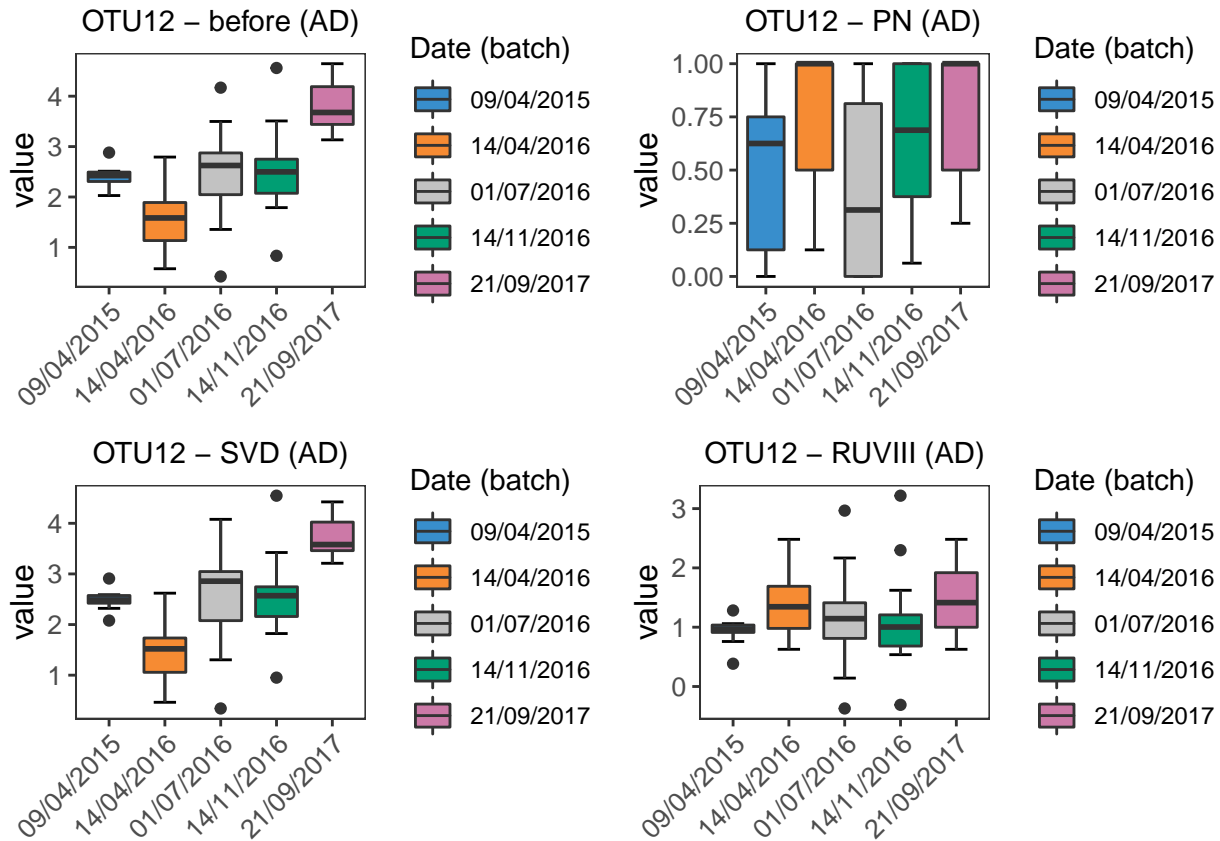
ad.boxplot.ruv <- box_plot_fun(data = ad.ruv.df, x=ad.ruv.df$batch,
  y=ad.ruv.df$value, title = 'OTU12 - RUVIII (AD)',
  batch.legend.title = 'Date (batch)',
  x.angle = 45, x.hjust = 1)
```



```
grid.arrange(ad.boxplot.before, ad.boxplot.bmc, ad.boxplot.combat, ad.boxplot.limma,ncol=2)
```



```
grid.arrange(ad.boxplot.before, ad.boxplot.percentile,ad.boxplot.svd,ad.boxplot.ruv,ncol=2)
```

```
# density plot
# before
ad.dens.before = ggplot(ad.before.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5) + scale_fill_manual(values = c("09/04/2015" = "#1f77b4", "14/04/2016" = "#ff7f0e", "01/07/2016" = "#d62728", "14/11/2016" = "#2ca02c", "21/09/2017" = "#9467bd"))

# BMC
ad.dens.bmc = ggplot(ad.bmc.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5) + scale_fill_manual(values = c("09/04/2015" = "#1f77b4", "14/04/2016" = "#ff7f0e", "01/07/2016" = "#d62728", "14/11/2016" = "#2ca02c", "21/09/2017" = "#9467bd"))

# ComBat
ad.dens.combat = ggplot(ad.combat.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5) + scale_fill_manual(values = c("09/04/2015" = "#1f77b4", "14/04/2016" = "#ff7f0e", "01/07/2016" = "#d62728", "14/11/2016" = "#2ca02c", "21/09/2017" = "#9467bd"))

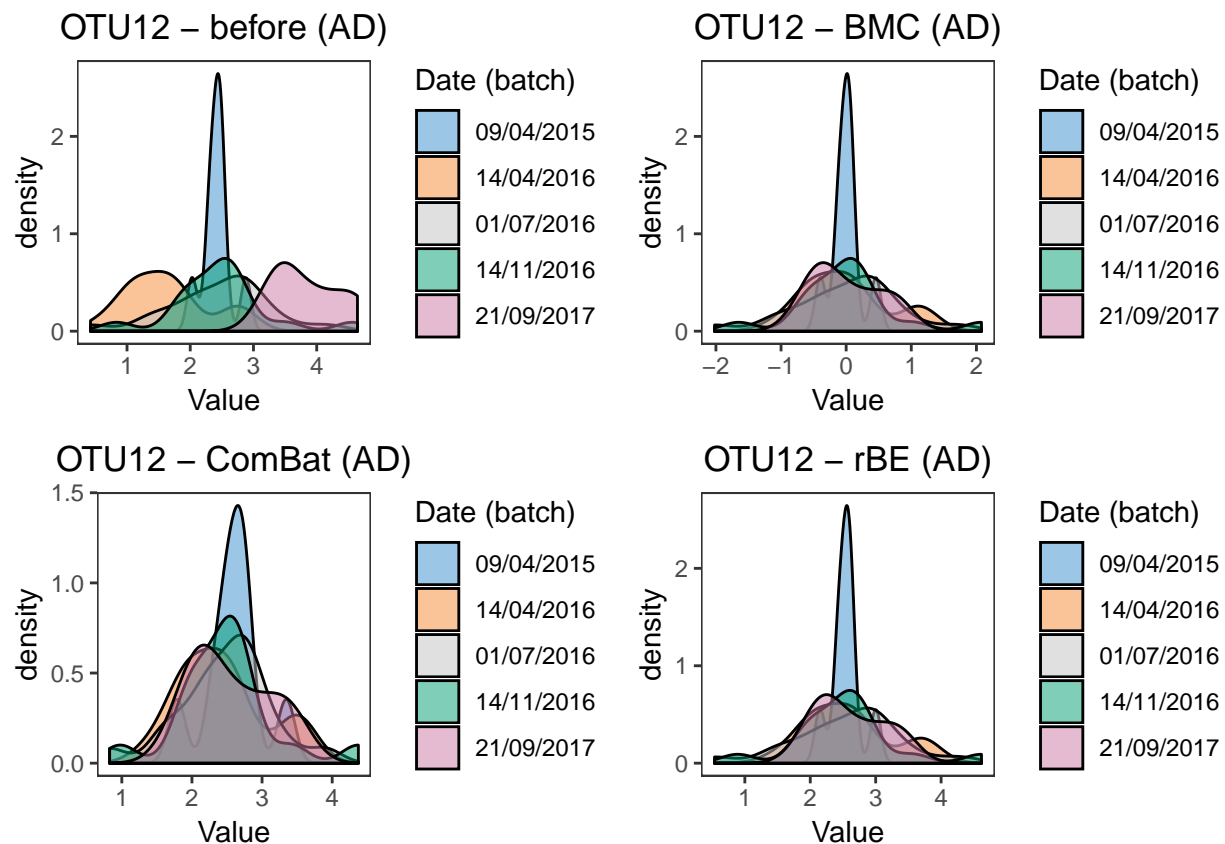
# removeBatchEffect
ad.dens.limma = ggplot(ad.limma.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5) + scale_fill_manual(values = c("09/04/2015" = "#1f77b4", "14/04/2016" = "#ff7f0e", "01/07/2016" = "#d62728", "14/11/2016" = "#2ca02c", "21/09/2017" = "#9467bd"))

# percentile norm
ad.dens.percentile = ggplot(ad.percentile.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5) + scale_fill_manual(values = c("09/04/2015" = "#1f77b4", "14/04/2016" = "#ff7f0e", "01/07/2016" = "#d62728", "14/11/2016" = "#2ca02c", "21/09/2017" = "#9467bd"))

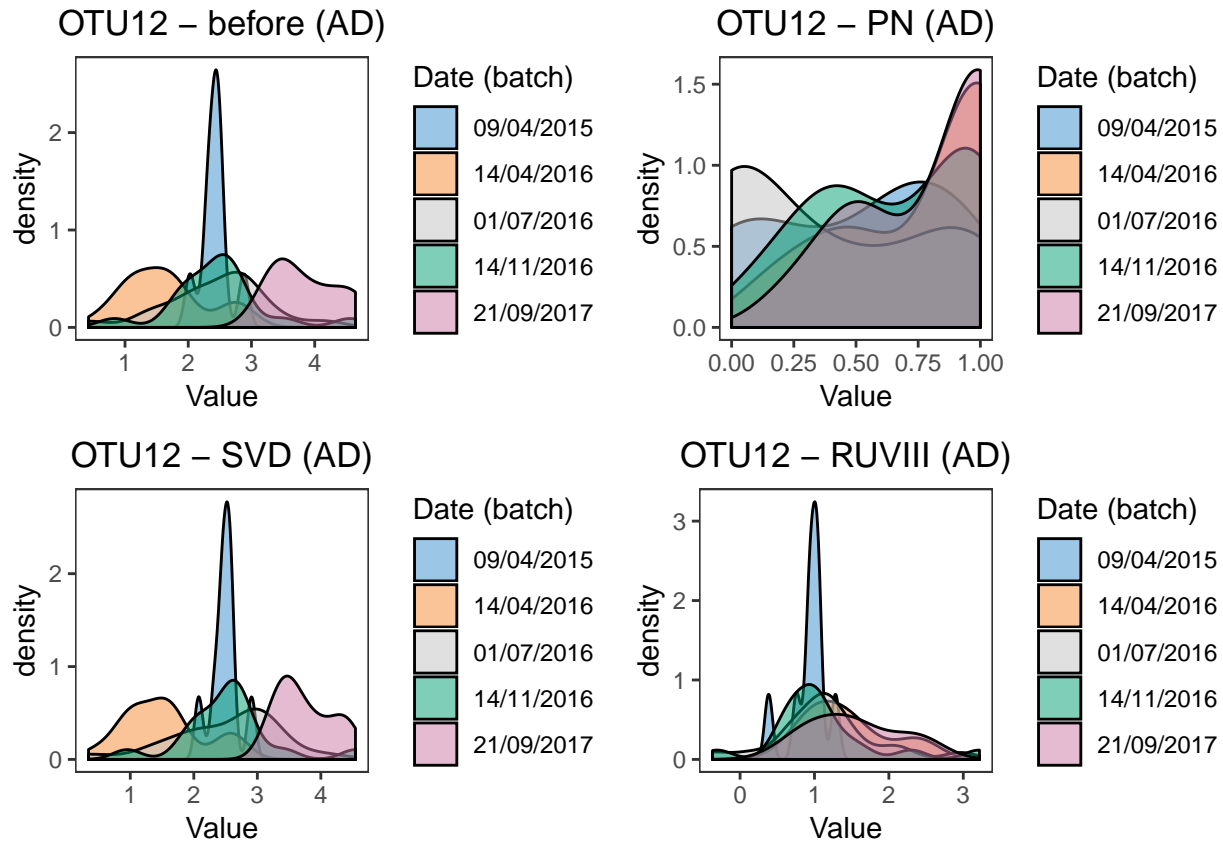
# SVD
ad.dens.svd = ggplot(ad.svd.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5) + scale_fill_manual(values = c("09/04/2015" = "#1f77b4", "14/04/2016" = "#ff7f0e", "01/07/2016" = "#d62728", "14/11/2016" = "#2ca02c", "21/09/2017" = "#9467bd"))

# RUVIII
ad.dens.ruv = ggplot(ad.ruv.df, aes(x = value, fill = batch)) + geom_density(alpha = 0.5) + scale_fill_manual(values = c("09/04/2015" = "#1f77b4", "14/04/2016" = "#ff7f0e", "01/07/2016" = "#d62728", "14/11/2016" = "#2ca02c", "21/09/2017" = "#9467bd"))
```

```
grid.arrange(ad.dens.before, ad.dens.bmc, ad.dens.combat,ad.dens.limma,ncol=2)
```



```
grid.arrange(ad.dens.before, ad.dens.percentile, ad.dens.svd,ad.dens.ruv, ncol=2)
```



#p-values

```
ad.lm.before = lm(ad.tss.clr[,1] ~ ad.trt + ad.batch)
anova(ad.lm.before)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
```

```
##
```

```
## Response: ad.tss.clr[, 1]
```

```
##          Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## ad.trt      1  1.460   1.4605   3.1001  0.08272 .
## ad.batch    4 32.889   8.2222  17.4532 6.168e-10 ***
## Residuals 69 32.506   0.4711
```

```
## ---
```

```
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

#summary(ad.lm.before)

```
ad.lm.bmc = lm(ad.bmc[,1] ~ ad.trt + ad.batch)
anova(ad.lm.bmc)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
```

```
##
```

```
## Response: ad.bmc[, 1]
```

```
##          Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## ad.trt      1  0.631  0.63084   1.3391  0.2512
## ad.batch    4  0.036  0.00893   0.0190  0.9993
## Residuals 69 32.506   0.47110
```

#summary(ad.lm.bmc)

```
ad.lm.combat = lm(ad.combat[,1]~ ad.trt + ad.batch)
anova(ad.lm.combat)

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: ad.combat[, 1]
##           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## ad.trt      1  0.6695  0.66954   1.6980 0.1969
## ad.batch     4  0.2373  0.05932   0.1504 0.9622
## Residuals  69 27.2080  0.39432

#summary(ad.lm.combat)

ad.lm.limma = lm(ad.limma[,1]~ ad.trt + ad.batch)
anova(ad.lm.limma)

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: ad.limma[, 1]
##           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## ad.trt      1  0.704  0.70428   1.495 0.2256
## ad.batch     4  0.000  0.00000   0.000 1.0000
## Residuals  69 32.506  0.47110

#summary(ad.lm.limma)

ad.lm.percentile = lm(ad.percentile[,1]~ ad.trt + ad.batch)
anova(ad.lm.percentile)

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: ad.percentile[, 1]
##           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## ad.trt      1  0.4670  0.46705   3.8934 0.05248 .
## ad.batch     4  1.7037  0.42592   3.5506 0.01081 *
## Residuals  69  8.2772  0.11996
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

#summary(ad.lm.percentile)

ad.lm.svd = lm(ad.svd[,1]~ ad.trt + ad.batch)
anova(ad.lm.svd)

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: ad.svd[, 1]
##           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## ad.trt      1  0.222  0.2218  0.4841  0.4889
## ad.batch     4 33.914  8.4784 18.5081 2.256e-10 ***
## Residuals  69 31.608  0.4581
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

#summary(ad.lm.svd)
```

```
ad.lm.ruv = lm(ad.ruvIII[,1] ~ ad.trt + ad.batch)
anova(ad.lm.ruv)

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: ad.ruvIII[, 1]
##           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## ad.trt      1  2.1333  2.13330   5.4144 0.02291 *
## ad.batch     4  2.0222  0.50554   1.2831 0.28512
## Residuals   69 27.1862  0.39400
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

#summary(ad.lm.ruv)
```

4.1.3 RLE plots

```
# sponge data
# before

##### BMC
sponge.bmc_c = sponge.bmc[sponge.trt == 'C',]
sponge.bmc_e = sponge.bmc[sponge.trt == 'E',]

##### ComBat
sponge.combat_c = sponge.combat[sponge.trt == 'C',]
sponge.combat_e = sponge.combat[sponge.trt == 'E',]

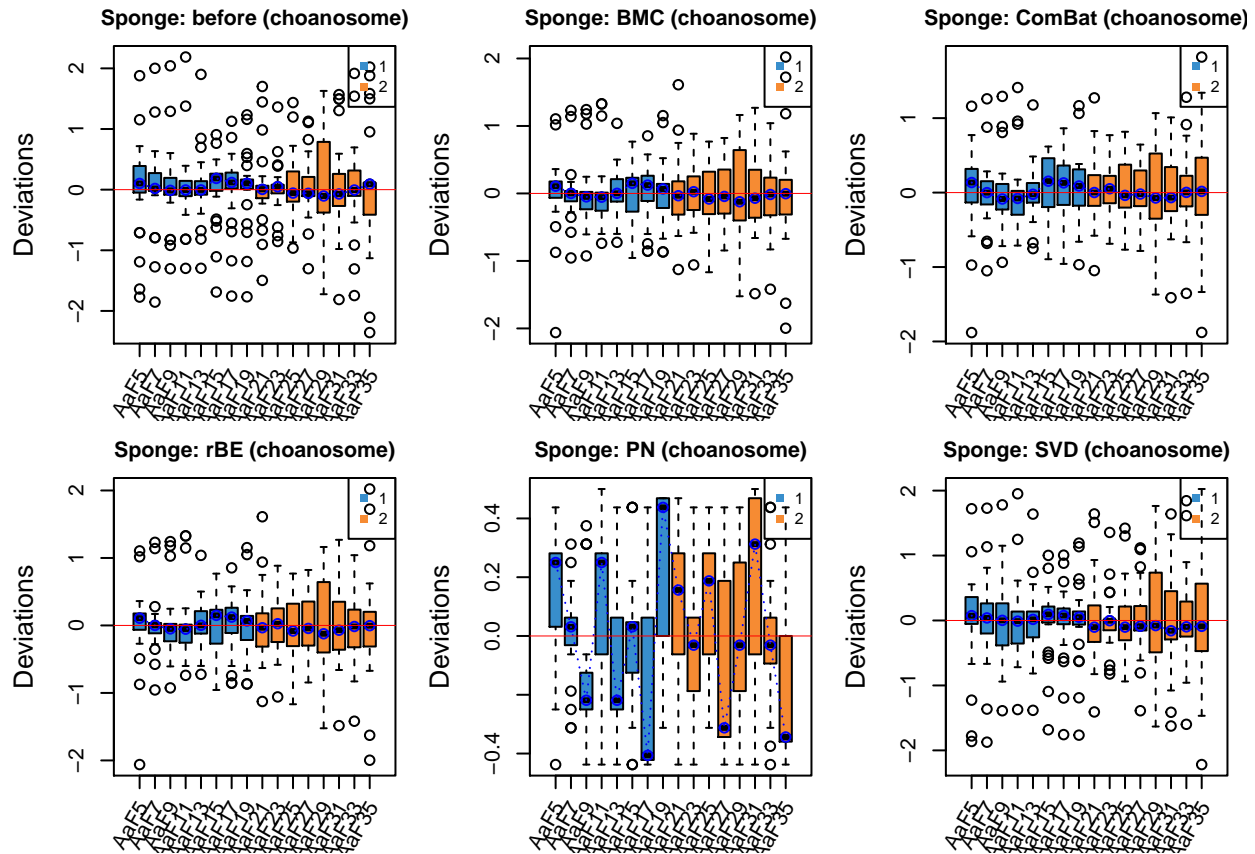
##### rBE
sponge.limma_c = sponge.limma[sponge.trt == 'C',]
sponge.limma_e = sponge.limma[sponge.trt == 'E',]

##### PN
sponge.percentile_c = sponge.percentile[sponge.trt == 'C',]
sponge.percentile_e = sponge.percentile[sponge.trt == 'E',]

##### SVD
sponge.svd_c = sponge.svd[sponge.trt == 'C',]
sponge.svd_e = sponge.svd[sponge.trt == 'E',]

par(mfrow = c(2,3), mai=c(0.4,0.6,0.3,0.1))

RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.before_c), batch = sponge.batch_c, maintitle = 'Sponge: before (choanosome)', tit
RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.bmc_c), batch = sponge.batch_c, maintitle = 'Sponge: BMC (choanosome)', tit
RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.combat_c), batch = sponge.batch_c, maintitle = 'Sponge: ComBat (choanosome)', tit
RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.limma_c), batch = sponge.batch_c, maintitle = 'Sponge: rBE (choanosome)', tit
RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.percentile_c), batch = sponge.batch_c, maintitle = 'Sponge: PN (choanosome)', tit
RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.svd_c), batch = sponge.batch_c, maintitle = 'Sponge: SVD (choanosome)', tit
```

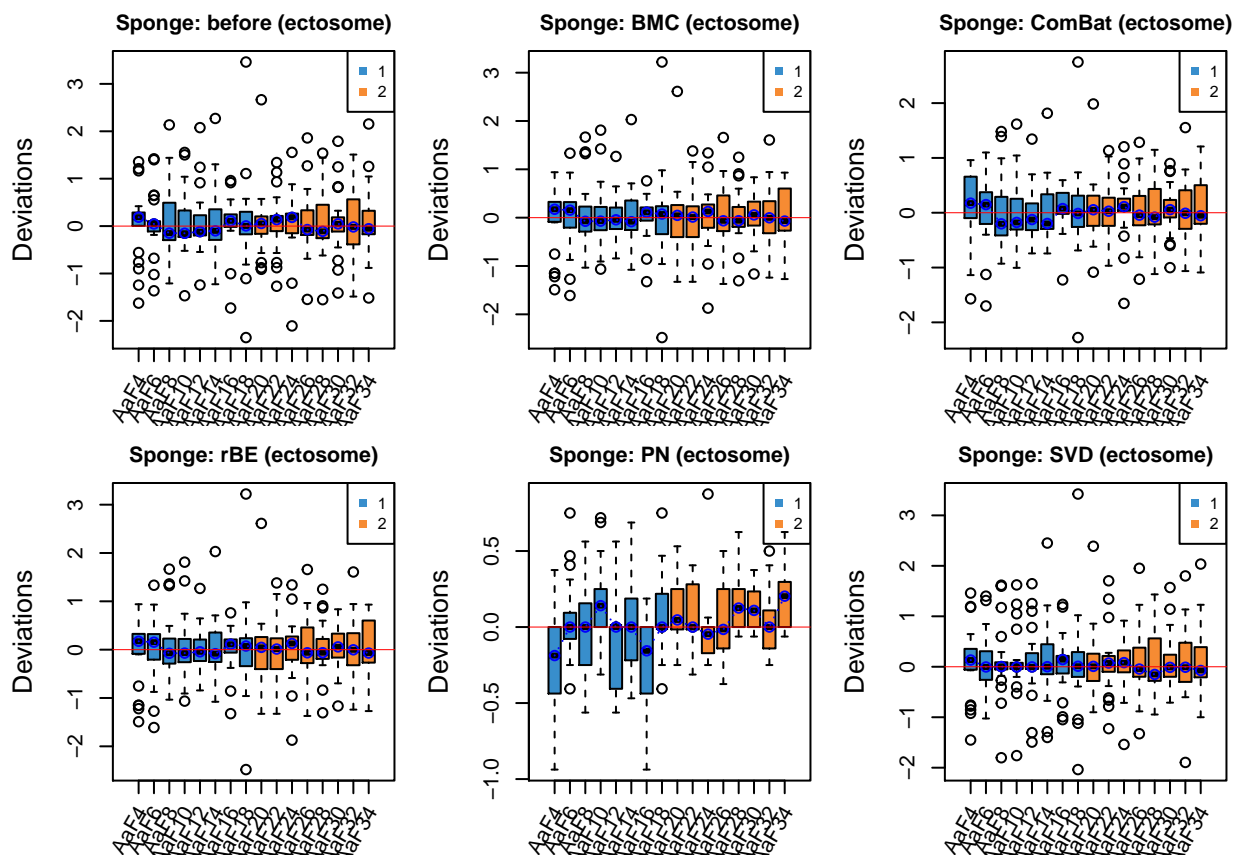


```
par(mfrow = c(1,1))
```

The batch effect before correction is not obvious as all medians of samples are close to zero, but gel2 has a greater interquartile range (IQR) than the other samples. Percentile normalisation increased batch effects, as the samples after correction are deviated from zero and the IQR is increased. Among other methods, the IQR of all the box plots (samples) from different batches is consistent after ComBat correction.

```
par(mfrow = c(2,3), mai=c(0.4,0.6,0.3,0.1))
```

```
RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.before_e), batch = sponge.batch_e, maintitle = 'Sponge: before (ectosome)')
RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.bmc_e), batch = sponge.batch_e, maintitle = 'Sponge: BMC (ectosome)', title)
RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.combat_e), batch = sponge.batch_e, maintitle = 'Sponge: ComBat (ectosome)')
RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.limma_e), batch = sponge.batch_e, maintitle = 'Sponge: rBE (ectosome)', title)
RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.percentile_e), batch = sponge.batch_e, maintitle = 'Sponge: PN (ectosome)')
RleMicroRna2(object = t(sponge.svd_e), batch = sponge.batch_e, maintitle = 'Sponge: SVD (ectosome)', title)
```



```
par(mfrow = c(1,1))
```

Batch effect is not easily detected, but percentile normalisation increased batch variation.

```
#####
# ad data
# before

##### BMC
ad.bmc_05 = ad.bmc[ad.trt == '0-0.5',]
ad.bmc_2 = ad.bmc[ad.trt == '1-2',]

##### ComBat
ad.combat_05 = ad.combat[ad.trt == '0-0.5',]
ad.combat_2 = ad.combat[ad.trt == '1-2',]

##### rBE
ad.limma_05 = ad.limma[ad.trt == '0-0.5',]
ad.limma_2 = ad.limma[ad.trt == '1-2',]

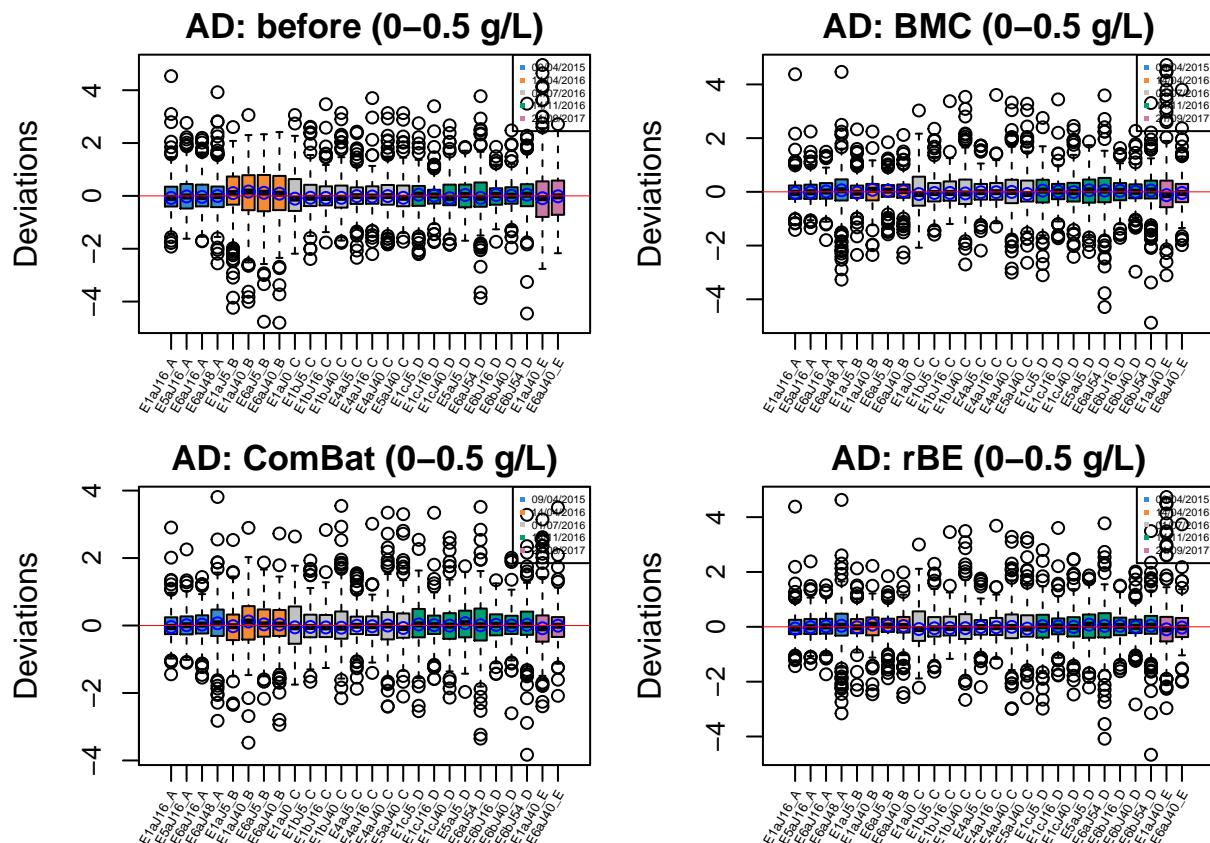
##### PN
ad.percentile_05 = ad.percentile[ad.trt == '0-0.5',]
ad.percentile_2 = ad.percentile[ad.trt == '1-2',]

##### SVD
ad.svd_05 = ad.svd[ad.trt == '0-0.5',]
ad.svd_2 = ad.svd[ad.trt == '1-2',]
```

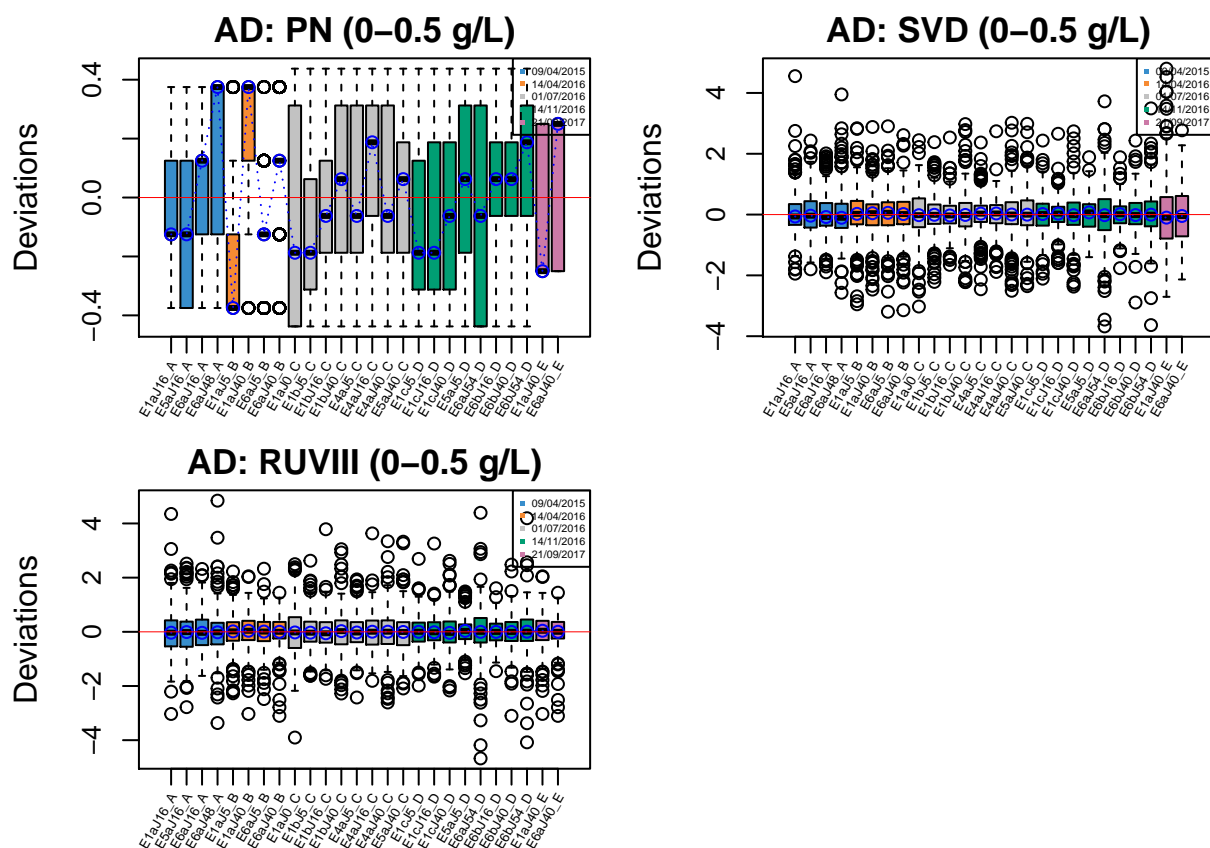
```
##### RUVIII
ad.ruv_05 = ad.ruvIII[ad.trt == '0-0.5',]
ad.ruv_2 = ad.ruvIII[ad.trt == '1-2',]

par(mfrow=c(2,2), mai=c(0.5,0.8,0.3,0.1))

RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.before_05),batch = ad.batch_05,maintitle = 'AD: before (0-0.5 g/L)',legend.cex = 0.8)
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.bmc_05),batch = ad.batch_05,maintitle = 'AD: BMC (0-0.5 g/L)',legend.cex = 0.8)
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.combat_05),batch = ad.batch_05,maintitle = 'AD: ComBat (0-0.5 g/L)',legend.cex = 0.8)
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.limma_05),batch = ad.batch_05,maintitle = 'AD: rBE (0-0.5 g/L)',legend.cex = 0.8)
```



```
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.percentile_05),batch = ad.batch_05,maintitle = 'AD: PN (0-0.5 g/L)',legend.cex = 0.8)
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.svd_05),batch = ad.batch_05,maintitle = 'AD: SVD (0-0.5 g/L)',legend.cex = 0.8)
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.ruv_05),batch = ad.batch_05,maintitle = 'AD: RUVIII (0-0.5 g/L)',legend.cex = 0.8)
par(mfrow = c(1,1))
```

Batch effect is not easily detected, but percentile normalisation increased batch variation.

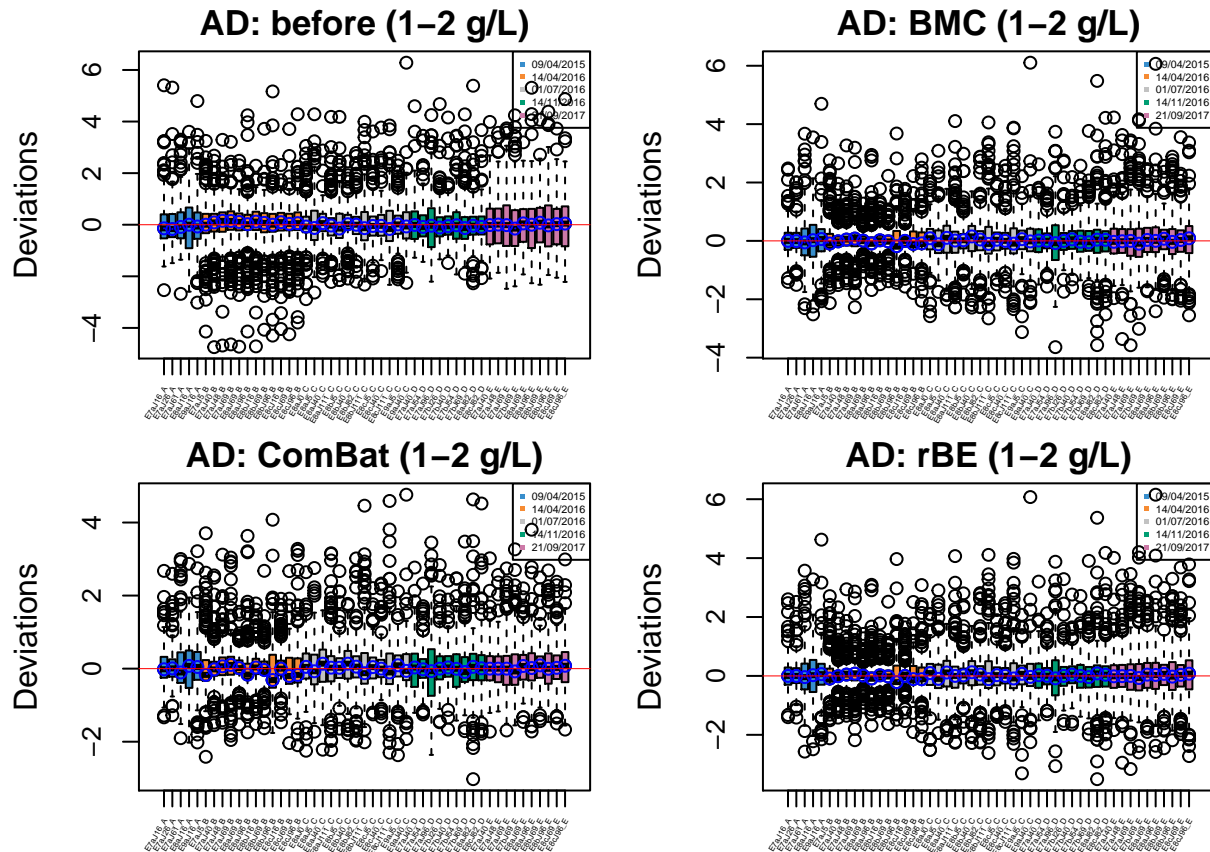
```
par(mfrow=c(2,2), mai=c(0.35,0.8,0.3,0.1))
```

```
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.before_2), batch = ad.batch_2, maintitle = 'AD: before (1-2 g/L)', legend.cex =
```

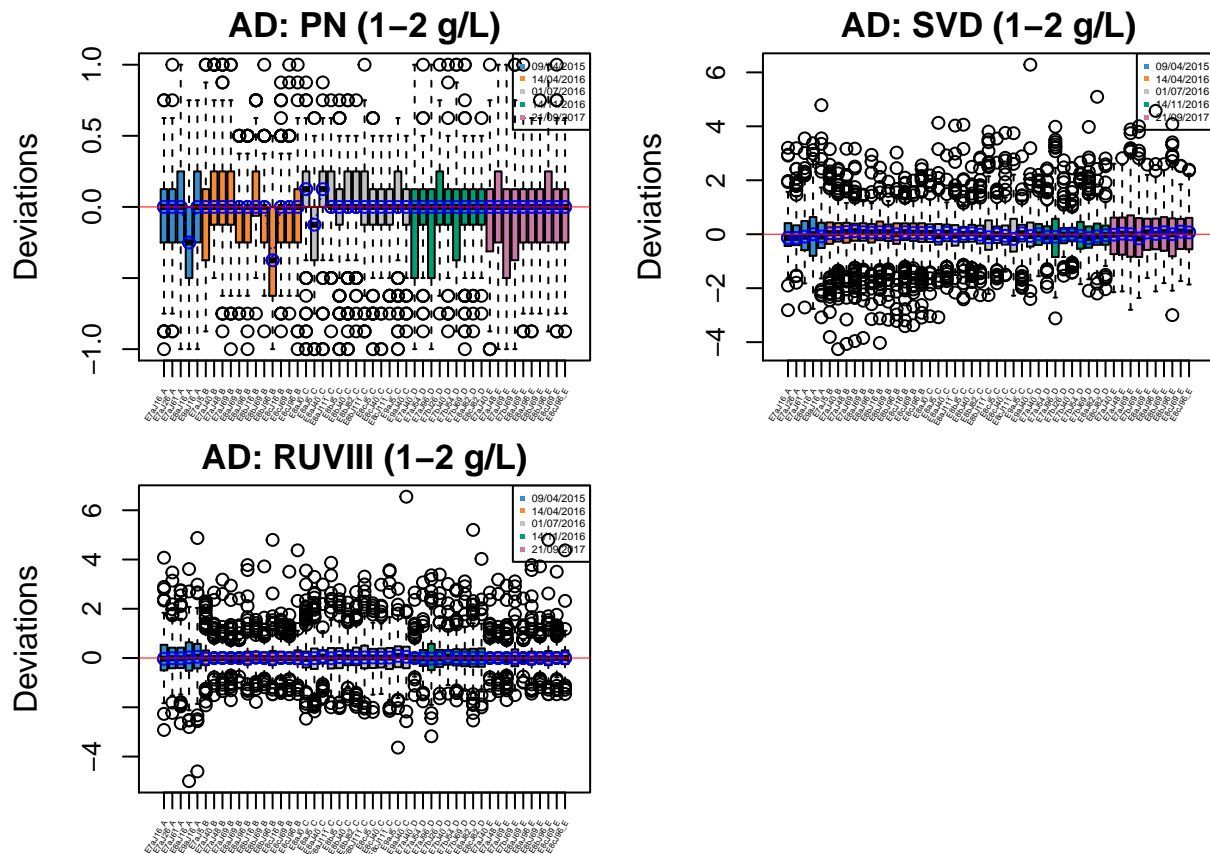
```
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.bmc_2), batch = ad.batch_2, maintitle = 'AD: BMC (1-2 g/L)', legend.cex = 0.4,
```

```
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.combat_2), batch = ad.batch_2, maintitle = 'AD: ComBat (1-2 g/L)', legend.cex =
```

```
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.limma_2), batch = ad.batch_2, maintitle = 'AD: rBE (1-2 g/L)', legend.cex = 0.4
```



```
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.percentile_2),batch = ad.batch_2,maintitle = 'AD: PN (1-2 g/L)',legend.cex = 0.4,
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.svd_2),batch = ad.batch_2,maintitle = 'AD: SVD (1-2 g/L)',legend.cex = 0.4,
RleMicroRna2(object = t(ad.ruv_2),batch = ad.batch_2,maintitle = 'AD: RUVIII (1-2 g/L)',legend.cex = 0.4,
par(mfrow = c(1,1))
```



Batch effect is not easily detected, but percentile normalisation increased batch variation.

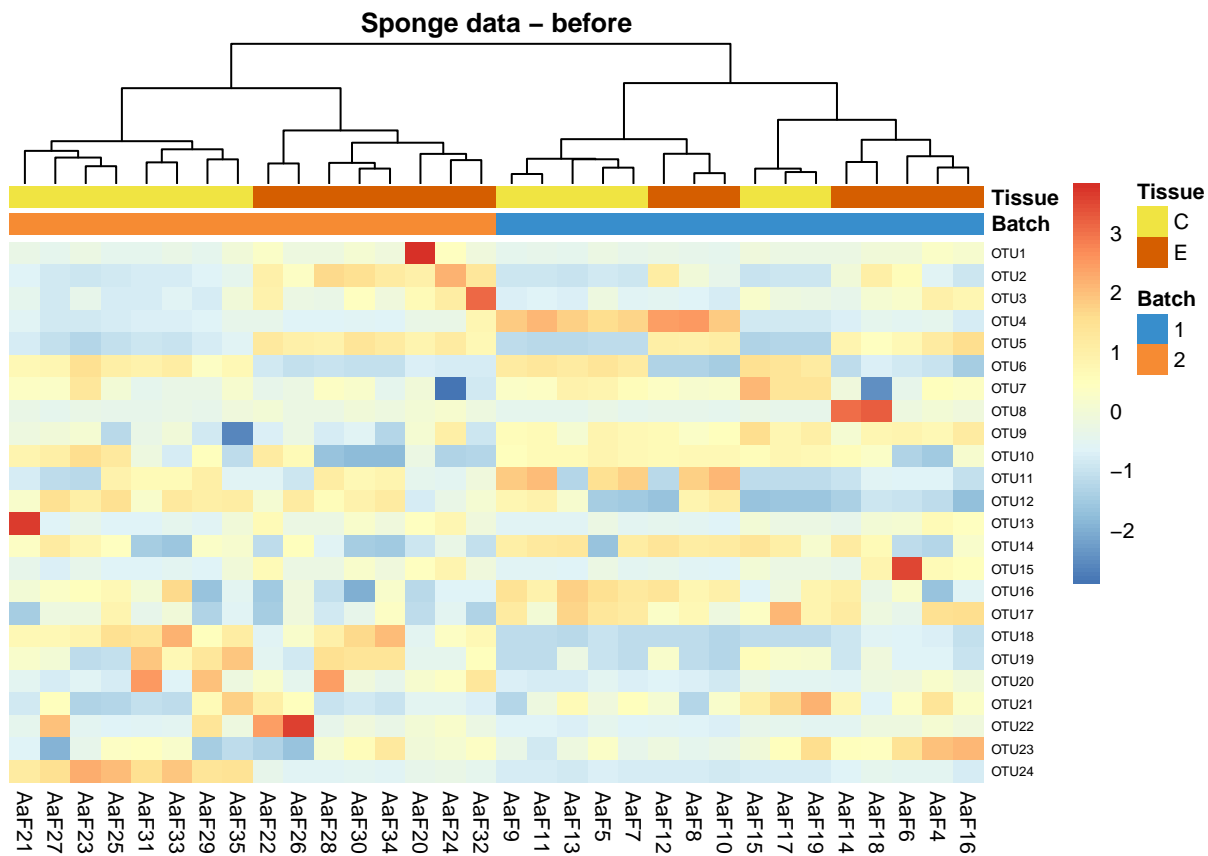
4.1.4 Heatmap

```
# Sponge data
# before
sponge.tss.clr.scale = scale(sponge.tss.clr, center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
sponge.tss.clr.scale = scale(t(sponge.tss.clr.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

sponge.anno_col = data.frame(Batch = sponge.batch, Tissue = sponge.trt)
sponge.anno_metabo_colors = list(Batch = c('1'="#388ECC", '2'="#F68B33"), Tissue = c(C="#F0E442", E="#D55E00"))

pheatmap(sponge.tss.clr.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=5, fontsize_col=8,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = sponge.anno_col,
  annotation_colors = sponge.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
```

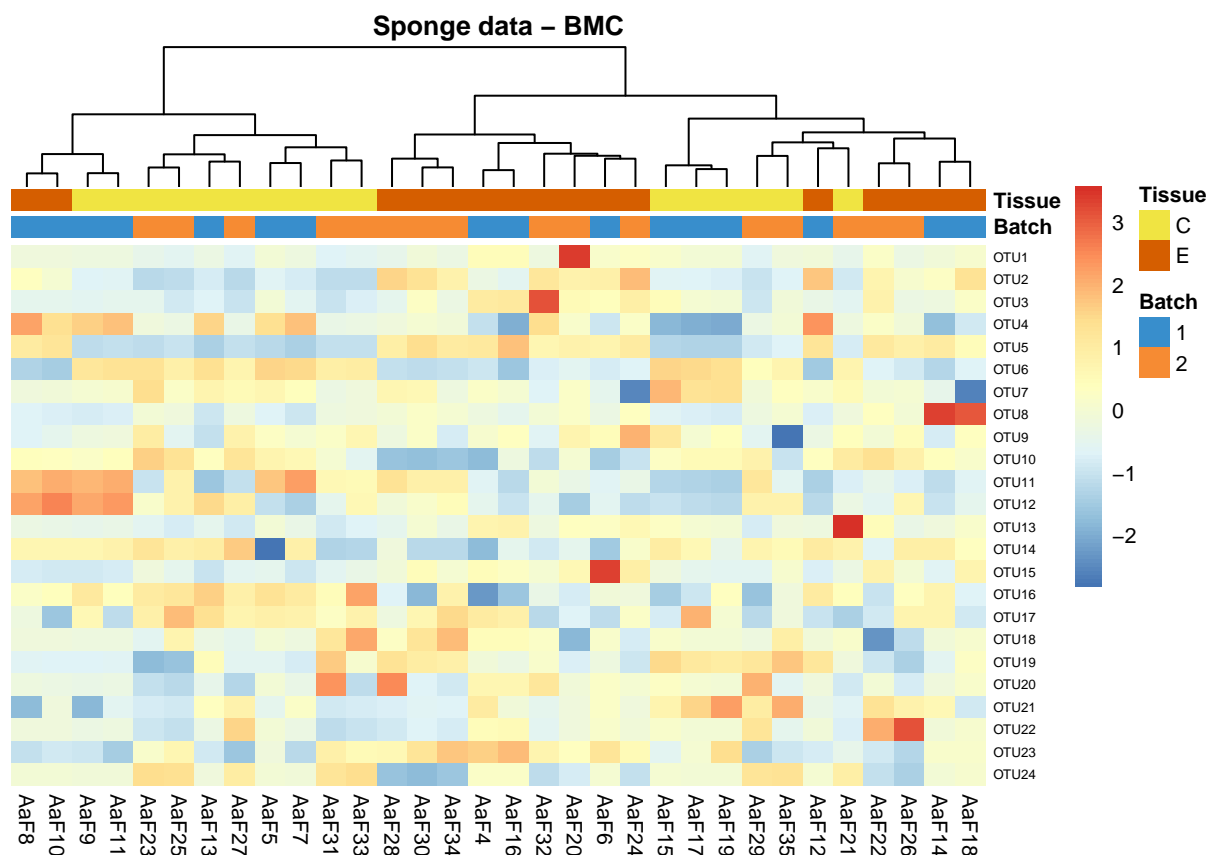
```
main = 'Sponge data - before')
```



```
# BMC
```

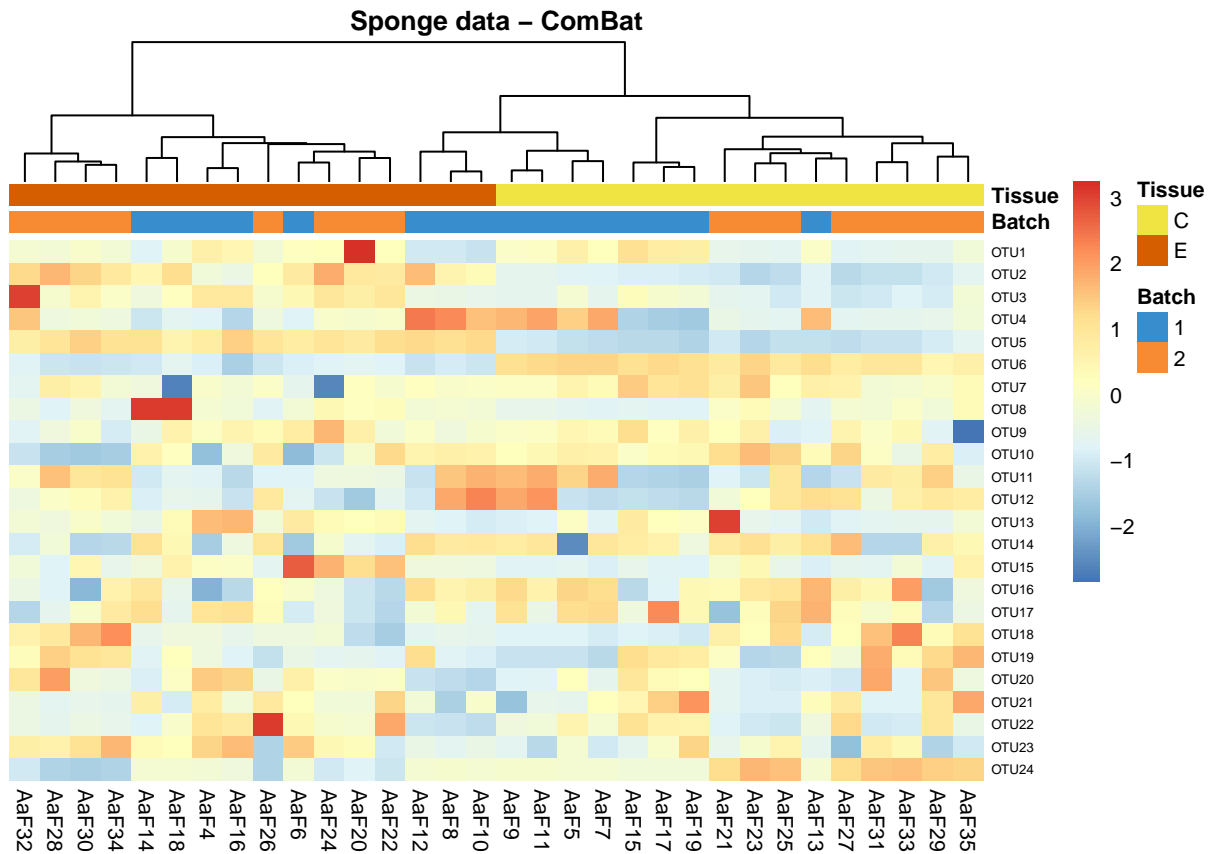
```
sponge.bmc.scale = scale(sponge.bmc, center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
sponge.bmc.scale = scale(t(sponge.bmc.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

pheatmap(sponge.bmc.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=5, fontsize_col=8,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = sponge.anno_col,
  annotation_colors=sponge.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'Sponge data - BMC')
```



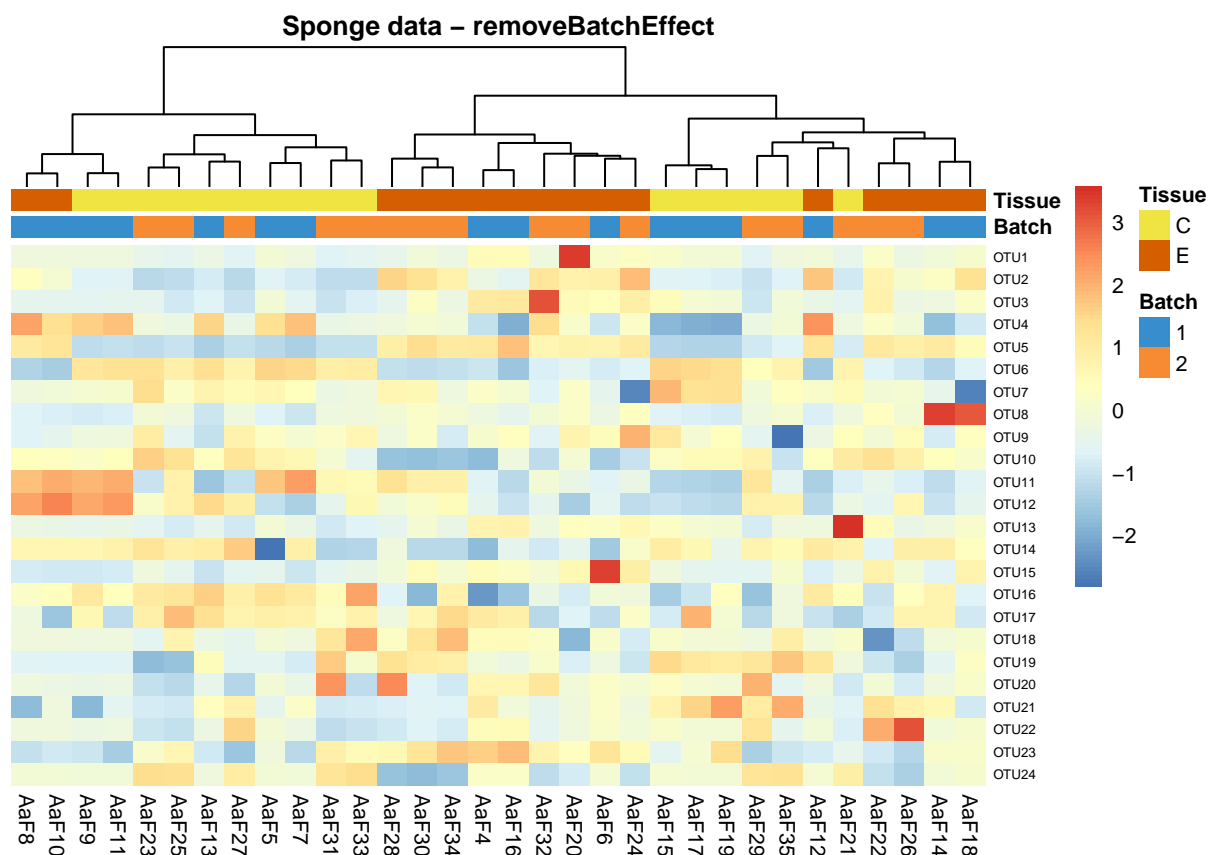
```
# ComBat
sponge.combat.scale = scale(sponge.combat, center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
sponge.combat.scale = scale(t(sponge.combat.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

pheatmap(sponge.combat.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=5, fontsize_col=8,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = sponge.anno_col,
  annotation_colors=sponge.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'Sponge data - ComBat')
```



```
# removeBatchEffect
sponge.limma.scale = scale(sponge.limma,center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
sponge.limma.scale = scale(t(sponge.limma.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

pheatmap(sponge.limma.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=5, fontsize_col=8,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = sponge.anno_col,
  annotation_colors= sponge.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'Sponge data - removeBatchEffect')
```

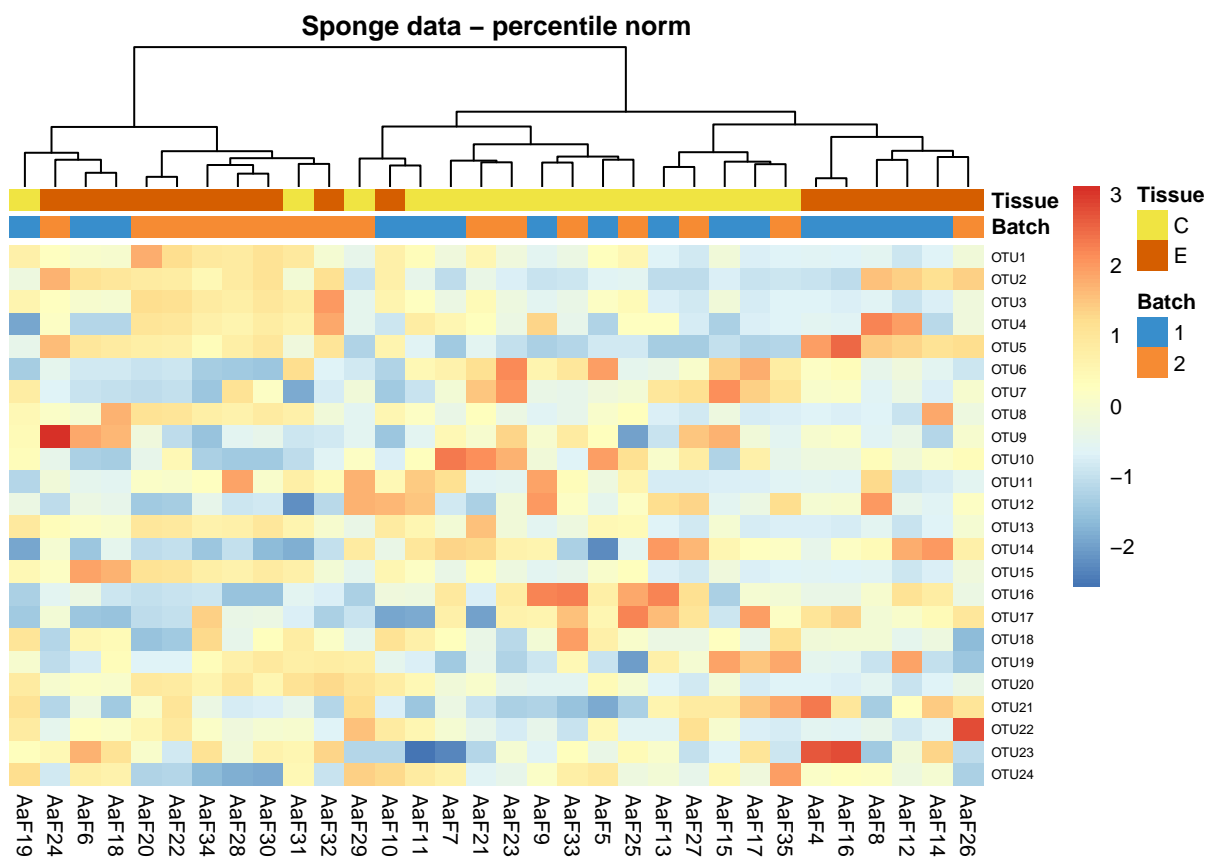


percentile normalisation

```
sponge.percentile.scale = scale(sponge.percentile,center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
```

```
sponge.percentile.scale = scale(t(sponge.percentile.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples
```

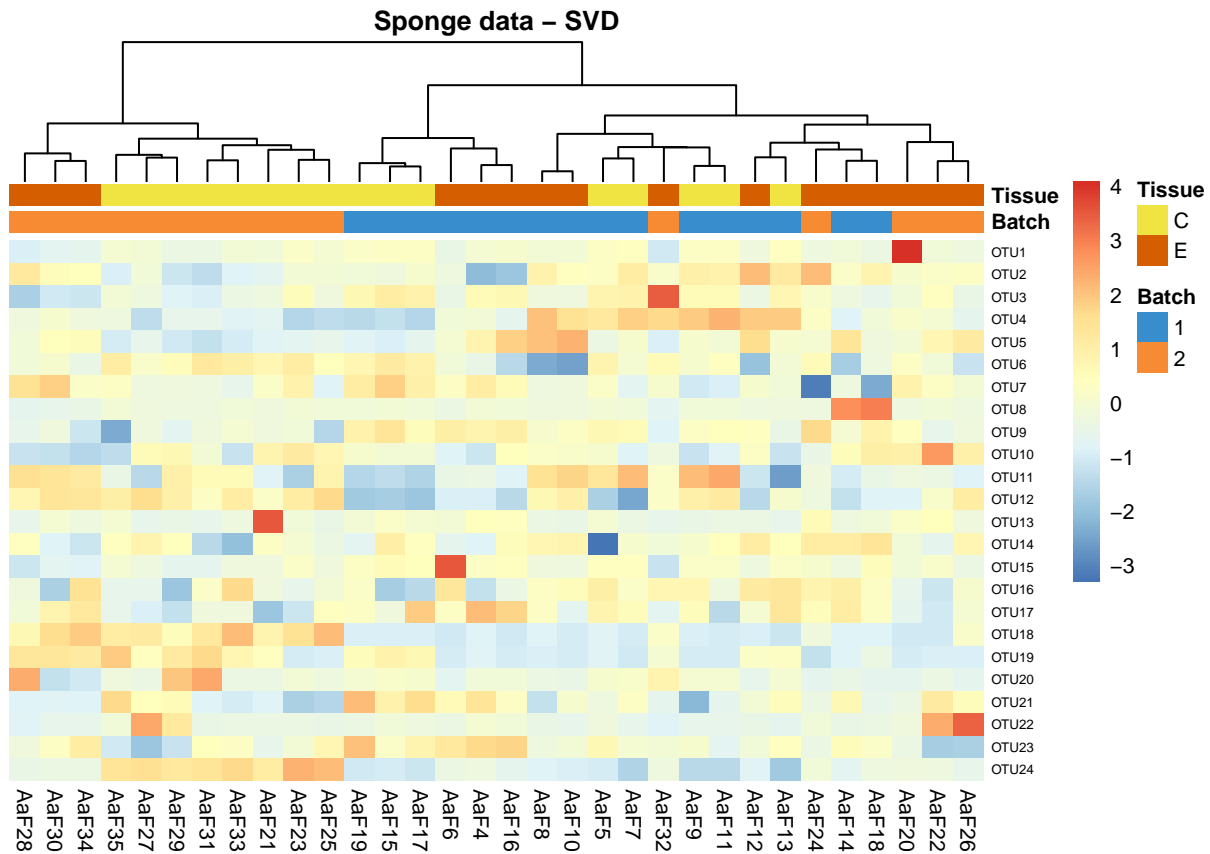
```
pheatmap(sponge.percentile.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=5, fontsize_col=8,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = sponge.anno_col,
  annotation_colors = sponge.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'Sponge data - percentile norm')
```



SVD

```
sponge.svd.scale = scale(sponge.svd, center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
sponge.svd.scale = scale(t(sponge.svd.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples
```

```
pheatmap(sponge.svd.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=5, fontsize_col=8,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = sponge.anno_col,
  annotation_colors = sponge.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'Sponge data - SVD')
```

#####

AD data

before

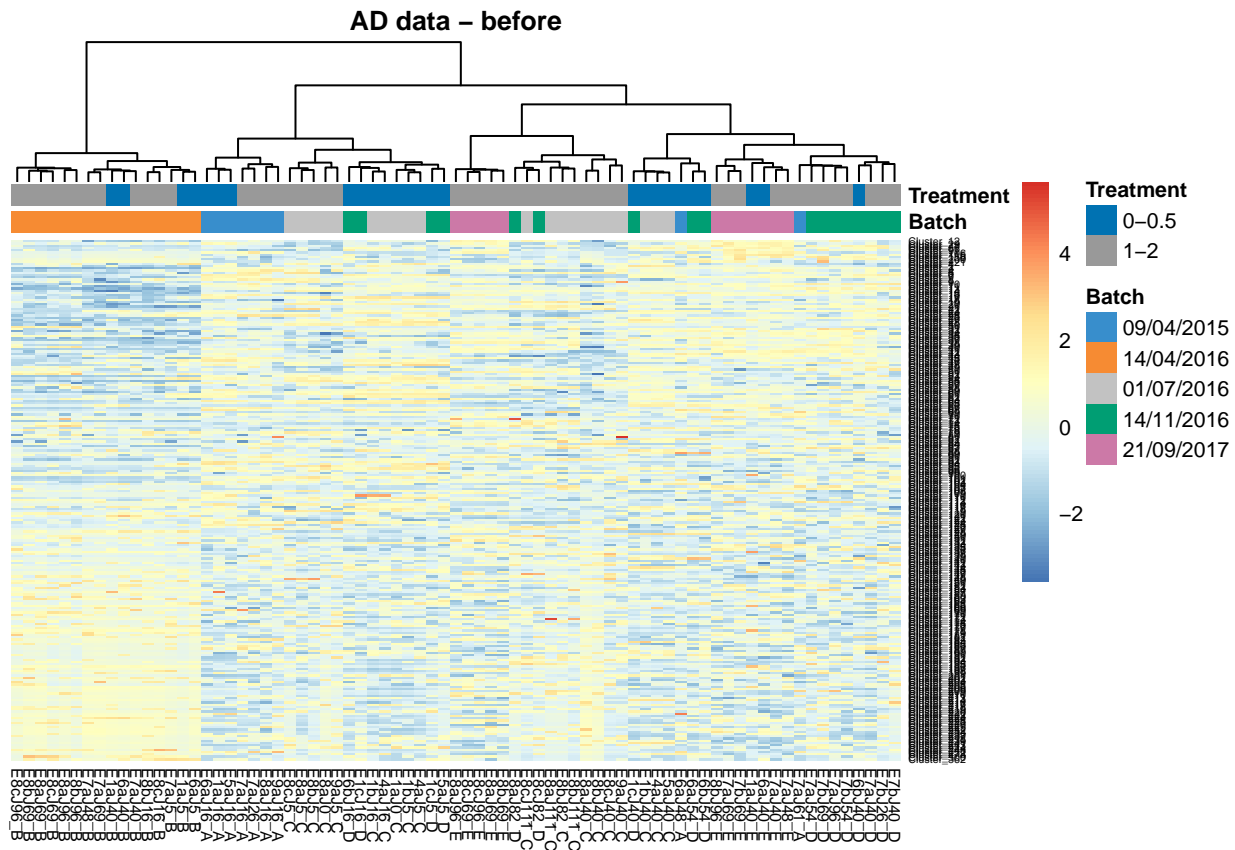
ad.tss.clr.scale = scale(ad.tss.clr, center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs

ad.tss.clr.scale = scale(t(ad.tss.clr.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

ad.anno_col = data.frame(Batch = ad.batch, Treatment = ad.trt)

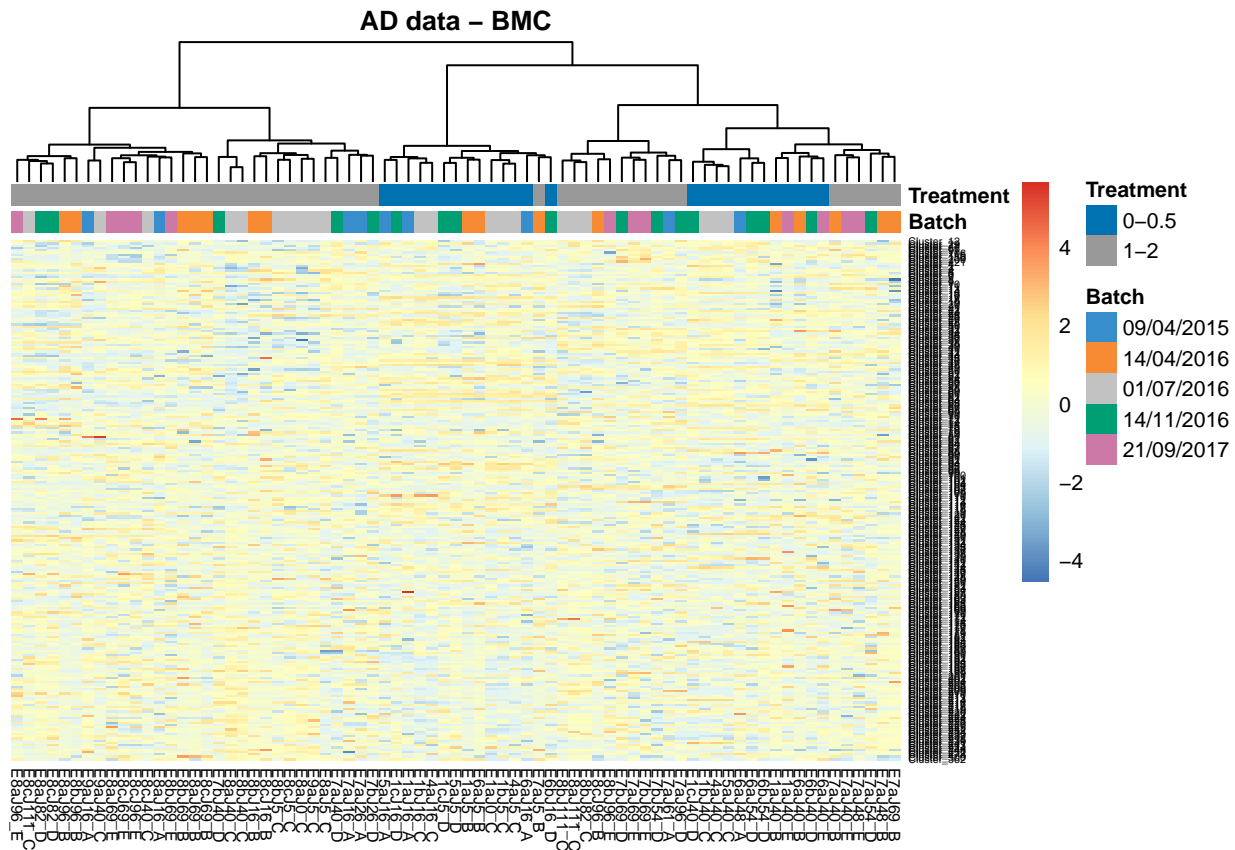
ad.anno_metabo_colors = list(Batch = c('09/04/2015' = "#388ECC", '14/04/2016' = "#F68B33", '01/07/2016' = "#C2C2C2"))

```
pheatmap(ad.tss.clr.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=4, fontsize_col=6,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = ad.anno_col,
  annotation_colors = ad.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'AD data - before')
```



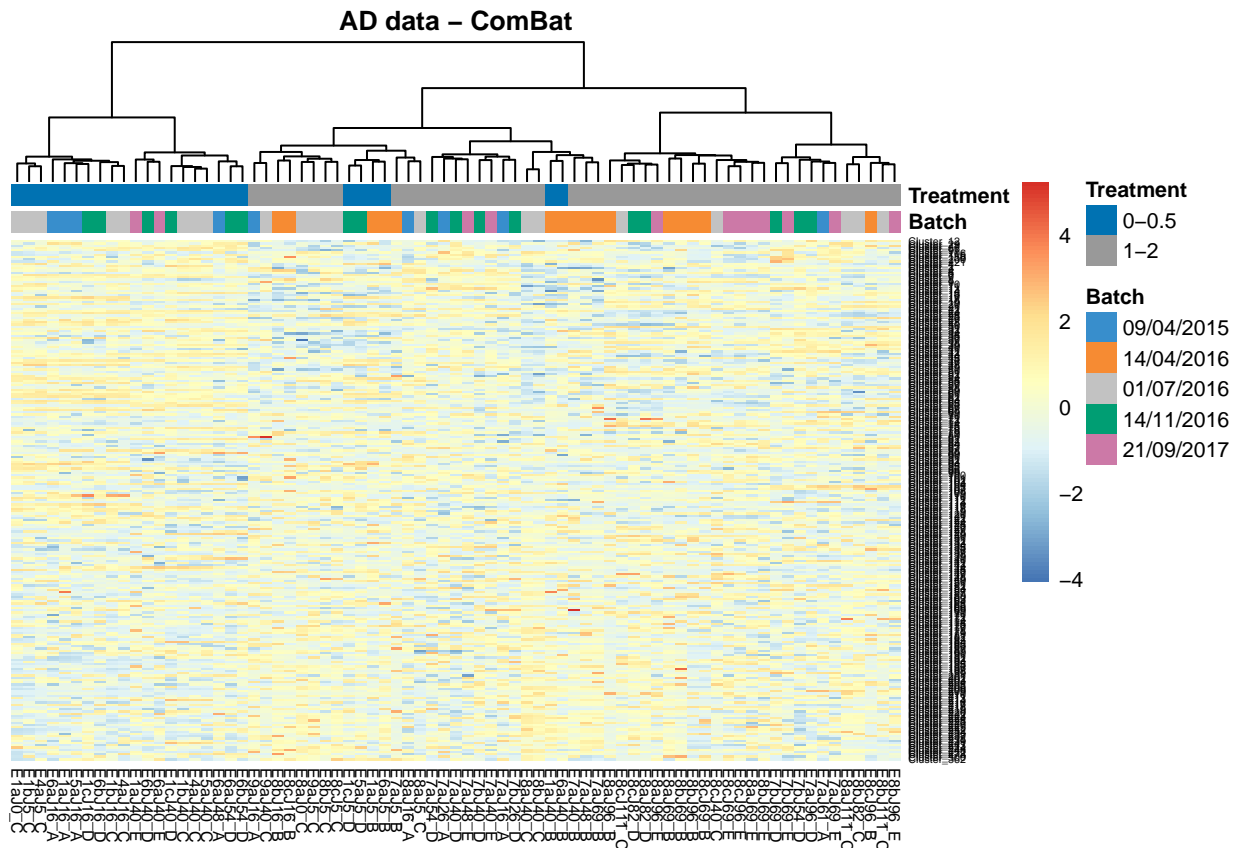
```
# BMC
ad.bmc.scale = scale(ad.bmc, center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
ad.bmc.scale = scale(t(ad.bmc.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

pheatmap(ad.bmc.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=4, fontsize_col=6,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = ad.anno_col,
  annotation_colors = ad.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'AD data - BMC')
```



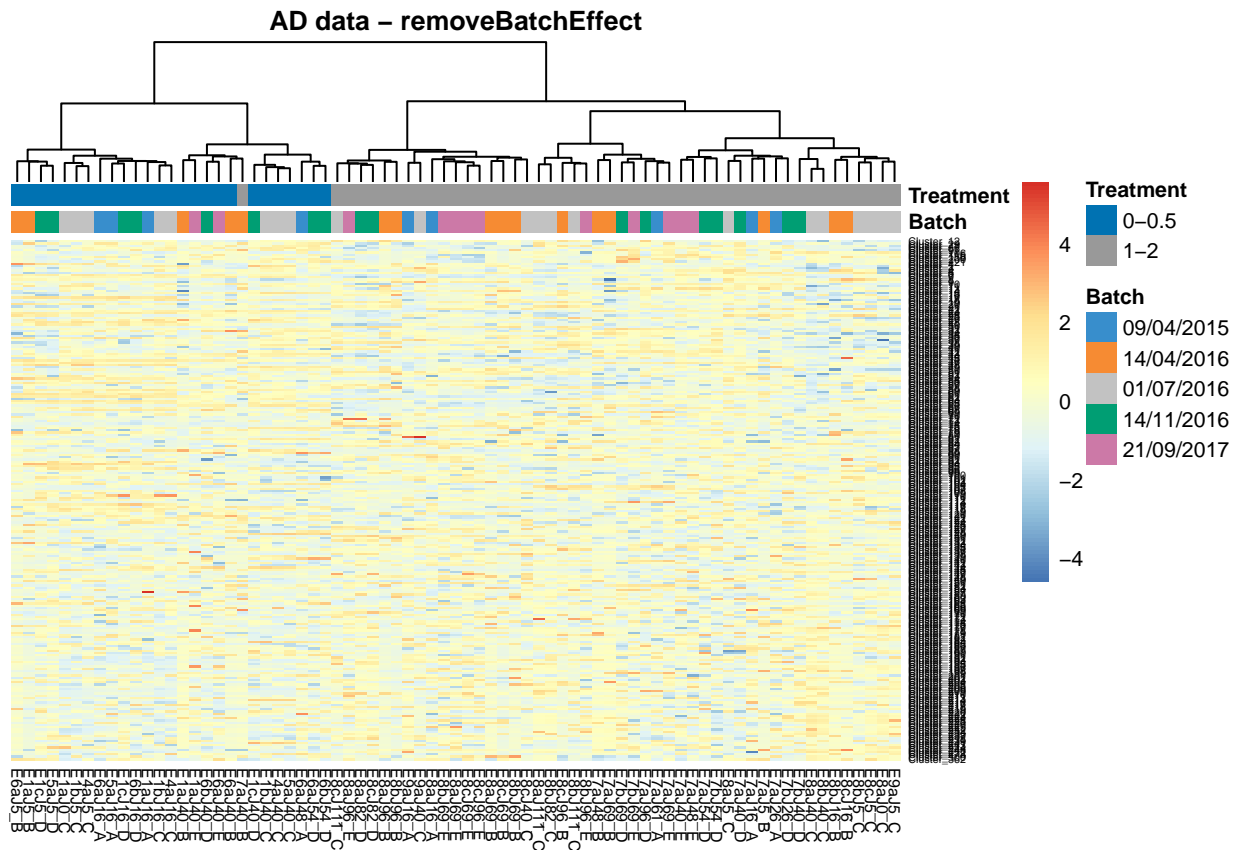
```
# ComBat
ad.combat.scale = scale(ad.combat,center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
ad.combat.scale = scale(t(ad.combat.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

pheatmap(ad.combat.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=4, fontsize_col=6,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = ad.anno_col,
  annotation_colors = ad.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'AD data - ComBat')
```



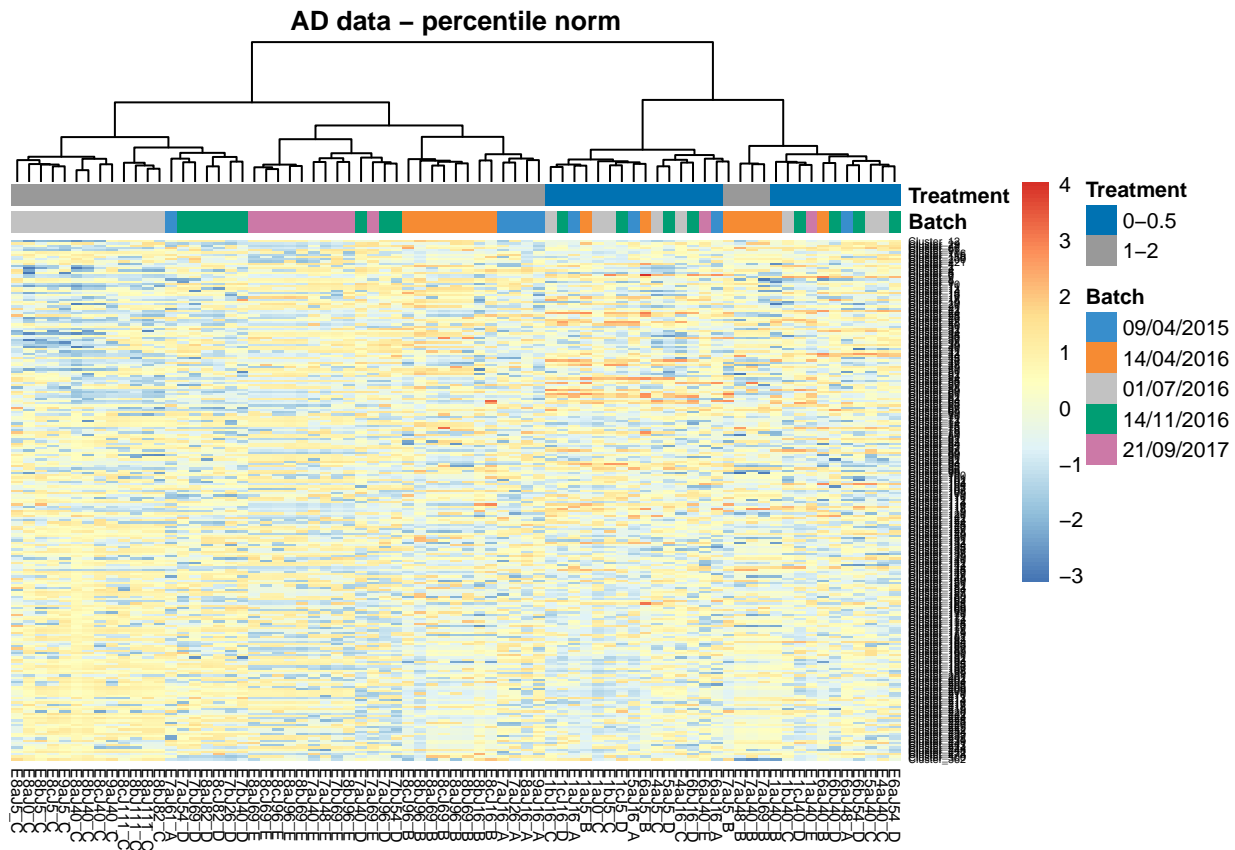
```
# removeBatchEffect
ad.limma.scale = scale(ad.limma,center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
ad.limma.scale = scale(t(ad.limma.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

pheatmap(ad.limma.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=4, fontsize_col=6,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = ad.anno_col,
  annotation_colors = ad.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'AD data - removeBatchEffect')
```



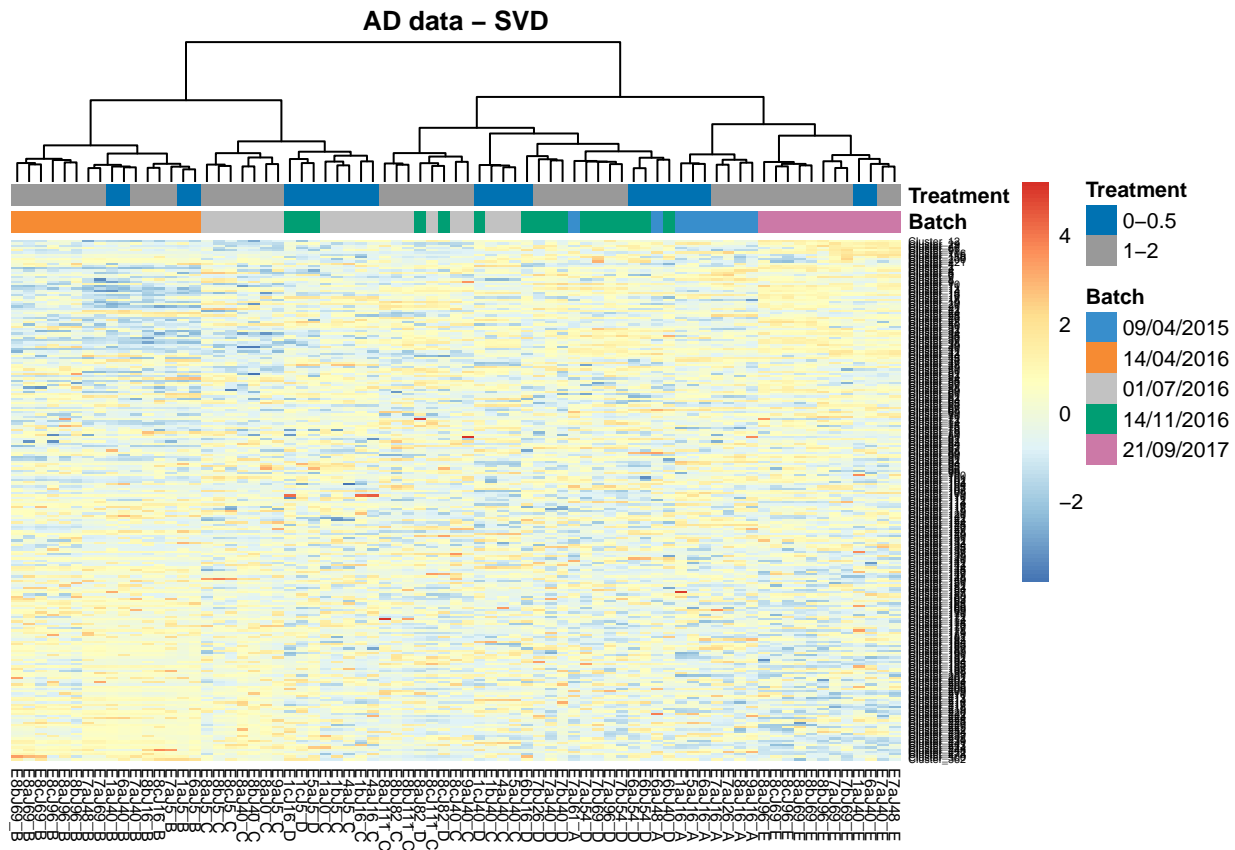
```
# percentile normalisation
ad.percentile.scale = scale(ad.percentile,center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
ad.percentile.scale = scale(t(ad.percentile.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

pheatmap(ad.percentile.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=4, fontsize_col=6,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = ad.anno_col,
  annotation_colors = ad.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'AD data - percentile norm')
```



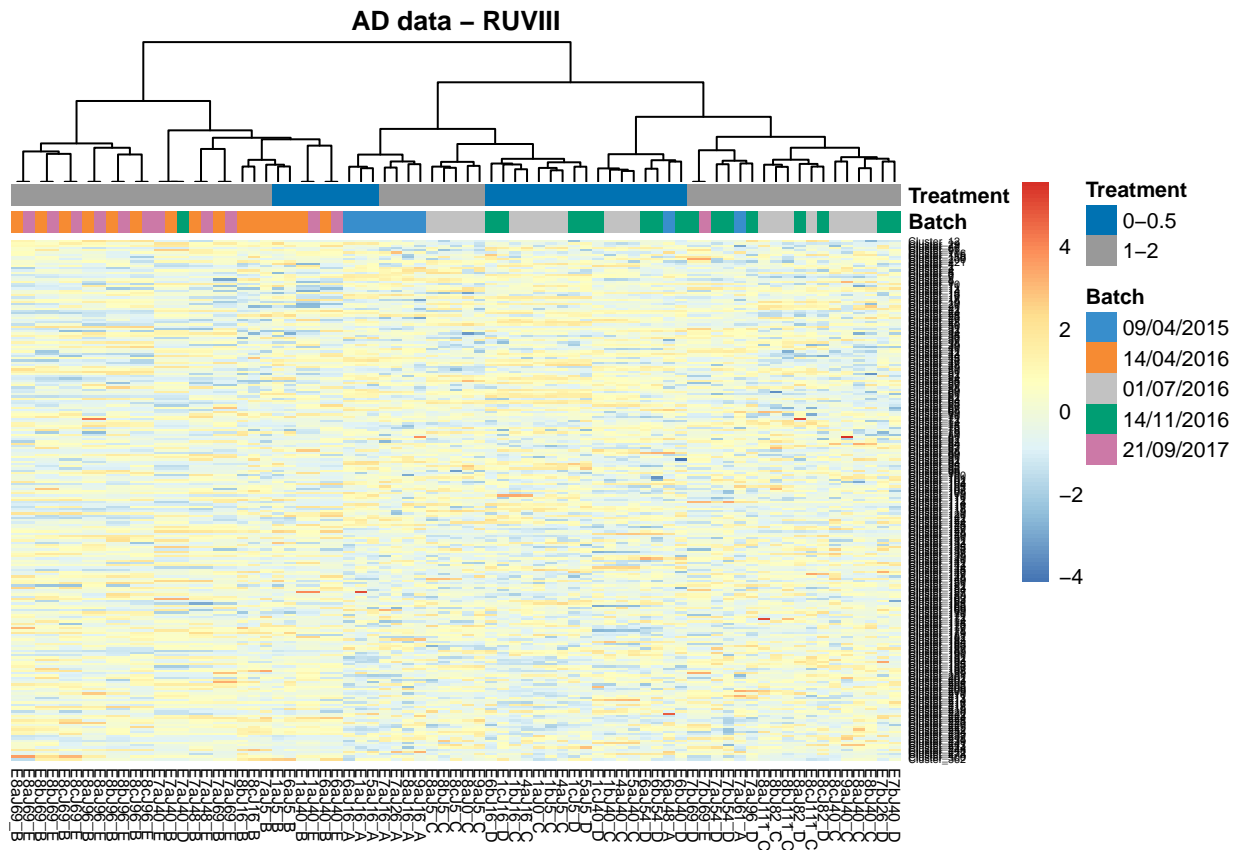
```
# SVD
ad.svd.scale = scale(ad.svd,center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
ad.svd.scale = scale(t(ad.svd.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

pheatmap(ad.svd.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=4, fontsize_col=6,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = ad.anno_col,
  annotation_colors = ad.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'AD data - SVD')
```



```
# RUVIII
ad.ruv.scale = scale(ad.ruvIII, center = T, scale = T) # scale on OTUs
ad.ruv.scale = scale(t(ad.ruv.scale), center = T, scale = T) # scale on samples

pheatmap(ad.ruv.scale,
  scale = 'none',
  cluster_rows = F,
  cluster_cols = T,
  fontsize_row=4, fontsize_col=6,
  fontsize = 8,
  clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean",
  clustering_method = "ward.D",
  treeheight_row = 30,
  annotation_col = ad.anno_col,
  annotation_colors = ad.anno_metabo_colors,
  border_color = 'NA',
  main = 'AD data - RUVIII')
```



4.2 Variance calculation

4.2.1 Linear model per variable

```
## Sponge data
form.sponge <- ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch
info.sponge = as.data.frame(cbind(rownames(sponge.tss.clr), sponge.trt, sponge.batch))
rownames(info.sponge) = rownames(sponge.tss.clr)

# before
varPart.sponge.before <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(sponge.tss.clr), form.sponge, info.sponge)

# BMC
varPart.sponge.bmc <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(sponge.bmc), form.sponge, info.sponge)

# combat
varPart.sponge.combat <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(sponge.combat), form.sponge, info.sponge)

# removeBatchEffect
varPart.sponge.limma <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(sponge.limma), form.sponge, info.sponge)

# percentile normalisation
varPart.sponge.percentile <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(sponge.percentile), form.sponge, info.sponge)
```

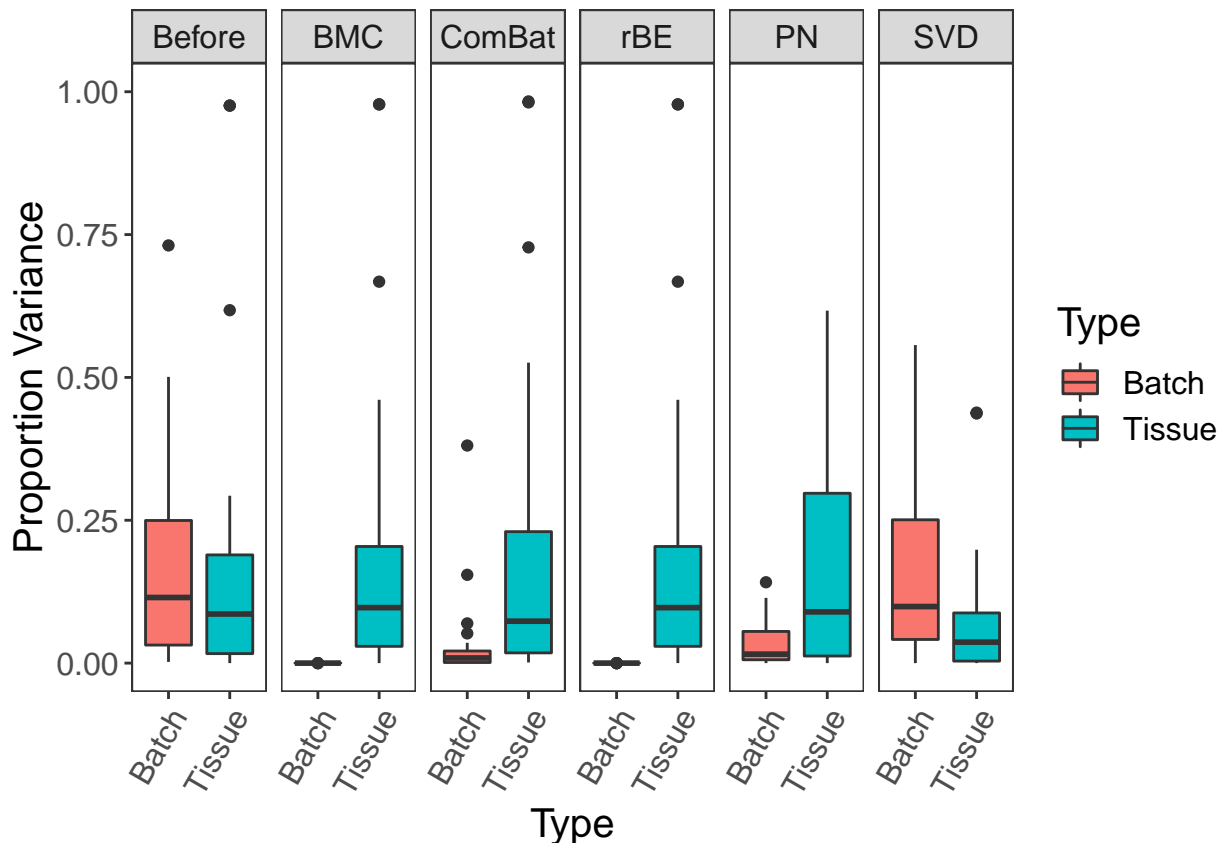


```
# svd
varPart.sponge.svd <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(sponge.svd), form.sponge, info.sponge)

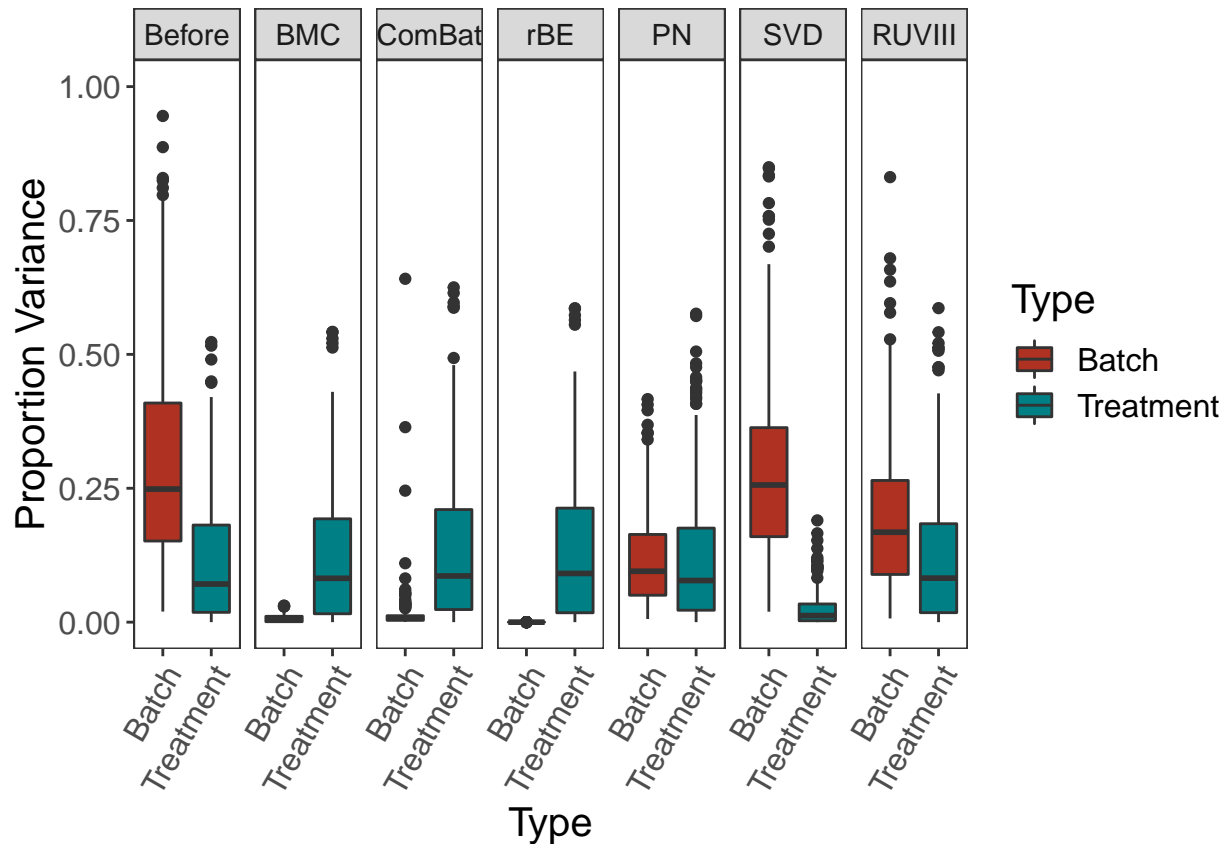
#####
#merge them
variance.sponge = rbind(cbind(variance = varPart.sponge.before$sponge.batch, Type = rep('Batch', 24), me
                        cbind(variance = varPart.sponge.before$sponge.trt, Type = rep('Tissue', 24), me
                        cbind(variance = varPart.sponge.bmc$sponge.batch, Type = rep('Batch', 24), me
                        cbind(variance = varPart.sponge.bmc$sponge.trt, Type = rep('Tissue', 24), me
                        cbind(variance = varPart.sponge.combat$sponge.batch, Type = rep('Batch', 24)
                        cbind(variance = varPart.sponge.combat$sponge.trt, Type = rep('Tissue', 24), me
                        cbind(variance = varPart.sponge.limma$sponge.batch, Type = rep('Batch', 24), me
                        cbind(variance = varPart.sponge.limma$sponge.trt, Type = rep('Tissue', 24), me
                        cbind(variance = varPart.sponge.percentile$sponge.batch, Type = rep('Batch', 24)
                        cbind(variance = varPart.sponge.percentile$sponge.trt, Type = rep('Tissue', 24), me
                        cbind(variance = varPart.sponge.svd$sponge.batch, Type = rep('Batch', 24), me
                        cbind(variance = varPart.sponge.svd$sponge.trt, Type = rep('Tissue', 24), me

variance.sponge = as.data.frame(variance.sponge)
variance.sponge$Type = factor(variance.sponge$Type, levels = unique(variance.sponge$Type))
variance.sponge$method = factor(variance.sponge$method, levels = unique(variance.sponge$method))
variance.sponge$variance = as.numeric(as.character(variance.sponge$variance))

ggplot(variance.sponge, aes(x=Type, y=variance, fill=Type)) + geom_boxplot() + facet_grid(cols = vars(me
```



```
#####  
# AD data  
form.ad <- ~ ad.trt + ad.batch  
info.ad = as.data.frame(cbind(rownames(ad.tss.clr),ad.trt,ad.batch))  
rownames(info.ad) = rownames(ad.tss.clr)  
  
# before  
varPart.ad.before <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(ad.tss.clr), form.ad, info.ad)  
  
# BMC  
varPart.ad.bmc <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(ad.bmc), form.ad, info.ad)  
  
# combat  
varPart.ad.combat <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(ad.combat), form.ad, info.ad)  
  
# removeBatchEffect  
varPart.ad.limma <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(ad.limma), form.ad, info.ad)  
  
# percentile normalisation  
varPart.ad.percentile <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(ad.percentile), form.ad, info.ad)  
  
# svd  
varPart.ad.svd <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(ad.svd), form.ad, info.ad)  
  
# ruv  
varPart.ad.ruv <- fitExtractVarPartModel(t(ad.ruvIII), form.ad, info.ad)  
  
#####  
#merge them  
variance.ad = rbind(cbind(variance = varPart.ad.before$ad.batch, Type = rep('Batch',231), method = rep('before',231)),  
                    cbind(variance = varPart.ad.before$ad.trt, Type = rep('Treatment',231), method = rep('before',231)),  
                    cbind(variance = varPart.ad.bmc$ad.batch, Type = rep('Batch',231), method = rep('BMC',231)),  
                    cbind(variance = varPart.ad.bmc$ad.trt, Type = rep('Treatment',231), method = rep('BMC',231)),  
                    cbind(variance = varPart.ad.combat$ad.batch, Type = rep('Batch',231), method = rep('combat',231)),  
                    cbind(variance = varPart.ad.combat$ad.trt, Type = rep('Treatment',231), method = rep('combat',231)),  
                    cbind(variance = varPart.ad.limma$ad.batch, Type = rep('Batch',231), method = rep('limma',231)),  
                    cbind(variance = varPart.ad.limma$ad.trt, Type = rep('Treatment',231), method = rep('limma',231)),  
                    cbind(variance = varPart.ad.percentile$ad.batch, Type = rep('Batch',231), method = rep('percentile',231)),  
                    cbind(variance = varPart.ad.percentile$ad.trt, Type = rep('Treatment',231), method = rep('percentile',231)),  
                    cbind(variance = varPart.ad.svd$ad.batch, Type = rep('Batch',231), method = rep('svd',231)),  
                    cbind(variance = varPart.ad.svd$ad.trt, Type = rep('Treatment',231), method = rep('svd',231)),  
                    cbind(variance = varPart.ad.ruv$ad.trt, Type = rep('Treatment',231), method = rep('ruv',231)))  
  
variance.ad = as.data.frame(variance.ad)  
variance.ad$Type = factor(variance.ad$Type, levels = unique(variance.ad$Type))  
variance.ad$method = factor(variance.ad$method, levels = unique(variance.ad$method))  
variance.ad$variance = as.numeric(as.character(variance.ad$variance))  
  
ggplot(variance.ad, aes(x=Type, y=variance, fill=Type)) + geom_boxplot() + facet_grid(cols = vars(method))
```



4.2.2 RDA

The multivariate method pRDA can be applied to calculate the variance of batch and treatment effects for all variables at once.

```
# Sponge data
sponge.data.design = numeric()
sponge.data.design$group = sponge.trt
sponge.data.design$batch = sponge.batch

# before
# conditioning on a batch effect
sponge.rda.before1 = rda(sponge.tss.clr ~ group + Condition(batch), data = sponge.data.design)
sponge.rda.before2 = rda(sponge.tss.clr ~ batch + Condition(group), data = sponge.data.design)

# amount of variance
sponge.rda.bat_prop.before = sponge.rda.before1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/sponge.rda.before1$tot.chi
sponge.rda.trt_prop.before = sponge.rda.before2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/sponge.rda.before2$tot.chi

# BMC
# conditioning on a batch effect
sponge.rda.bmc1 = rda(sponge.bmc ~ group + Condition(batch), data = sponge.data.design)
sponge.rda.bmc2 = rda(sponge.bmc ~ batch + Condition(group), data = sponge.data.design)

# amount of variance
sponge.rda.bat_prop.bmc = sponge.rda.bmc1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/sponge.rda.bmc1$tot.chi
```

```
sponge.rda.trt_prop.bmc = sponge.rda.bmc2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/sponge.rda.bmc2$tot.chi

# combat
# conditioning on a batch effect
sponge.rda.combat1 = rda(sponge.combat ~ group + Condition(batch), data = sponge.data.design)
sponge.rda.combat2 = rda(sponge.combat ~ batch + Condition(group), data = sponge.data.design)

# amount of variance
sponge.rda.bat_prop.combat = sponge.rda.combat1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/sponge.rda.combat1$tot.chi
sponge.rda.trt_prop.combat = sponge.rda.combat2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/sponge.rda.combat2$tot.chi

# limma
# conditioning on a batch effect
sponge.rda.limma1 = rda(sponge.limma ~ group + Condition(batch), data = sponge.data.design)
sponge.rda.limma2 = rda(sponge.limma ~ batch + Condition(group), data = sponge.data.design)

# amount of variance
sponge.rda.bat_prop.limma = sponge.rda.limma1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/sponge.rda.limma1$tot.chi
sponge.rda.trt_prop.limma = sponge.rda.limma2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/sponge.rda.limma2$tot.chi

# percentile
# conditioning on a batch effect
sponge.rda.percentile1 = rda(sponge.percentile ~ group + Condition(batch), data = sponge.data.design)
sponge.rda.percentile2 = rda(sponge.percentile ~ batch + Condition(group), data = sponge.data.design)

# amount of variance
sponge.rda.bat_prop.percentile = sponge.rda.percentile1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/sponge.rda.percentile1$tot.chi
sponge.rda.trt_prop.percentile = sponge.rda.percentile2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/sponge.rda.percentile2$tot.chi

# SVD
# conditioning on a batch effect
sponge.rda.svd1 = rda(sponge.svd ~ group + Condition(batch), data = sponge.data.design)
sponge.rda.svd2 = rda(sponge.svd ~ batch + Condition(group), data = sponge.data.design)

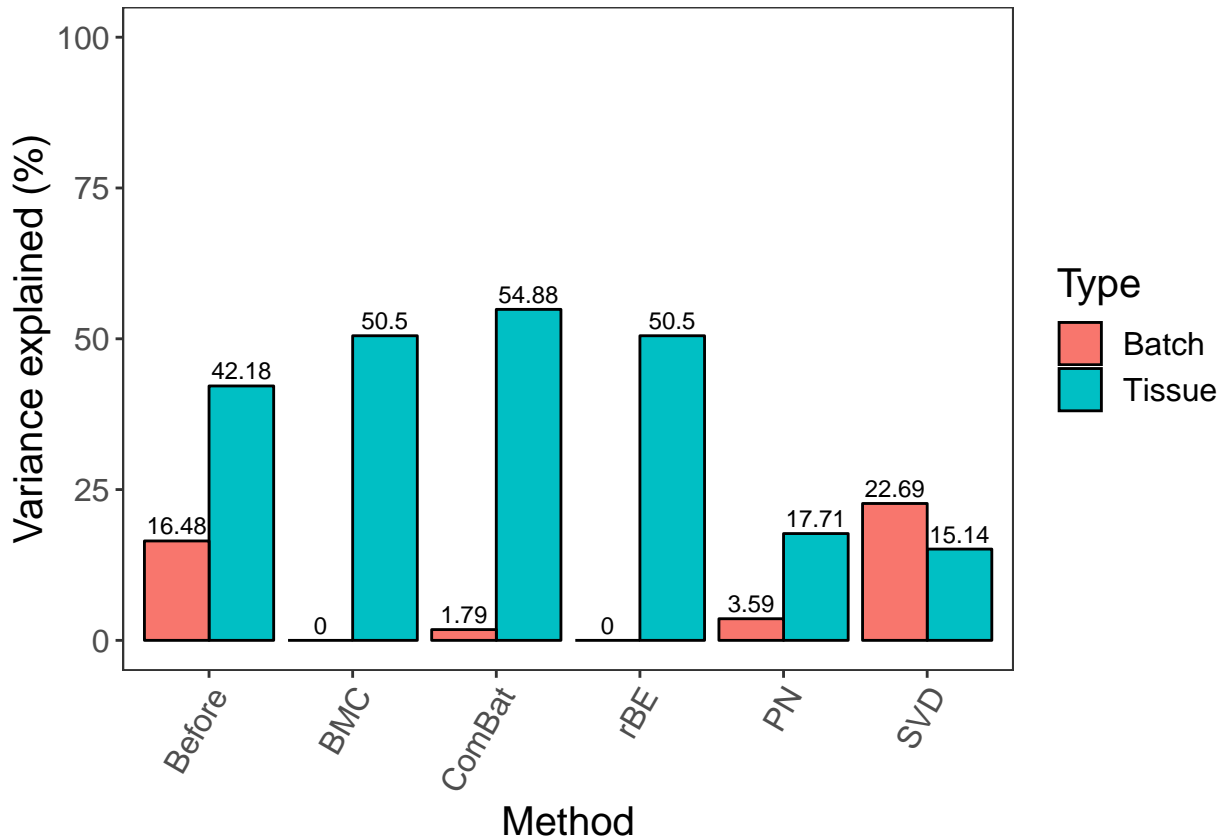
# amount of variance
sponge.rda.bat_prop.svd = sponge.rda.svd1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/sponge.rda.svd1$tot.chi
sponge.rda.trt_prop.svd = sponge.rda.svd2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/sponge.rda.svd2$tot.chi

# proportion
sponge.rda.prop.before = c(sponge.rda.bat_prop.before, sponge.rda.trt_prop.before)
sponge.rda.prop.bmc = c(sponge.rda.bat_prop.bmc, sponge.rda.trt_prop.bmc)
sponge.rda.prop.combat = c(sponge.rda.bat_prop.combat, sponge.rda.trt_prop.combat)
sponge.rda.prop.limma = c(sponge.rda.bat_prop.limma, sponge.rda.trt_prop.limma)
sponge.rda.prop.percentile = c(sponge.rda.bat_prop.percentile, sponge.rda.trt_prop.percentile)
sponge.rda.prop.svd = c(sponge.rda.bat_prop.svd, sponge.rda.trt_prop.svd)

sponge.rda.prop.val = c(sponge.rda.prop.before, sponge.rda.prop.bmc, sponge.rda.prop.combat, sponge.rda.prop.limma,
sponge.rda.prop.percentile, sponge.rda.prop.svd)
sponge.rda.prop = data.frame(prop = sponge.rda.prop.val, prop.r = round(sponge.rda.prop.val, 2), Method =
sponge.rda.prop$Method)

sponge.rda.prop$Method = factor(sponge.rda.prop$Method, levels = unique(sponge.rda.prop$Method))
```

```
ggplot(data = sponge.rda.prop, aes(x=Method,y=prop,fill = Type)) + geom_bar(stat="identity",position =
```



pRDA shows that BMC, ComBat and removeBatchEffect were more efficient at removing batch variation while preserving treatment variation. This result is in agreement with the proportional variance calculated using a linear model in the previous section ‘linear model per variable’. ComBat removed relatively less batch variation compared with the other two methods, which implies that the batch effect is not purely systematic. The low efficiency of percentile normalisation is more obvious in the variance calculated with pRDA. It did not remove enough batch variation, nor preserve enough treatment variation both in sponge data.

```
# AD data
data.design.ad = numeric()
data.design.ad$group = ad.trt
data.design.ad$batch = ad.batch

# before
# conditioning on a batch effect
rda.ad.before1 = rda(ad.tss.clr ~ group + Condition(batch), data = data.design.ad)
rda.ad.before2 = rda(ad.tss.clr ~ batch + Condition(group), data = data.design.ad)

# amount of variance
rda.prop.bat.ad.before = rda.ad.before1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.before1$tot.chi
rda.prop.trt.ad.before = rda.ad.before2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.before1$tot.chi

# BMC
# conditioning on a batch effect
rda.ad.bmc1 = rda(ad.bmc ~ group + Condition(batch), data = data.design.ad)
rda.ad.bmc2 = rda(ad.bmc ~ batch + Condition(group), data = data.design.ad)
```

```
# amount of variance
rda.prop.bat.ad.bmc = rda.ad.bmc1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.bmc1$tot.chi
rda.prop.trt.ad.bmc = rda.ad.bmc2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.bmc2$tot.chi

# combat
# conditioning on a batch effect
rda.ad.combat1 = rda(ad.combat ~ group + Condition(batch), data = data.design.ad)
rda.ad.combat2 = rda(ad.combat ~ batch + Condition(group), data = data.design.ad)

# amount of variance
rda.prop.bat.ad.combat = rda.ad.combat1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.combat1$tot.chi
rda.prop.trt.ad.combat = rda.ad.combat2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.combat2$tot.chi

# limma
# conditioning on a batch effect
rda.ad.limma1 = rda(ad.limma ~ group + Condition(batch), data = data.design.ad)
rda.ad.limma2 = rda(ad.limma ~ batch + Condition(group), data = data.design.ad)

# amount of variance
rda.prop.bat.ad.limma = rda.ad.limma1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.limma1$tot.chi
rda.prop.trt.ad.limma = rda.ad.limma2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.limma2$tot.chi

# percentile
# conditioning on a batch effect
rda.ad.percentile1 = rda(ad.percentile ~ group + Condition(batch), data = data.design.ad)
rda.ad.percentile2 = rda(ad.percentile ~ batch + Condition(group), data = data.design.ad)

# amount of variance
rda.prop.bat.ad.percentile = rda.ad.percentile1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.percentile1$tot.chi
rda.prop.trt.ad.percentile = rda.ad.percentile2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.percentile2$tot.chi

# SVD
# conditioning on a batch effect
rda.ad.svd1 = rda(ad.svd ~ group + Condition(batch), data = data.design.ad)
rda.ad.svd2 = rda(ad.svd ~ batch + Condition(group), data = data.design.ad)

# amount of variance
rda.prop.bat.ad.svd = rda.ad.svd1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.svd1$tot.chi
rda.prop.trt.ad.svd = rda.ad.svd2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.svd2$tot.chi

# RUVIII
# conditioning on a batch effect
rda.ad.ruv1 = rda(ad.ruvIII ~ group + Condition(batch), data = data.design.ad)
rda.ad.ruv2 = rda(ad.ruvIII ~ batch + Condition(group), data = data.design.ad)

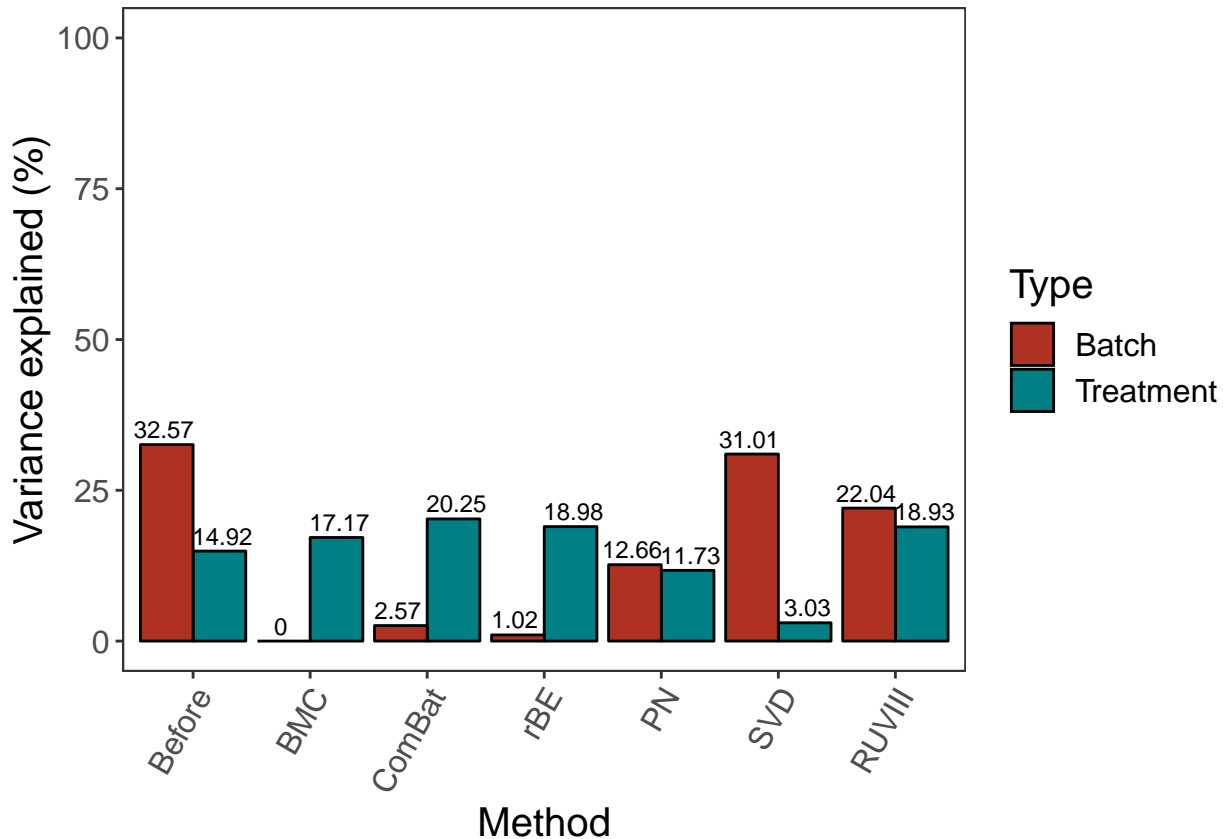
# amount of variance
rda.prop.bat.ad.ruv = rda.ad.ruv1$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.ruv1$tot.chi
rda.prop.trt.ad.ruv = rda.ad.ruv2$pCCA$tot.chi*100/rda.ad.ruv2$tot.chi
```

```
# proportion
rda.prop.ad.before = c(rda.prop.bat.ad.before,rda.prop.trt.ad.before)
rda.prop.ad.bmc = c(rda.prop.bat.ad.bmc,rda.prop.trt.ad.bmc)
rda.prop.ad.combat = c(rda.prop.bat.ad.combat,rda.prop.trt.ad.combat)
rda.prop.ad.limma = c(rda.prop.bat.ad.limma,rda.prop.trt.ad.limma)
rda.prop.ad.percentile = c(rda.prop.bat.ad.percentile,rda.prop.trt.ad.percentile)
rda.prop.ad.svd= c(rda.prop.bat.ad.svd,rda.prop.trt.ad.svd)
rda.prop.ad.ruv= c(rda.prop.bat.ad.ruv,rda.prop.trt.ad.ruv)

#####
rda.prop.ad.val = c(rda.prop.ad.before,rda.prop.ad.bmc,rda.prop.ad.combat,rda.prop.ad.limma,rda.prop.ad.percentile,rda.prop.ad.svd,rda.prop.ad.ruv)
rda.prop.ad = data.frame(prop = rda.prop.ad.val, prop.r = round(rda.prop.ad.val,2), Method = rep(c('Before','BMC','ComBat','rBE','PN','SVD','RUVIII'),7))

rda.prop.ad$Method = factor(rda.prop.ad$Method, levels = unique(rda.prop.ad$Method))

ggplot(data = rda.prop.ad, aes(x=Method,y=prop,fill = Type)) + geom_bar(stat="identity",position = 'dodge')
```



4.2.3 PVCA

It does not work for dataset with only 24 samples, therefore it cannot be applied on Sponge data.

```
# AD data
PVCA.score.ad = data.frame(Interaction = NA, Batch = NA,Treatment = NA,Residuals = NA)

Bat_Int.factors = data.frame(Batch = ad.batch, Treatment = ad.trt)
rownames(Bat_Int.factors) = rownames(ad.tss.clr)
```

```
pdata <- AnnotatedDataFrame(Bat_Int.factors)

# before
eset.X.before <- new("ExpressionSet", exprs = t(ad.tss.clr), phenoData = pdata)
pvcaObj.before <- pvcaBatchAssess(eset.X.before, c('Batch', 'Treatment'), 0.6)
values.before = pvcaObj.before$dat
PVCA.score.ad[1,] = values.before

# bmc
eset.X.bmc <- new("ExpressionSet", exprs = t(ad.bmc), phenoData = pdata)
pvcaObj.bmc <- pvcaBatchAssess(eset.X.bmc, c('Batch', 'Treatment'), 0.6)
values.bmc = pvcaObj.bmc$dat
PVCA.score.ad[2,] = values.bmc

# combat
eset.X.combat <- new("ExpressionSet", exprs = t(ad.combat), phenoData = pdata)
pvcaObj.combat <- pvcaBatchAssess(eset.X.combat, c('Batch', 'Treatment'), 0.6)
values.combat = pvcaObj.combat$dat
PVCA.score.ad[3,] = values.combat

# PN
eset.X.percentile <- new("ExpressionSet", exprs = t(ad.percentile), phenoData = pdata)
pvcaObj.percentile <- pvcaBatchAssess(eset.X.percentile, c('Batch', 'Treatment'), 0.6)
values.percentile = pvcaObj.percentile$dat
PVCA.score.ad[5,] = values.percentile

# limma
eset.X.limma <- new("ExpressionSet", exprs = t(ad.limma), phenoData = pdata)
pvcaObj.limma <- pvcaBatchAssess(eset.X.limma, c('Batch', 'Treatment'), 0.6)
values.limma = pvcaObj.limma$dat
PVCA.score.ad[4,] = values.limma

# svd
eset.X.svd <- new("ExpressionSet", exprs = t(ad.svd), phenoData = pdata)
pvcaObj.svd <- pvcaBatchAssess(eset.X.svd, c('Batch', 'Treatment'), 0.6)
values.svd = pvcaObj.svd$dat
PVCA.score.ad[6,] = values.svd

# RUVIII
eset.X.ruv <- new("ExpressionSet", exprs = t(ad.ruvIII), phenoData = pdata)
pvcaObj.ruv <- pvcaBatchAssess(eset.X.ruv, c('Batch', 'Treatment'), 0.6)
values.ruv = pvcaObj.ruv$dat
PVCA.score.ad[7,] = values.ruv
```



```
rownames(PVCA.score.ad) =c('Before', 'BMC', 'ComBat', 'rBE', 'PN', 'SVD', 'RUVIII')
```

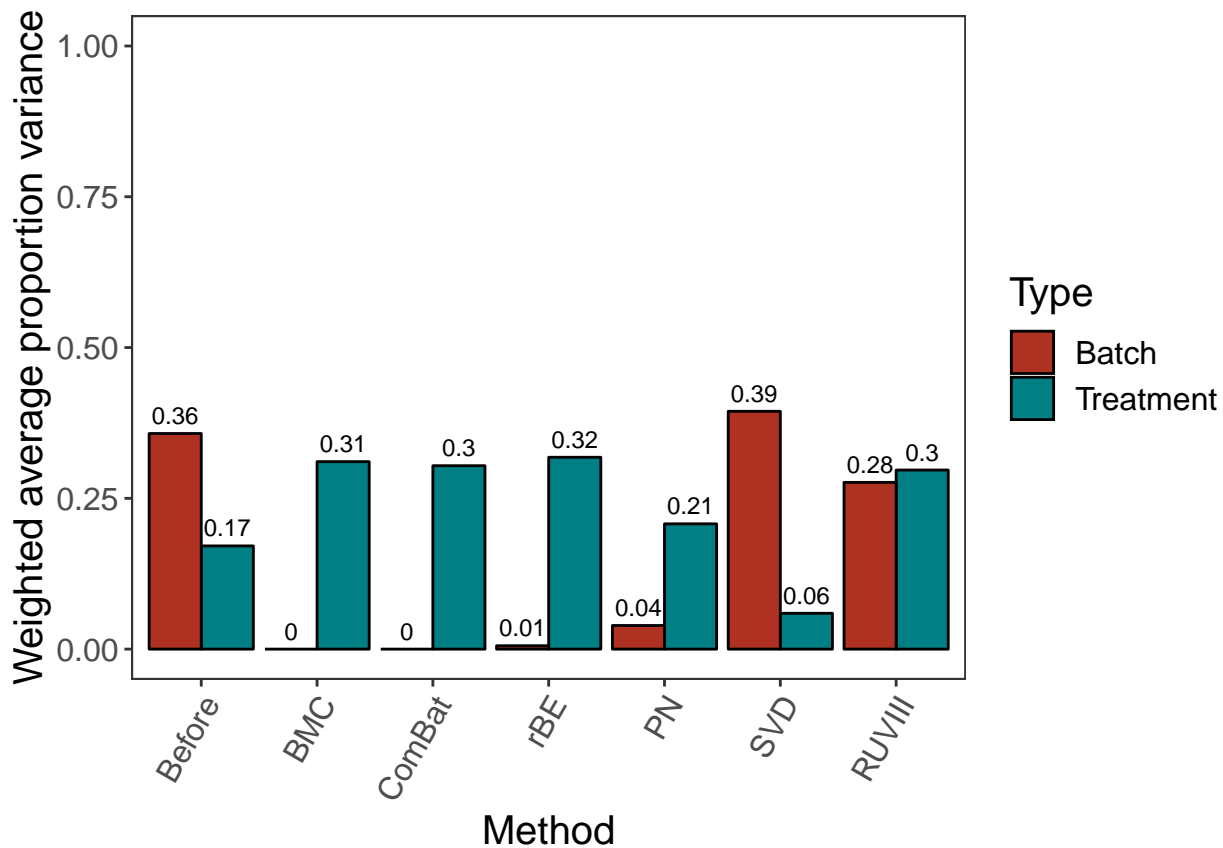
```
#####
```

```
pvca.prop.ad.val = c(PVCA.score.ad$Batch, PVCA.score.ad$Treatment)
```

```
pvca.prop.ad = data.frame(prop = pvca.prop.ad.val, prop.r = round(pvca.prop.ad.val, 2), Method = rep(c('Before', 'BMC', 'ComBat', 'rBE', 'PN', 'SVD', 'RUVIII'), each = 2))
```

```
pvca.prop.ad$Method = factor(pvca.prop.ad$Method, levels = unique(pvca.prop.ad$Method))
```

```
ggplot(data = pvca.prop.ad, aes(x=Method, y=prop, fill = Type)) + geom_bar(stat="identity", position = 'dodge')
```



4.2.4 Silhouette coefficient

```
#####
```

```
# Sponge data
```

```
silh.sponge.before = calc.sil(sponge.pca.before$variates$X, y1 = sponge.batch, y2 = sponge.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Treatment')
```

```
silh.sponge.bmc = calc.sil(sponge.pca.bmc$variates$X, y1 = sponge.batch, y2 = sponge.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Treatment')
```

```
silh.sponge.combat = calc.sil(sponge.pca.combat$variates$X, y1 = sponge.batch, y2 = sponge.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Treatment')
```

```
silh.sponge.limma = calc.sil(sponge.pca.limma$variates$X, y1 = sponge.batch, y2 = sponge.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Treatment')
```

```
silh.sponge.percentile = calc.sil(sponge.pca.percentile$variates$X, y1 = sponge.batch, y2 = sponge.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Treatment')
```

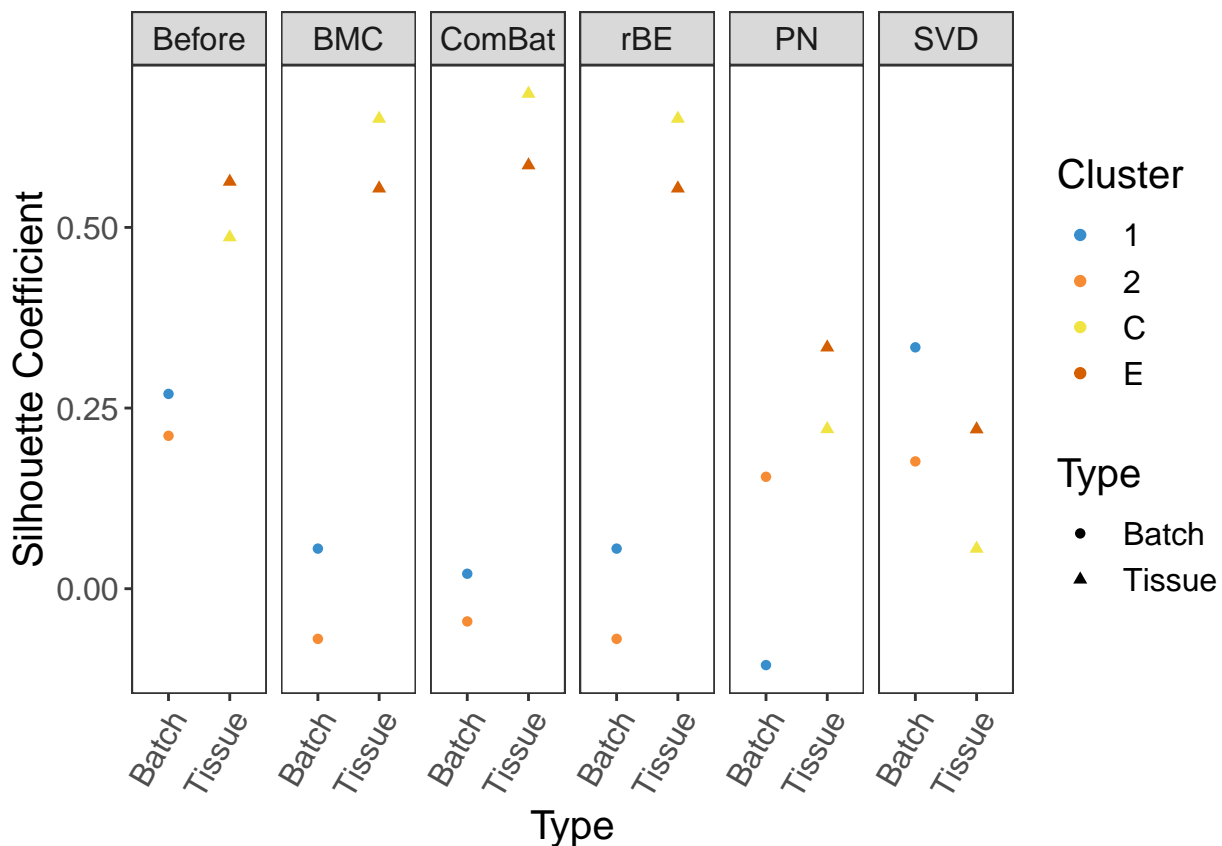
```
silh.sponge.svd = calc.sil(sponge.pca.svd$variates$X, y1 = sponge.batch, y2 = sponge.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Treatment')
```

```
data.plot.sponge = rbind(silh.sponge.before, silh.sponge.bmc, silh.sponge.combat, silh.sponge.limma, silh.sponge.percentile, silh.sponge.svd)
```

```
data.plot.sponge$method = c(rep('Before', nrow(silh.sponge.before)),
```

```
rep('BMC', nrow(silh.sponge.bmc)),
rep('ComBat', nrow(silh.sponge.combat)),
rep('rBE', nrow(silh.sponge.limma)),
rep('PN', nrow(silh.sponge.percentile)),
rep('SVD', nrow(silh.sponge.svd))
)
data.plot.sponge$method = factor(data.plot.sponge$method, levels = unique(data.plot.sponge$method))
data.plot.sponge$Cluster = factor(data.plot.sponge$Cluster, levels = unique(data.plot.sponge$Cluster))
data.plot.sponge$Type = factor(data.plot.sponge$Type, levels = unique(data.plot.sponge$Type))

ggplot(data.plot.sponge, aes(x=Type, y=silh.coeff, color = Cluster, shape = Type)) + geom_point() + fac
```



```
#####
# AD data
silh.ad.before = calc.sil(ad.pca.before$variates$X, y1 = ad.batch, y2 = ad.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Trt')
silh.ad.bmc = calc.sil(ad.pca.bmc$variates$X, y1 = ad.batch, y2 = ad.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Trt')
silh.ad.combat = calc.sil(ad.pca.combat$variates$X, y1 = ad.batch, y2 = ad.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Trt')
silh.ad.limma = calc.sil(ad.pca.limma$variates$X, y1 = ad.batch, y2 = ad.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Trt')
silh.ad.percentile = calc.sil(ad.pca.percentile$variates$X, y1 = ad.batch, y2 = ad.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Trt')
silh.ad.svd = calc.sil(ad.pca.svd$variates$X, y1 = ad.batch, y2 = ad.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Trt')
silh.ad.ruv = calc.sil(ad.pca.ruv$variates$X, y1 = ad.batch, y2 = ad.trt, name.y1 = 'Batch', name.y2 = 'Trt')

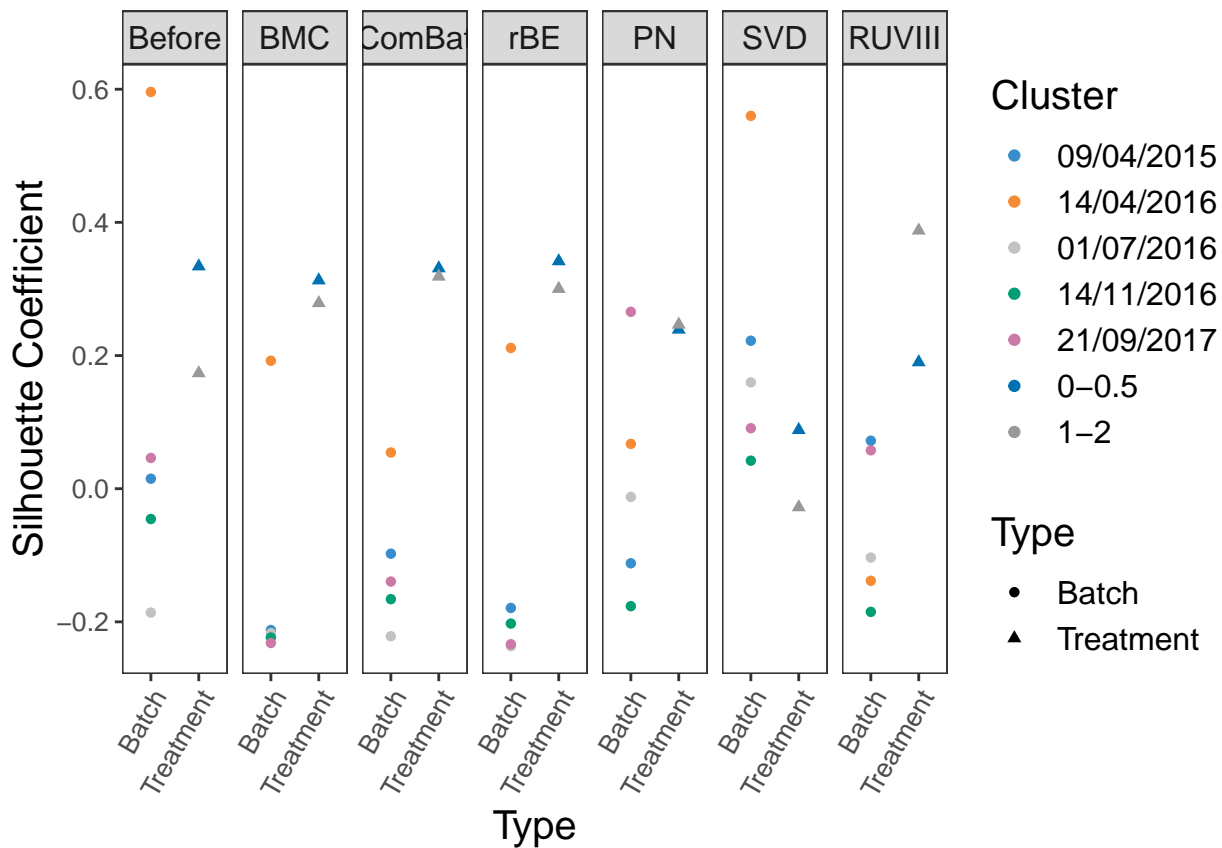
data.plot.ad = rbind(silh.ad.before, silh.ad.bmc, silh.ad.combat, silh.ad.limma, silh.ad.percentile, silh.ad.svd, silh.ad.ruv)
data.plot.ad$method = c(rep('Before', nrow(silh.ad.before)),
rep('BMC', nrow(silh.ad.bmc)),
```

```

rep('ComBat', nrow(silh.ad.combat)),
rep('rBE', nrow(silh.ad.limma)),
rep('PN', nrow(silh.ad.percentile)),
rep('SVD', nrow(silh.ad.svd)),
rep('RUVIII', nrow(silh.ad.ruv))
)
data.plot.ad$method = factor(data.plot.ad$method, levels = unique(data.plot.ad$method))
data.plot.ad$Cluster = factor(data.plot.ad$Cluster, levels = unique(data.plot.ad$Cluster))
data.plot.ad$Type = factor(data.plot.ad$Type, levels = unique(data.plot.ad$Type))

ggplot(data.plot.ad, aes(x=Type, y=silh.coeff, color = Cluster, shape = Type)) + geom_point() + facet_g

```





Chapter 5

Simulations of systematic and non-systematic batch effects

5.1 Mean=5,unequal variance

- $\beta_j \sim N(5, 1^2)$ for $j = 1, \dots, p$ OTUs;
- $\sigma_j \sim N(0, 2^2)$ for $j = 1, \dots, p$ OTUs;
- $\beta_{ij} \sim N(\beta_j, \sigma_j^2)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ samples.

```
## Create the simulated data
m = 50
n = 10000
nc = 1000 #negative controls without treatment effects
p = 1
k = 1
ctl = rep(FALSE, n)
ctl[1:nc] = TRUE
# treatment effect
X = matrix(c(rep(0,floor(m/2)), rep(1,ceiling(m/2))), m, p)
beta = matrix(rnorm(p*n,5,1), p, n) #treatment coefficients
beta[,ctl] = 0
# batch effect
W = as.matrix(rep(0,m),m,k)
W[c(1:12,38:50),1] = 1
alpha = matrix(rnorm(k*n,5,1),k,n)
Y_alpha = sapply(alpha, function(alpha){rnorm(m, mean = alpha, abs(rnorm(1, mean = 0, sd = 2))))})
YY_alpha = apply(Y_alpha,2,function(x){x*W})

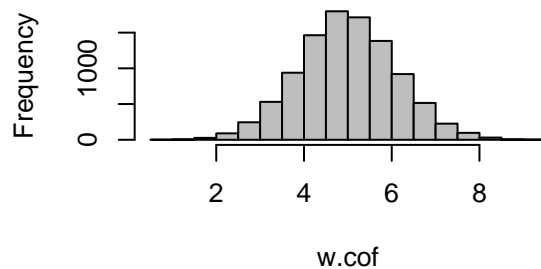
epsilon = matrix(rnorm(m*n,0,1),m,n)
Y = X%*%beta + YY_alpha + epsilon

# estimate batch coefficient for each OTU
w.cof = c()
for(i in 1:ncol(Y)){
  res = lm(Y[,i] ~ X + W)
```

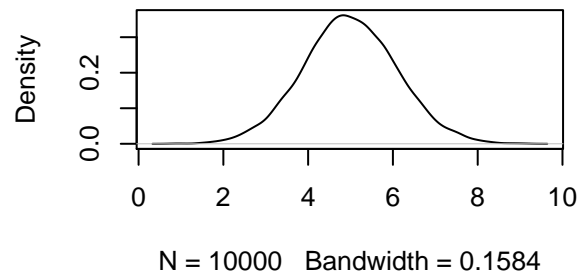
```
sum.res = summary(res)
w.cof[i] = sum.res$coefficients[3,1]
}

par(mfrow=c(2,2))
hist(w.cof,col = 'gray')
plot(density(w.cof))
qqnorm(w.cof)
qqline(w.cof, col='red')
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
```

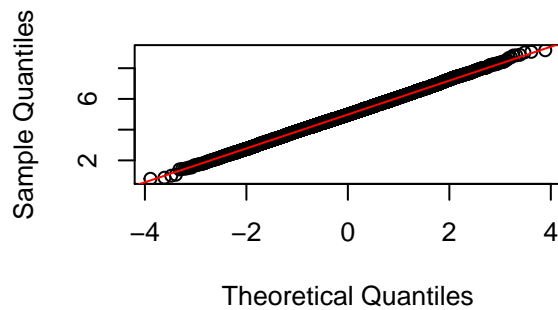
Histogram of w.cof



density.default(x = w.cof)



Normal Q-Q Plot



5.2 Mean=0&5,unequal variance

- $\beta_t \sim N(0, 1^2)$ and $\beta_k \sim N(5, 1^2)$ for $t = 1, \dots, T$ OTUs, $k = 1, \dots, K$ OTUs and $T = \frac{3}{4}p$, $K = \frac{1}{4}p$;
- $\sigma_j \sim N(0, 2^2)$ for $j = 1, \dots, p$ OTUs;
- $\beta_{ij} \sim N(\beta_j, \sigma_j^2)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ samples.

```
## Create the simulated data
m = 50
n = 10000
nc = 1000 #negative controls without treatment effects
p = 1
k = 1
ctl = rep(FALSE, n)
ctl[1:nc] = TRUE
```

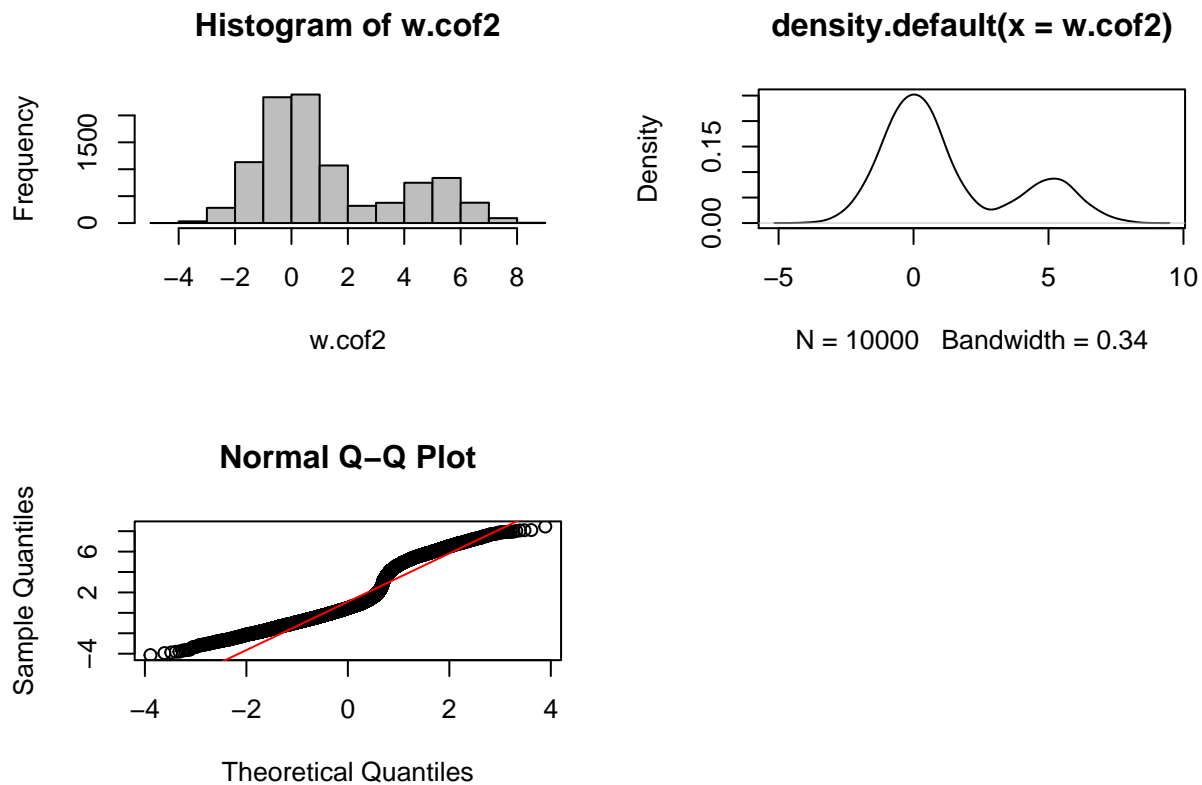


```
# treatment effect
X = matrix(c(rep(0,floor(m/2)), rep(1,ceiling(m/2))), m, p)
beta = matrix(rnorm(p*n,5,1), p, n) #treatment coefficients
beta[,ctl] = 0
# batch effect
W = as.matrix(rep(0,m),m,k)
W[c(1:12,38:50),1] = 1
alpha2 = matrix(sample(c(rnorm(k*(3*n/4),0,1),rnorm(k*(n/4),5,1)),n),k,n)
Y_alpha2 = sapply(alpha2, function(alpha){rnorm(m, mean = alpha, sd = abs(rnorm(1, mean = 0, sd = 2)))})
YY_alpha2 = apply(Y_alpha2,2,function(x){x*W})

epsilon = matrix(rnorm(m*n,0,1),m,n)
Y2 = X%*%beta + YY_alpha2 + epsilon

w.cof2 = c()
for(i in 1:ncol(Y2)){
  res = lm(Y2[,i] ~ X + W)
  sum.res = summary(res)
  w.cof2[i] = sum.res$coefficients[3,1]
}

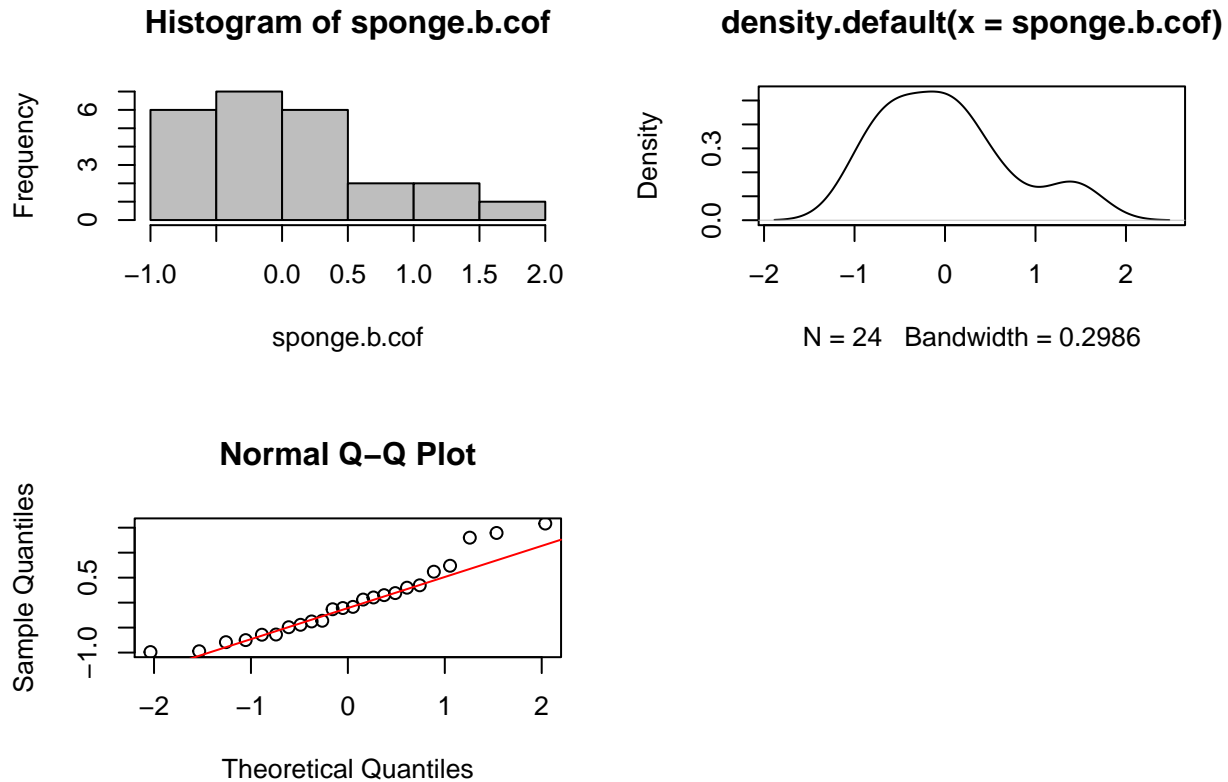
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
hist(w.cof2,col = 'gray')
plot(density(w.cof2))
qqnorm(w.cof2)
qqline(w.cof2, col='red')
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
```



5.3 Sponge data

```
sponge.b.cof = c()
for(i in 1:ncol(sponge.tss.clr)){
  res = lm(sponge.tss.clr[,i] ~ sponge.trt + sponge.batch)
  sum.res = summary(res)
  sponge.b.cof[i] = sum.res$coefficients[3,1]
}

par(mfrow=c(2,2))
hist(sponge.b.cof,col = 'gray')
plot(density(sponge.b.cof))
qqnorm(sponge.b.cof)
qqline(sponge.b.cof, col='red')
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
```

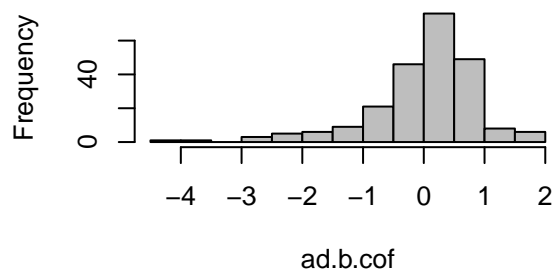
5.4 AD data

```
ad.b.cof = c()
ad.batch.relevel = relevel(ad.batch, '01/07/2016')
for(i in 1:ncol(ad.tss.clr)){
  res = lm(ad.tss.clr[,i] ~ ad.trt + ad.batch.relevel)
  sum.res = summary(res)
  ad.b.cof[i] = sum.res$coefficients[4,1]
}

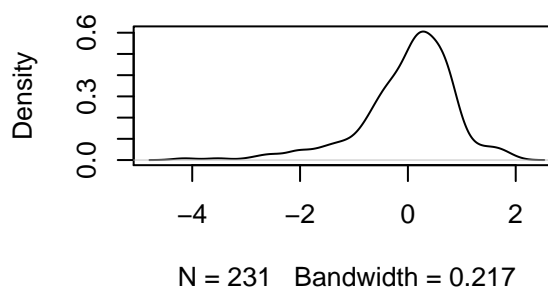
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
hist(ad.b.cof,col = 'gray')
plot(density(ad.b.cof))
qqnorm(ad.b.cof)
qqline(ad.b.cof, col='red')
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
```



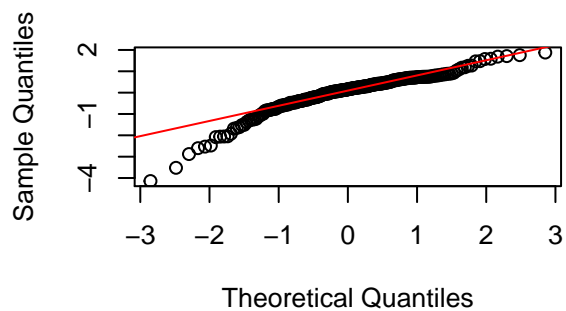
Histogram of ad.b.cof



density.default(x = ad.b.cof)



Normal Q-Q Plot



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