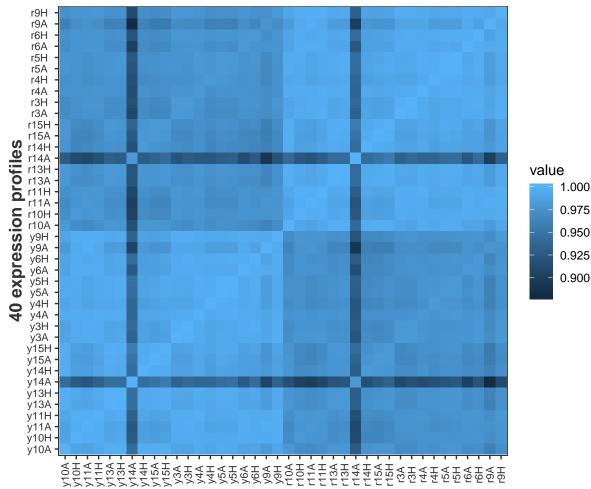pearson correlation of expression profiles