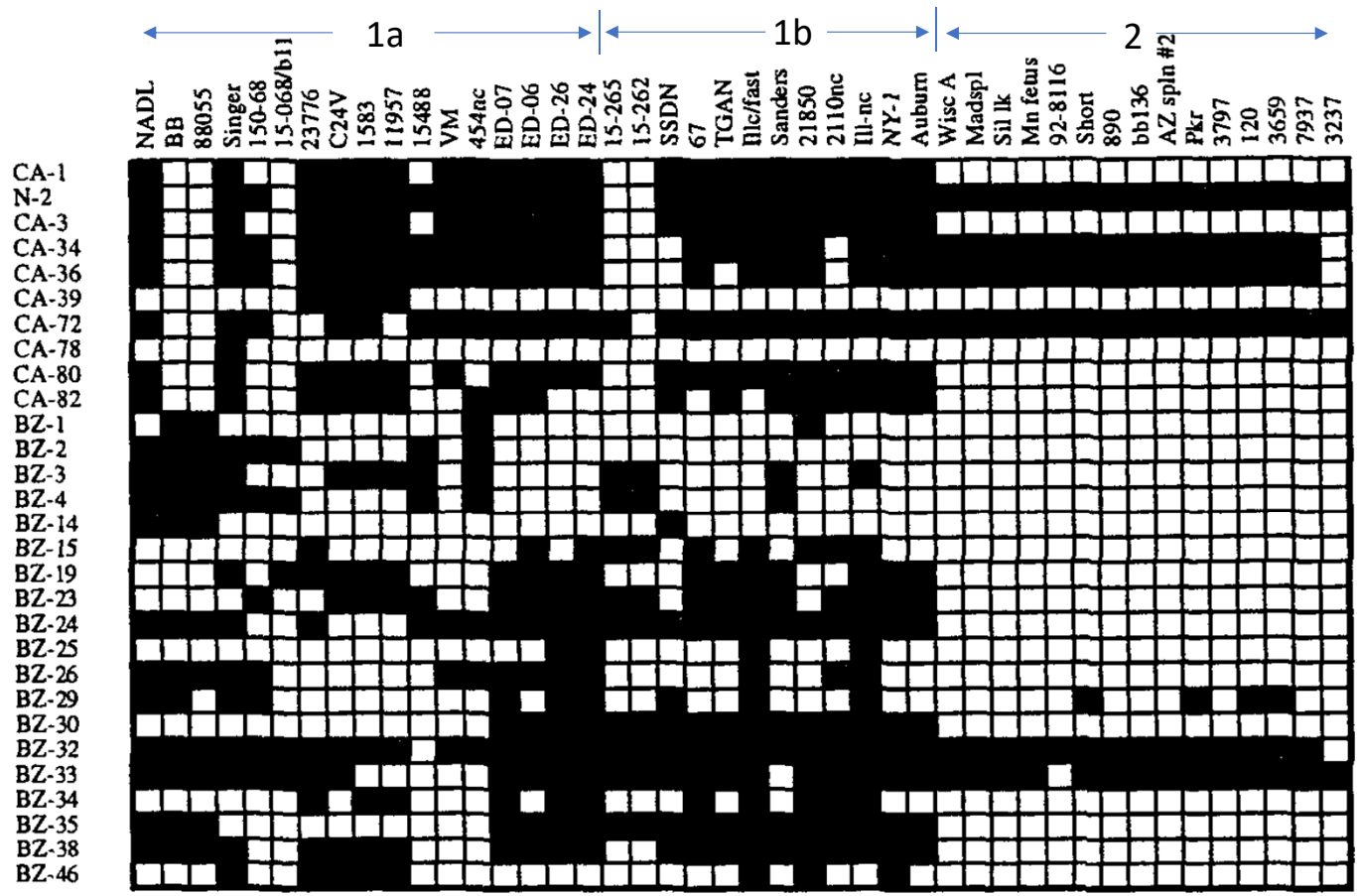


# BVDV2 Field Isolates and Their Genetic Relationships to the BVDV2 in US Cattle Vaccines

# BVDV Diversity

- Long been known that BVDV strains differ both genetically and antigenically
- Sequencing of different regions of BVDV genomes shows significant differences
  - Divided into subgenotype (1a-1u, 2a-2c)
- Cross-neutralization studies using antiserum and neutralizations using mAbs showed considerable antigenic variation



Note. Mabs listed on left. BVDV isolates listed across top. A dark square (■) indicates binding.

Ridpath, et al, Virology, 1994

# BVDV Sequencing

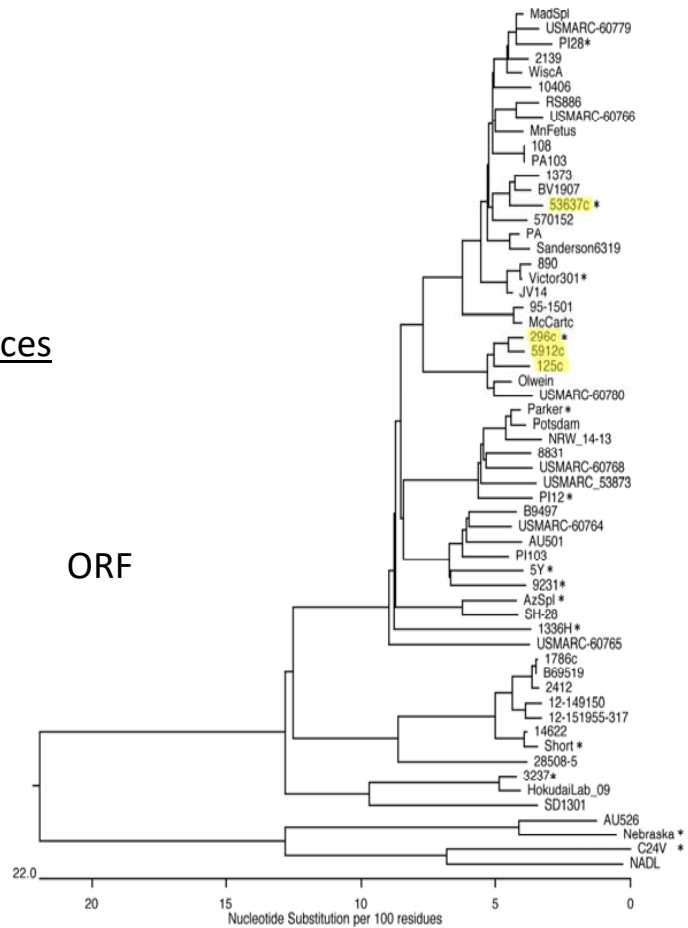
- Undertaking study comparing BVDV genetic diversity with antigenic differences
- Sequencing viruses that show genetic differences using 5' UTR sequences
- Full genome sequencing
- Generate monospecific antisera against a selection of viruses across each subgenotype's genetic spectrum
- Preparing antisera against 1a, 1b and 2 viruses
- Compare increasing genetic distance to neutralization titers

Vaccine Virus aa Differences

296c/5912c – 3

296c/125c – 16

5912c/125c - 15



2a

2c

2b

1b

1a



## Monospecific Antisera

- Chose BVDV2 strains based on phylogenetic analysis – across genetic spectrum
- Infected 2 calves with each virus by intranasal instillation followed at ~day 28 with subcutaneous injection of virus for boost
- Bled out at ~54 days post infection
- Determined Ab titer against homologous virus

**Virus neutralization titers for genetically diverse  
BVDV2 strains as determined using antiserum  
raised against BVDV2a 296c**

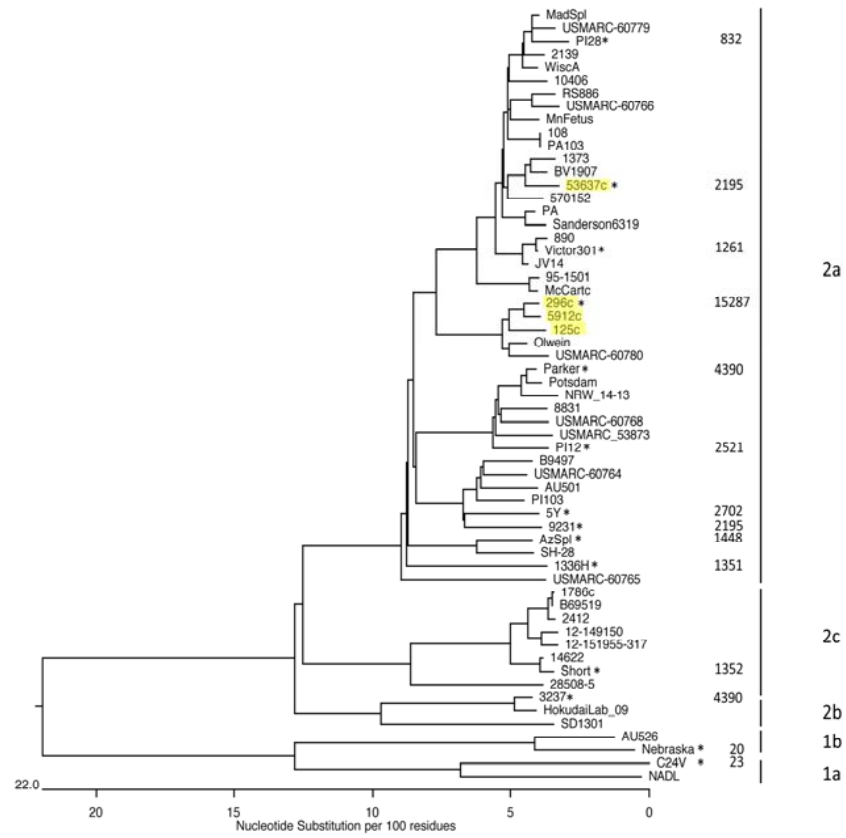
<b><u>BVDV2</u></b>	<b><u>Neutralization Titer<sup>1</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Log(2) Titer</u></b>	<b><u>Log(2) Titer Decrease<sup>2</sup></u></b>
<b>296c</b>	15287 <sup>3</sup>	13.9	0
<b>53637c</b>	2195	11.1	2.8
<b>1336H</b>	1351	10.4	3.5
<b>5Y</b>	2702	11.4	2.5
<b>PI12</b>	2521	11.3	2.6
<b>Parker</b>	4390	12.1	1.8
<b>AzSpl</b>	1448	10.9	3.0
<b>9231</b>	2195	11.1	2.8
<b>Short</b>	1352	10.4	3.5
<b>3237</b>	4390	12.1	1.8
<b>PI28</b>	832	9.7	4.2
<b>Victor301</b>	1261	10.3	3.6
<b>Nebraska (1b)</b>	20	4.5	9.4
<b>C24V (1a)</b>	23	4.3	9.6

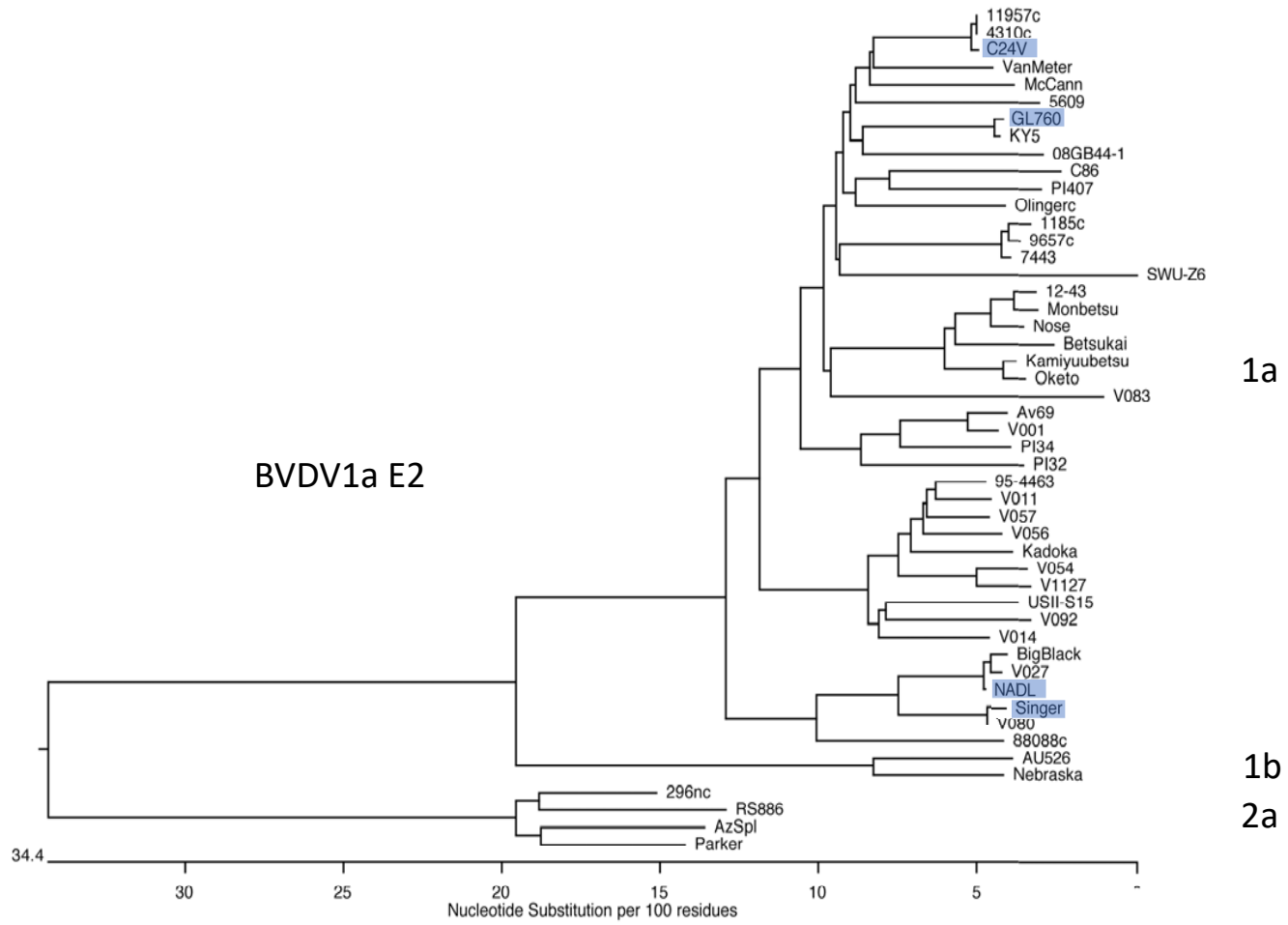
<sup>1</sup>Recipricol of the antiserum dilution neutralizing test virus

<sup>2</sup>Decrease in neutralization titer from the homologous 296c titer

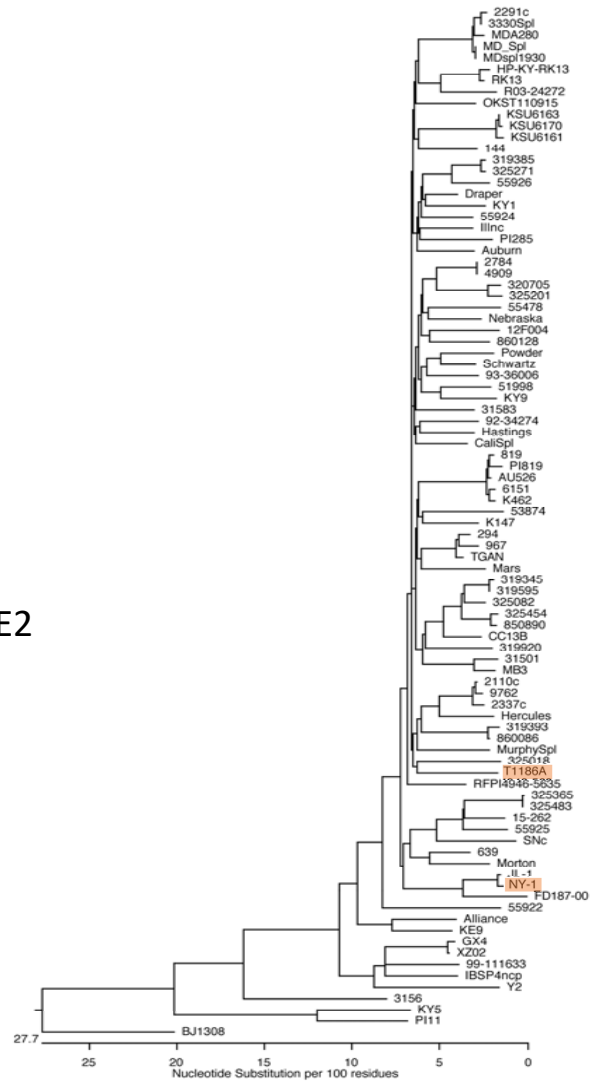
<sup>3</sup>296c homologous antiserum neutralization titer







BVDV1b E2



# Weaknesses revealed in experimental designs

- Genetic distances revealed in these analyses can be significant between isolates of BVDV
  - Includes distances from field and vaccine strains
- Do these distances have an impact in vaccination/challenge studies?
- Many BVDV2 challenge experiments used 890 or 1373 as the virulent challenge – both are near most vaccine viruses genetically
- Many vaccination experiments do not use homologous viruses to determine final vaccination titers
  - Genetic distance of test virus from vaccine virus can have large impact on actual titer
- Phylogenetic analyses often use too few sequences with too few reference sequences of too little genetic diversity



2a

BVDV2 E2  
protein

2c  
2b  
1b  
1a

# Conclusions

- Significant genetic diversity exists in the 5 subgenotypes of BVDV in the U.S.
- Little is known about genetic distances and degree of antigenic diversity
- Antigenic diversity can have a serious impact on how efficacious current MLV vaccines are in protecting against BVDV infections
- Indicates a need to seriously consider genetic relationships between vaccine and challenge viruses