

Three High G+C soil proteobacterial genomes assembled using a hybrid approach

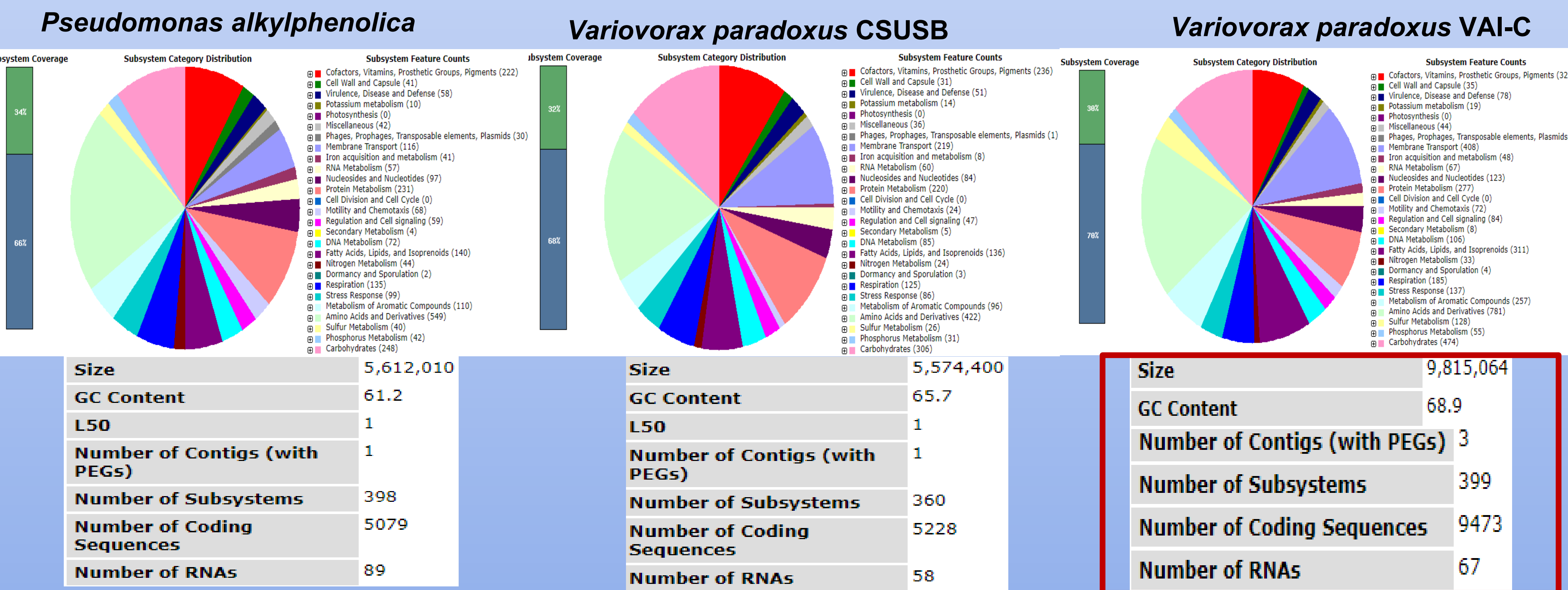
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Abstract

Three high G+C bacterial genomes were sequenced and assembled using a hybrid approach. Long scaffolding reads were obtained for all three organisms using the Oxford Nanopore MinION system, and short accurate reads obtained through Illumina sequencing were used to alleviate non-random mutation in the final assemblies. The three soil bacteria sequenced were *Variovorax paradoxus* strain CSUSB, *V. paradoxus* strain VAI-C (a quorum sensing signal degrader), and a soil isolate of *Pseudomonas alkylphenolica* that was identified as tolerant to high levels of imidacloprid. Genomic DNA was isolated using the Quick and Loman ultra-long read protocol followed by shearing using a 24-gauge needle. The DNA was tagged and sequenced using Oxford Nanopores 3rd generation Sequencer (Flowcell MIN-106, Barcoding kit RBK-004). The long-read sequences were basecalled in Guppy demultiplexed with Deepbinner and adaptors removed with Porechop (v0.2.4). The strains were assembled using the long reads from the Oxford Nanopore in Unicycler without references. Short reads for polishing the *V. paradoxus* VAI-C and *P. alkylphenolica* strain were generated using the Illumina I-Seq 100 platform, starting with the same genomic DNA preparations and generating a 250-300 nt fragment size library using Nextera DNA Flex LPK. Sequencing on the iSEQ was performed using 2x150 paired end read generation from these libraries. The CSUSB strain was assembled with short reads obtained from the Illumina MiSeq platform (500-600 Library fragment size using Nextera XT kit, 2x250 reads). The genome assemblies were annotated in RAST, the VAI-C strain assembled into a three contig with 9,815,064 bp (68.9% GC) while the CSUSB strain gave a single assembly with 5,574,400 bp (65.7% GC). The *P. alkylphenolica* strain assembly generated a single contig with 5,612,010 (61.2% GC). Two of the three assemblies suggest a single chromosome structure for each of these isolates, in contrast with VAI-C with a secondary replicon & plasmids and other *Variovorax paradoxus* strains that carry as second chromosomal element. These finished genomes will form the basis for more molecular exploration of the evolution of genome architecture in these species.

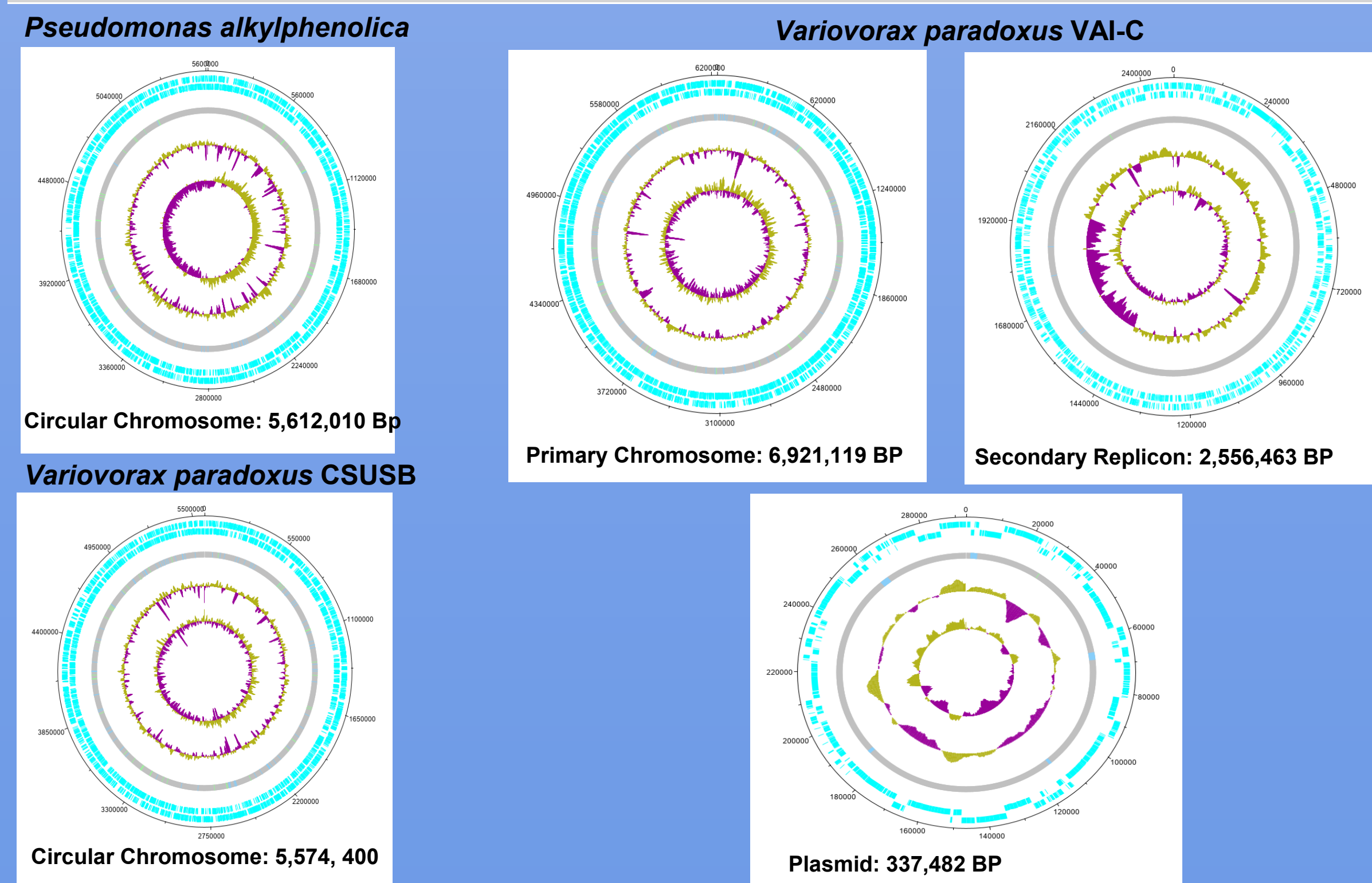
Genome Statistics, RAST annotation



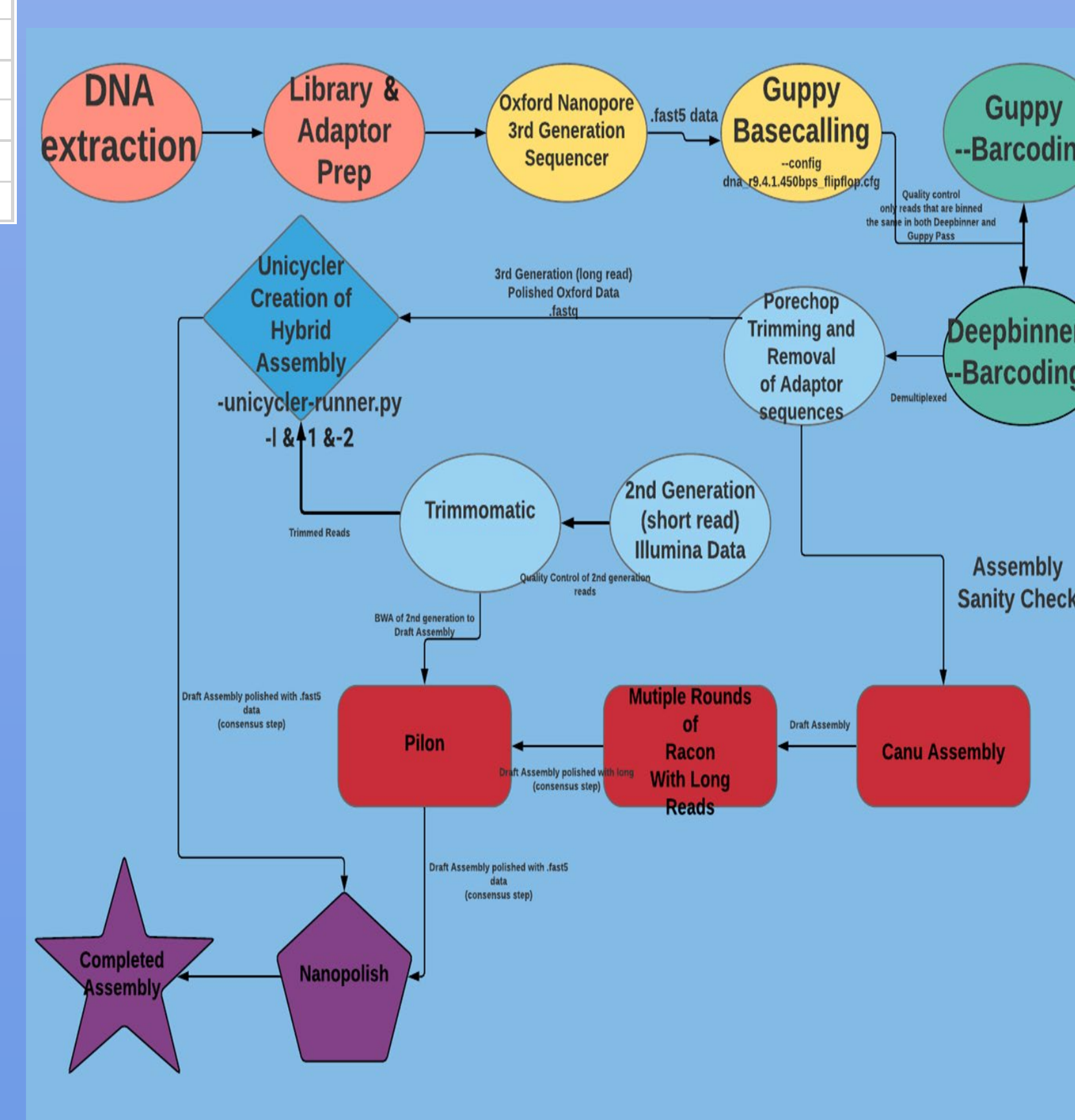
Read Stats & Genome Maps & Assembly

Organism	Long Read Stats	Total Number	Total Bases	Mean Length	Stddev	Fold Coverage
<i>Variovorax sp.</i> VAI-C		225,505	1,136,202,649	5038.480961	6,321.42	115.81x
<i>Variovorax paradoxus</i> CSUSB		657,284	4,969,806,827	7561.125521	9,721.00	885.56x
<i>Pseudomonas alkylphenolica</i>		35,176	336,763,152	9573.662497	10,371.88	60.00x

Organism	Short Read Stats	Total Number	Total Bases	Mean Length	Stddev	Fold Coverage
<i>Variovorax sp.</i> VAI-C		3,041,704	381,205,515	125.326302	19.440934	38.85x
<i>Variovorax paradoxus</i> CSUSB		1,582,102	309,602,593	195.690646	40.606	55.54x
<i>Pseudomonas alkylphenolica</i>		7,601,102	995,744,362	131	0.177.43x	



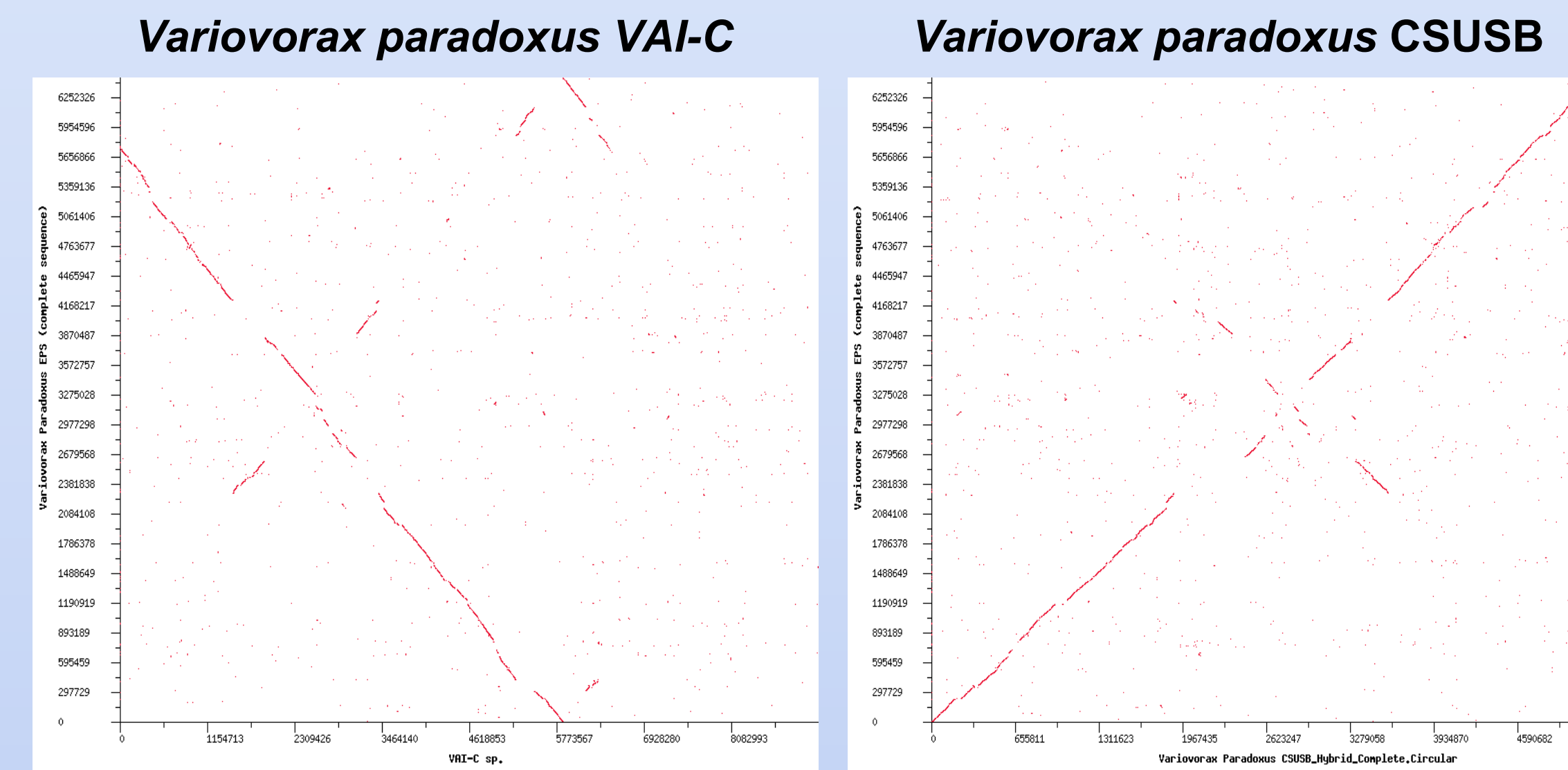
Bioinformatics Pipeline



Analysis of VAI-C's Secondary Replicon

One Chromosome *V. Paradoxus* EPS

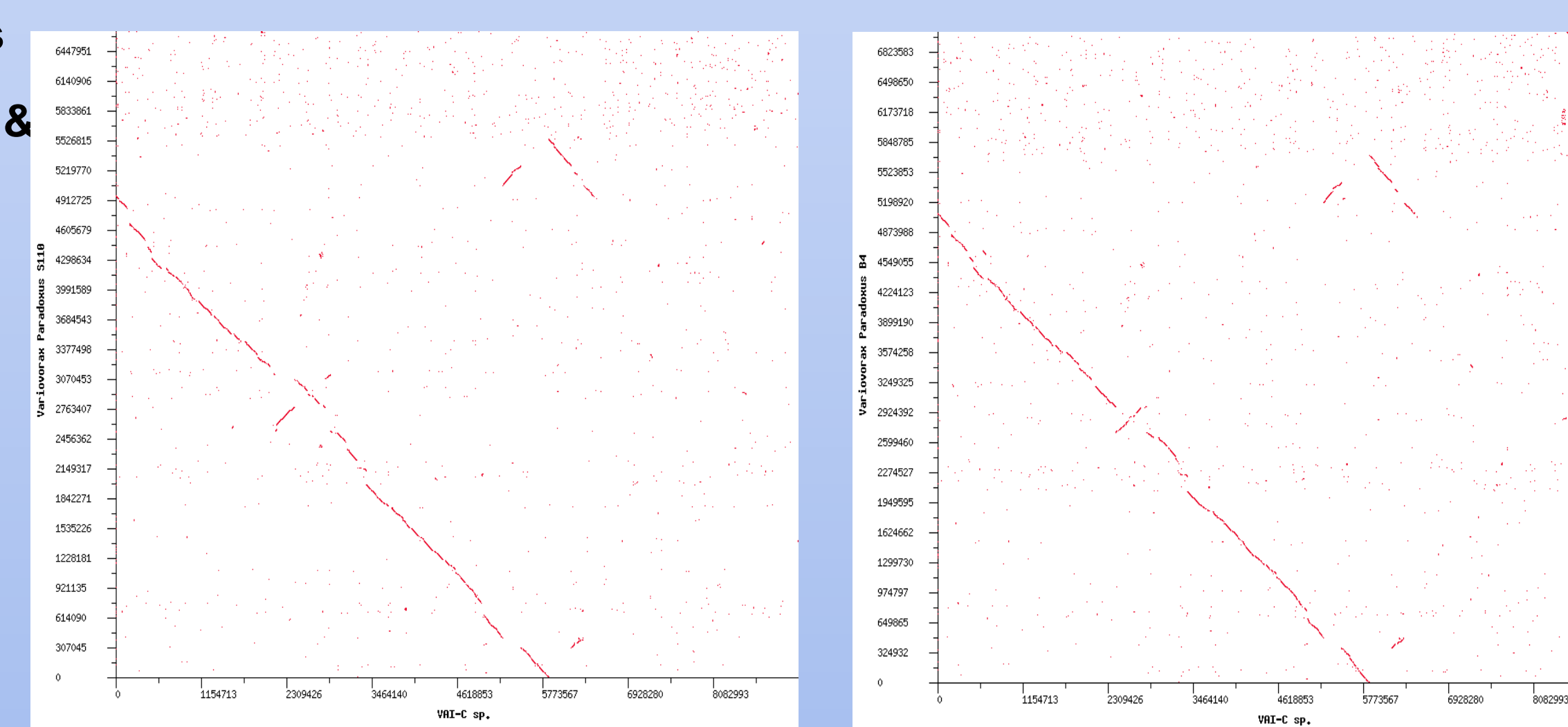
(Han, Ji et al 2013)



Two Chromosomes *V. Paradoxus* S110 & *V. Paradoxus* B4

(Tringe, S et al. 2013)

(Irma Carabajal-Rodriguez et al 2011)

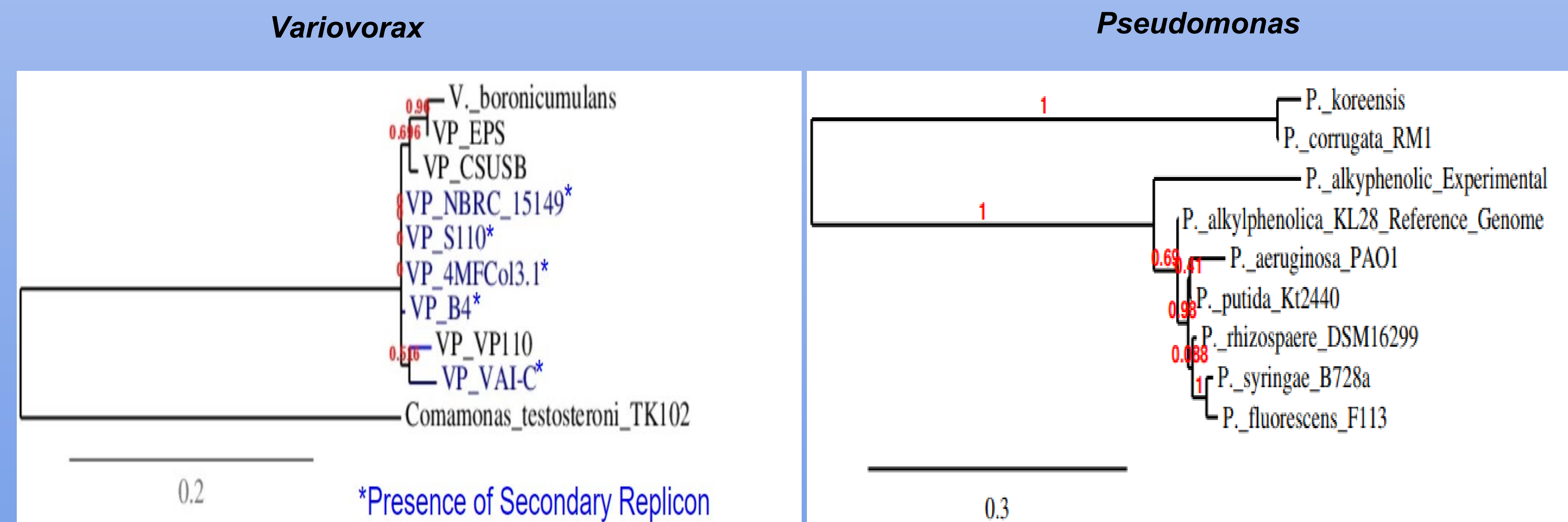


isDDH Results

Query genome	Reference genome	DDH	Model C.I.	Distance	Prob. DDH > 70%	G+C diff
VAI-C_Polished_Complete_Genome	4MF03.1	29.1 [26.7-31.6%]	0.147	0.07	1.39	
VAI-C_Polished_Complete_Genome	B4	28.5 [26.1-31%]	0.1506	0.05	1.76	
VAI-C_Polished_Complete_Genome	Comamonas_testosteroni_TK102	20.7 [18.5-23.3%]	0.1122	0	7.04	
VAI-C_Polished_Complete_Genome	EPS	28.2 [25.8-30.7%]	0.1539	0.05	2.43	
VAI-C_Polished_Complete_Genome	NBRC_15349	29.1 [26.7-31.6%]	0.1471	0.07	1.17	
VAI-C_Polished_Complete_Genome	S110	28.3 [26.9-31.8%]	0.1461	0.05	1.38	
VAI-C_Polished_Complete_Genome	Variovorax_boronicumulans_J1	28.4 [27-31.9%]	0.1453	0.05	0.9	
VAI-C_Polished_Complete_Genome	VP_110	29 [26.7-31.3%]	0.1476	0.07	1.18	
VAI-C_Polished_Complete_Genome	VP_EPS	28.2 [25.8-30.7%]	0.1539	0.05	2.43	
VAI-C_Polished_Complete_Genome	VP_CSUSB_Final_Assembly	27.3 [24.9-29.6%]	0.1584	0.03	3.17	
VAI-C_Polished_Complete_Genome	ZVCC006	65.7 [61.8-69.6%]	0.0423	69.11	0.35	
VAI-C_Polished_PrimaryChromosome	4MF03.1	29.5 [27.1-32%]	0.1451	0.08	1.94	
VAI-C_Polished_PrimaryChromosome	B4_PrimaryChromosome	29 [26.6-31.5%]	0.1476	0.07	2.25	
VAI-C_Polished_PrimaryChromosome	Comamonas_testosteroni_TK102	20.7 [18.4-23.3%]	0.1125	0	7.59	
VAI-C_Polished_PrimaryChromosome	EPS	28.4 [26-31.9%]	0.1516	0.05	2.98	
VAI-C_Polished_PrimaryChromosome	NBRC_15349	29.5 [27.1-32%]	0.145	0.08	1.72	
VAI-C_Polished_PrimaryChromosome	S110_PrimaryChromosome	28.8 [27.4-32.3%]	0.1435	0.09	1.63	
VAI-C_Polished_PrimaryChromosome	Variovorax_boronicumulans_J1	28.7 [27.3-32.2%]	0.1439	0.09	1.45	
VAI-C_Polished_PrimaryChromosome	VP_110	29.4 [27-31.9%]	0.1457	0.08	1.73	
VAI-C_Polished_PrimaryChromosome	VP_EPS	28.4 [26-31.9%]	0.1516	0.05	2.98	
VAI-C_Polished_PrimaryChromosome	ZVCC006	67.2 [64.2-70%]	0.0401	72.61	1.1	
VAI-C_Polished_SecondaryChromosome	ZVCC006	56.5 [53.7-59.2%]	0.058	40.19	0.17	
VAI-C_Polished_SecondaryReplicon	B4_SecondaryChromosome	23.4 [21.1-25.8%]	0.1865	0	1.61	
VAI-C_Polished_SecondaryReplicon	S110_SecondaryChromosome	24 [21.7-26.5%]	0.1818	0.01	1.48	

The 16s data coupled with the dot plots supports the phylogenetic relationship between these species. While the isDDH & difference in G+C content suggest that there is a species level difference between the known *Variovorax* and VAI-C. The secondary replicon is not related to any known secondary replicons in *Variovorax* suggesting that this might be a second instance of second replicon acquisition.

Phylogenetic Trees



Future Directions

- Sequence new and older organisms that have been left in the permanent draft state using ANI to see if they suggest a two replicon genome architecture
- Look in detail into the genes that are present on the secondary replicons to determine evolutionary history and origin, particularly into uptake and fixation into the population

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