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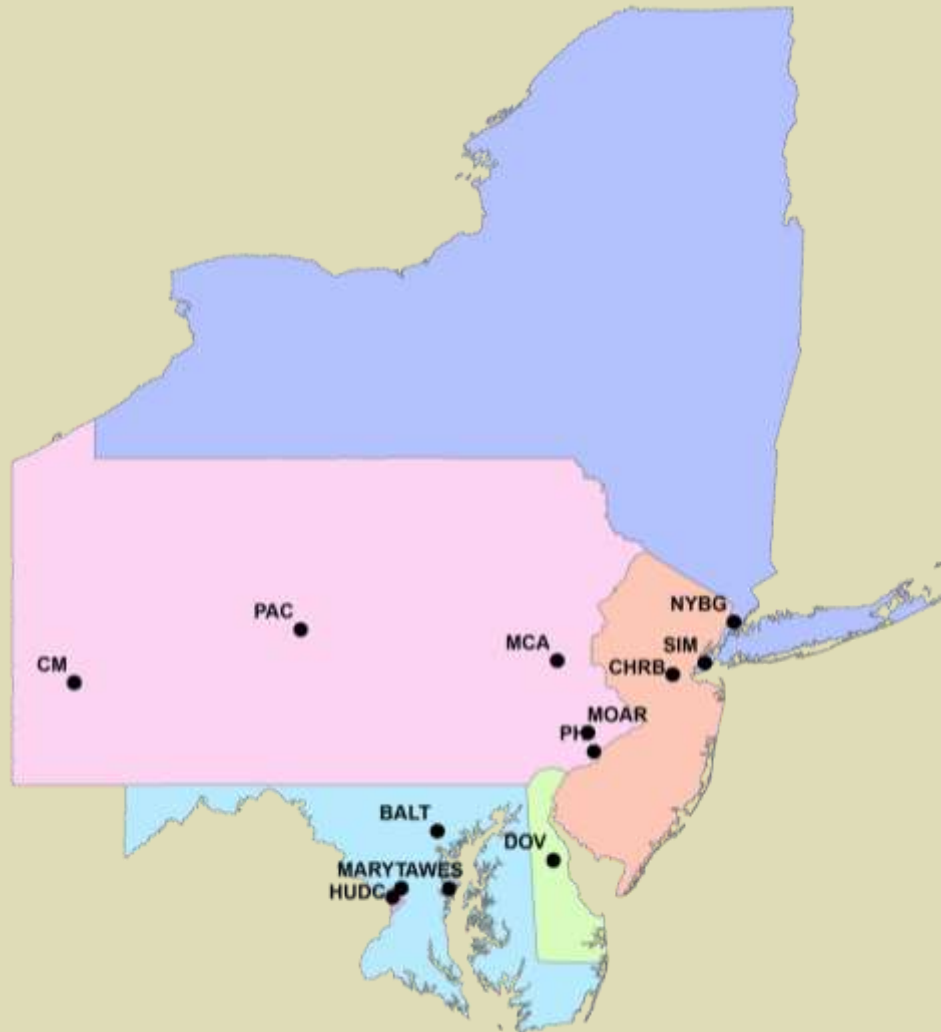
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*Achieving a greater scientific understanding of our urban areas, one plant specimen at a time.*



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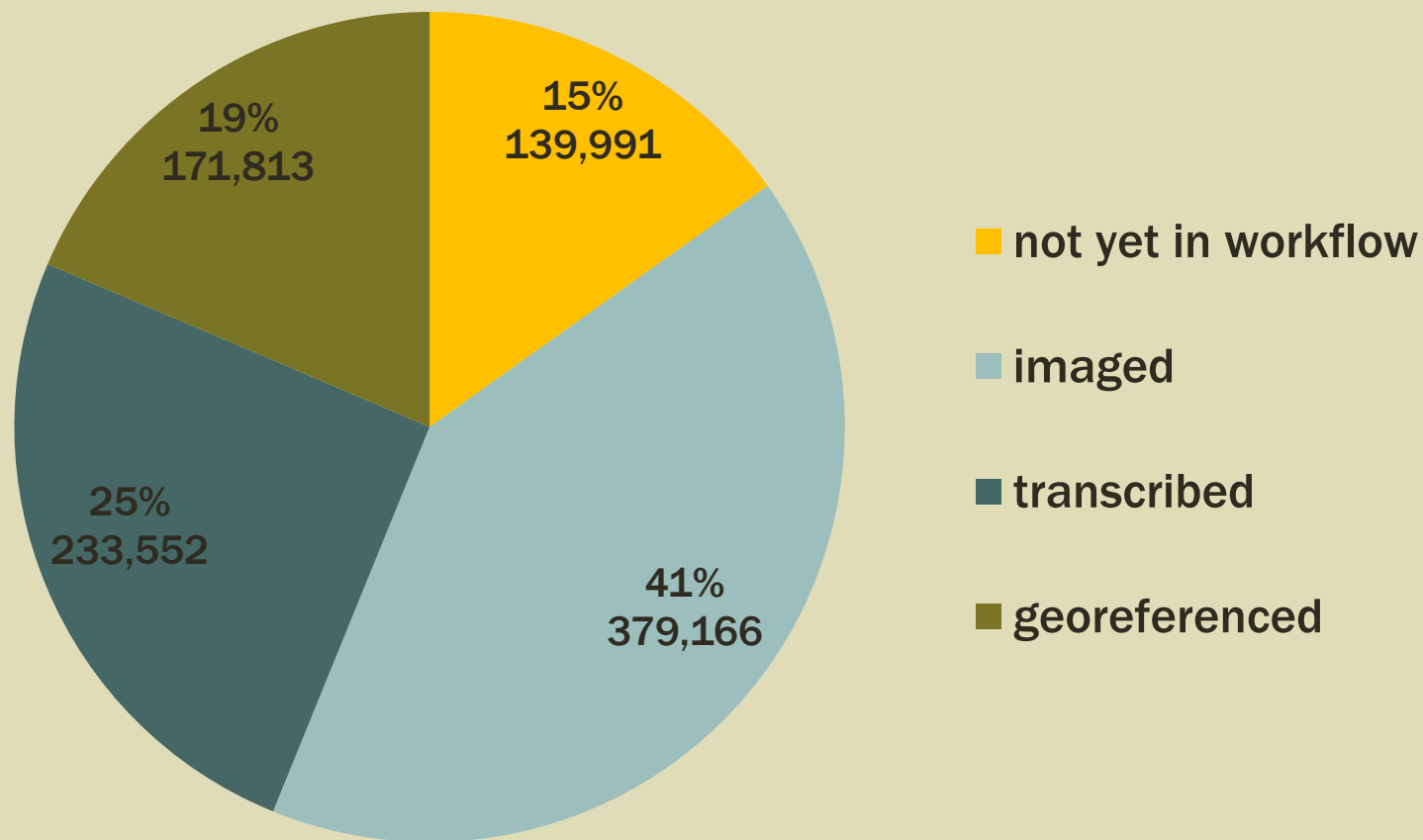


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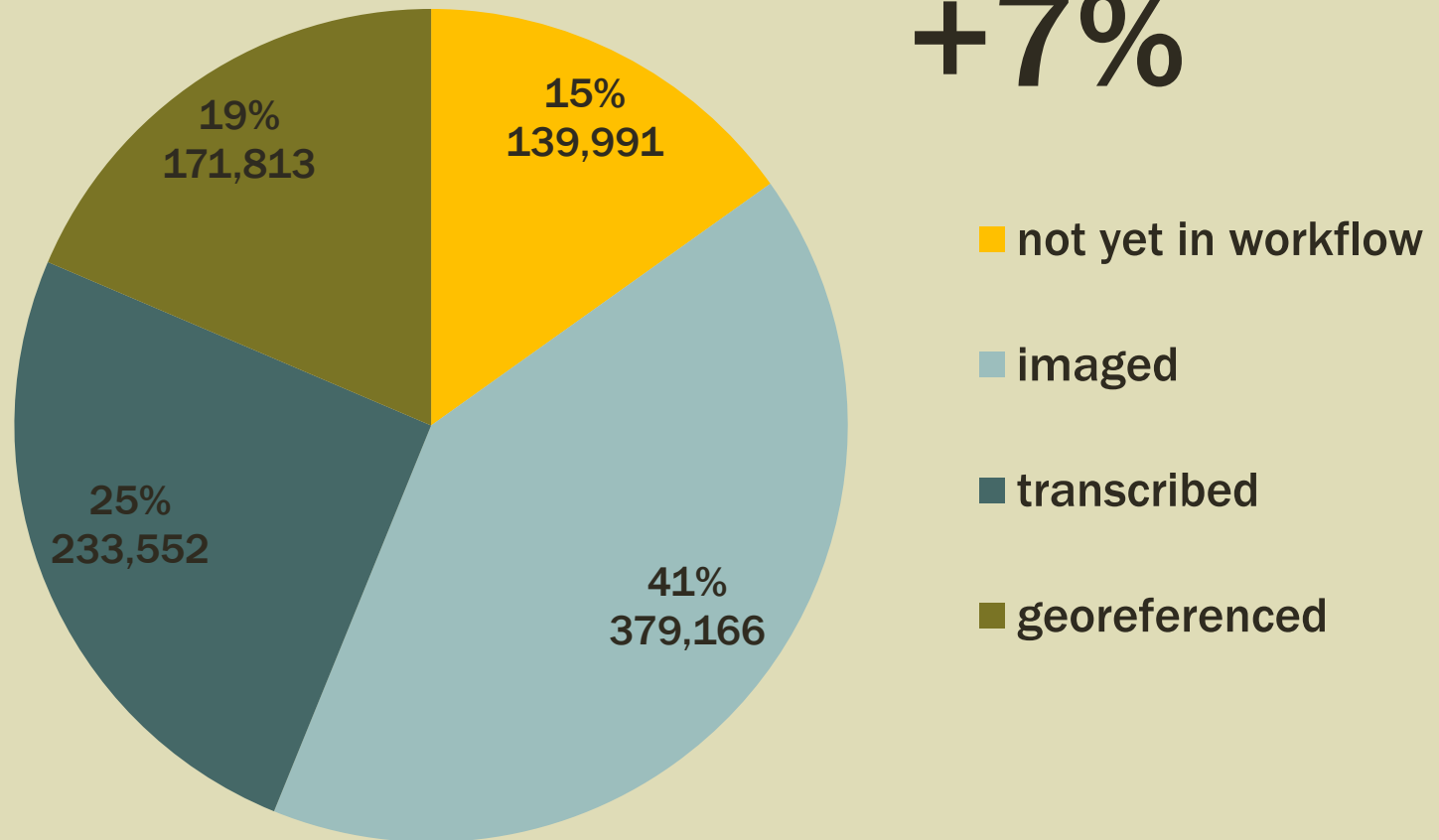
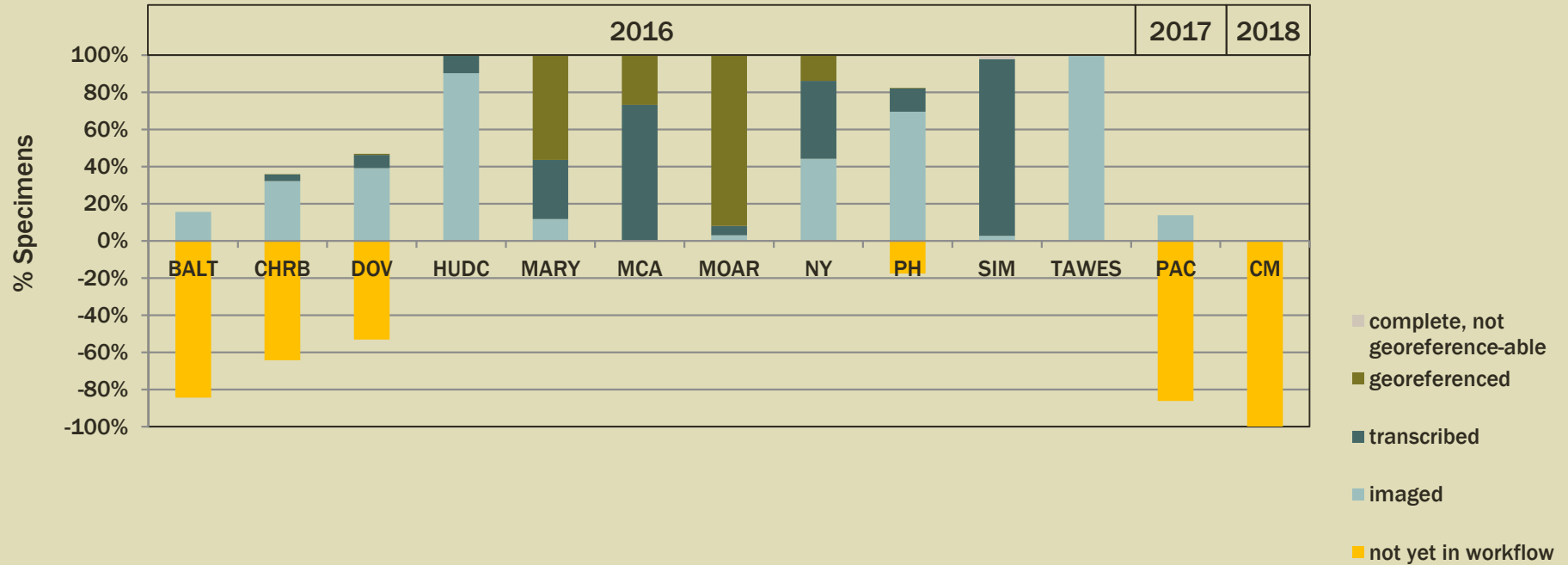


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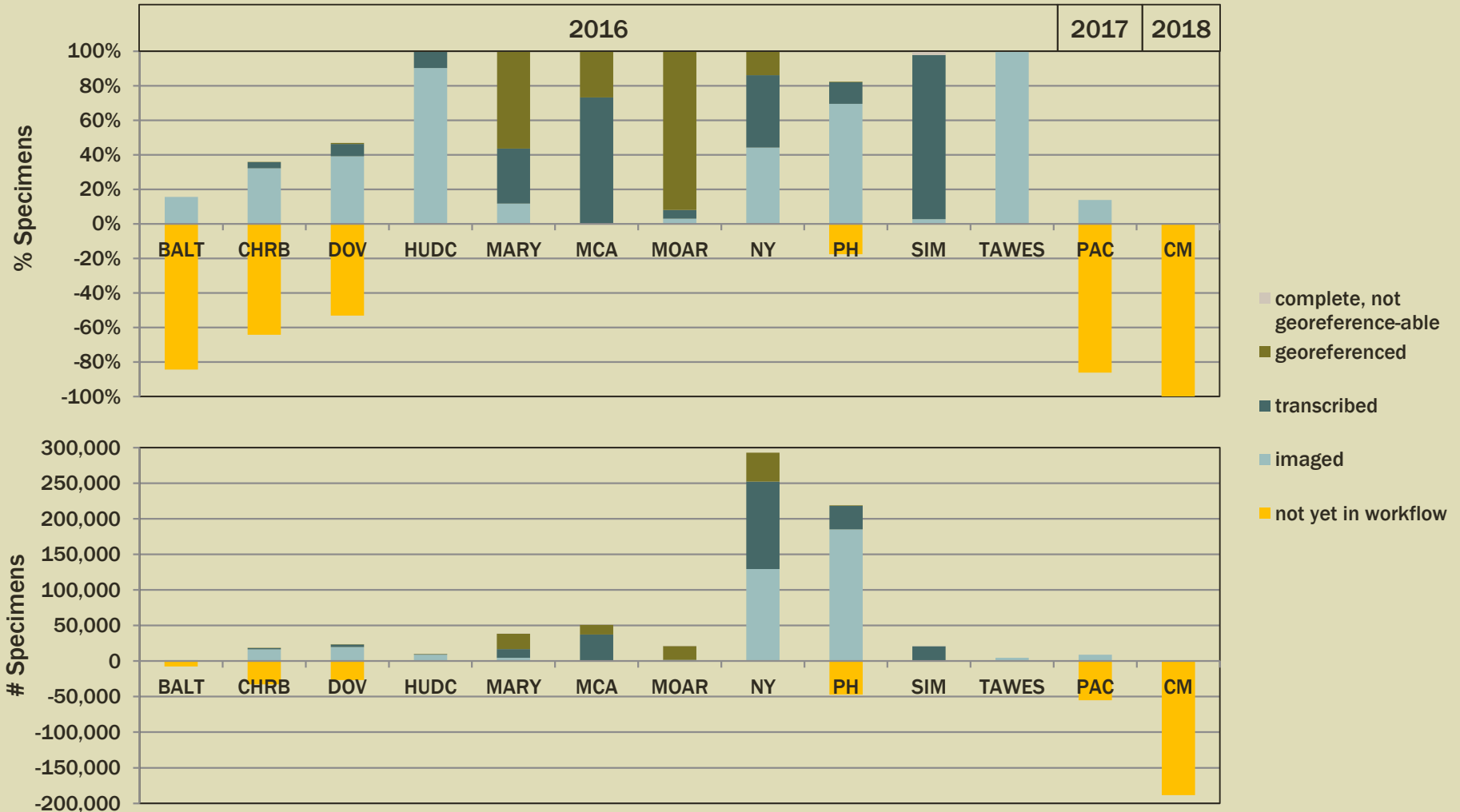
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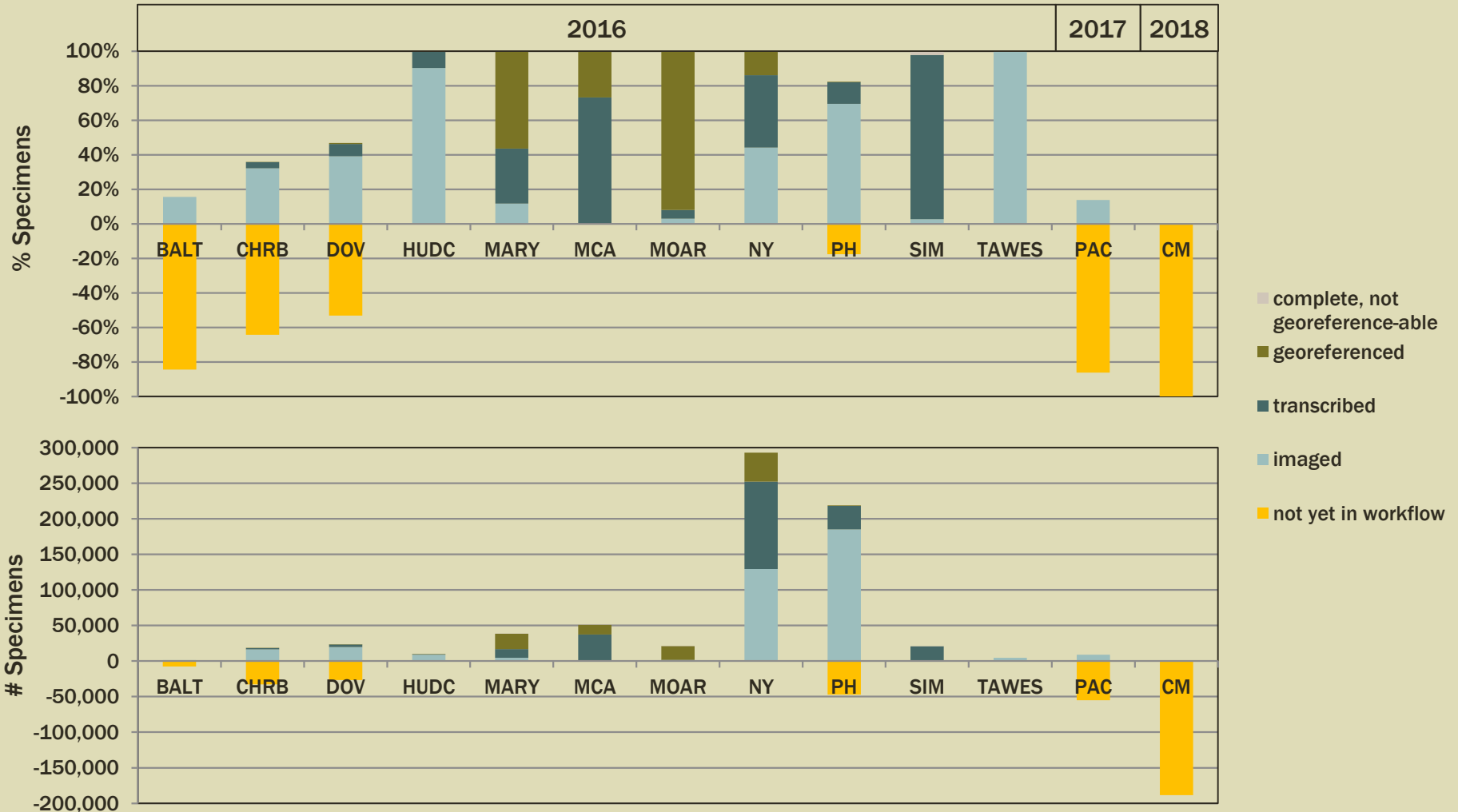


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- **less “crowd sourcing,” more building/maintaining relationships**



# LOOKING FORWARD...

- rolling out georeferencing across TCN
- research workshop/conference at Rutgers, March 2019
- project coordination
- sustainability – serving jpgs



**Thank you!  
... Questions?**