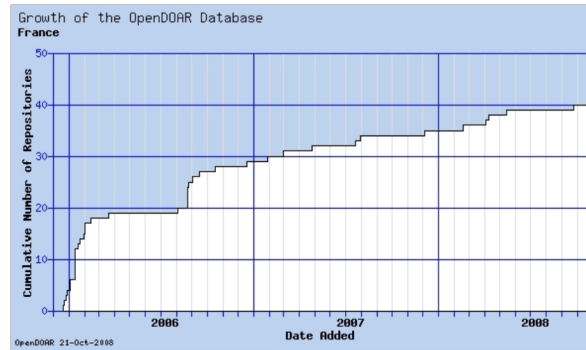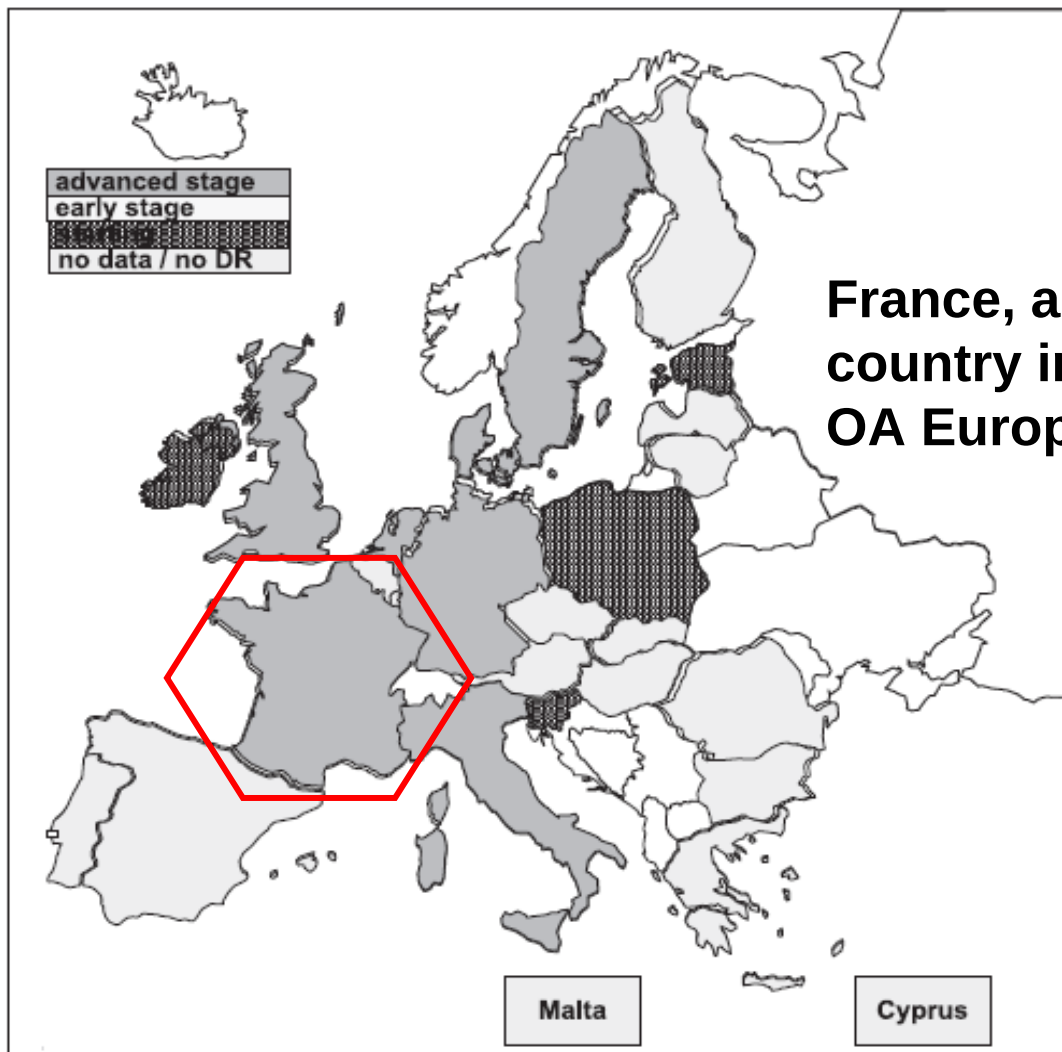Growth of the OpenDOAR Database
France

Grey literature in French digital repositories: a survey

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France, an advanced country in the heart of OA Europe

Source : DRIVER study 2007

Map 1 – Development stage of digital repositories for research output per EU country as estimated in Januari 2007.
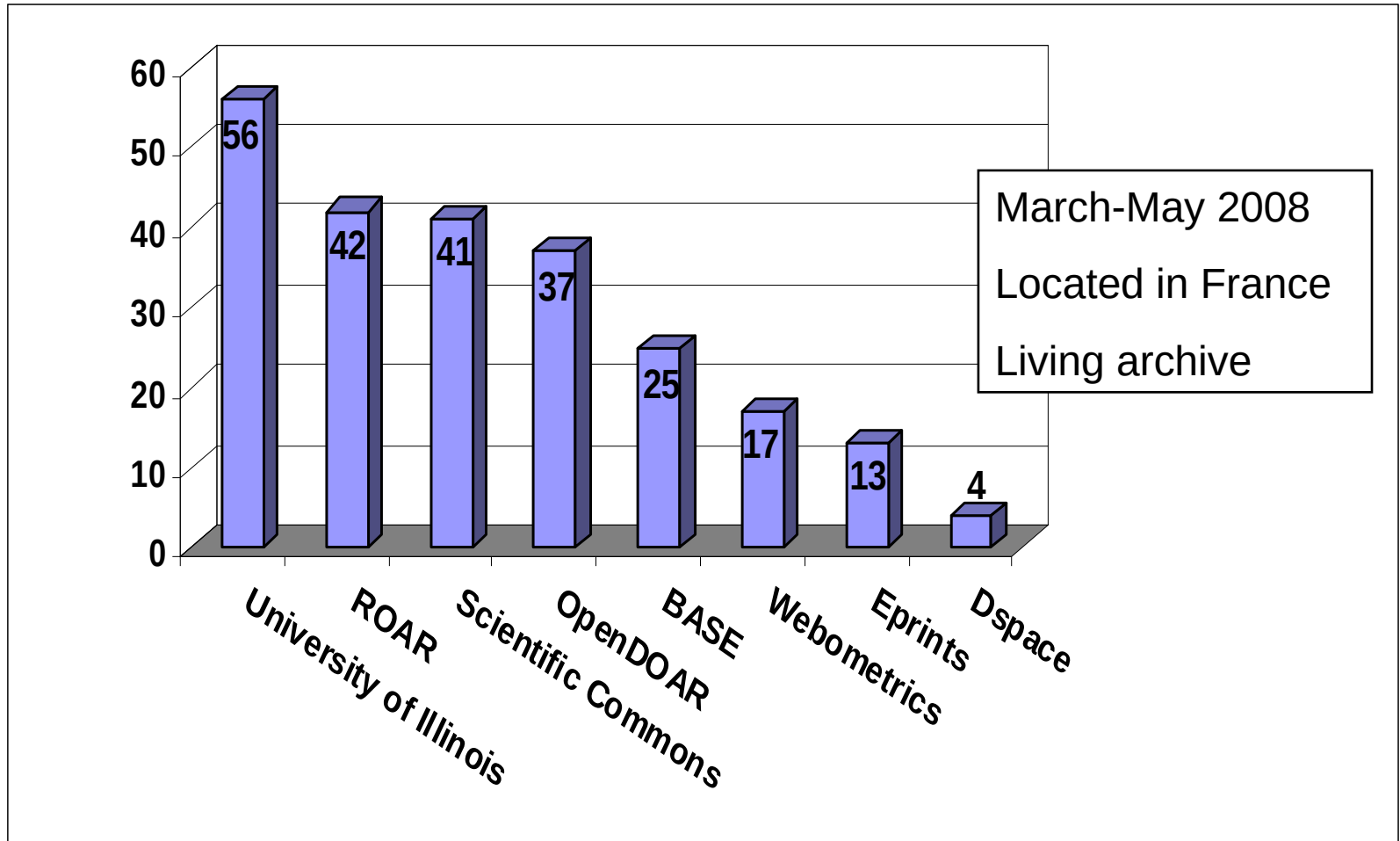
Purpose of survey

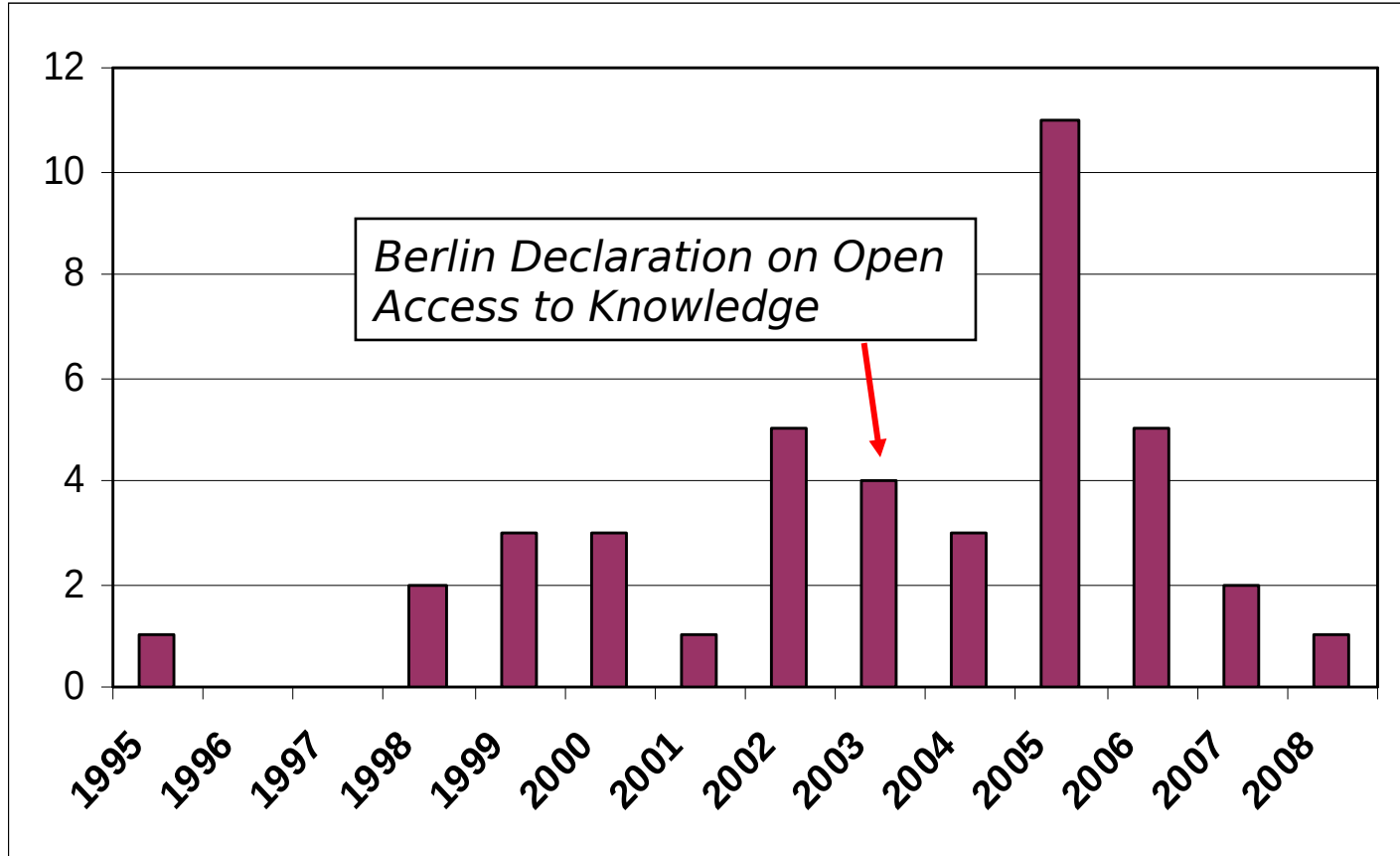**Integration of grey literature in French OA:**

1. The typology of grey documents
2. The relative part of grey literature
3. The assignment of specific metadata
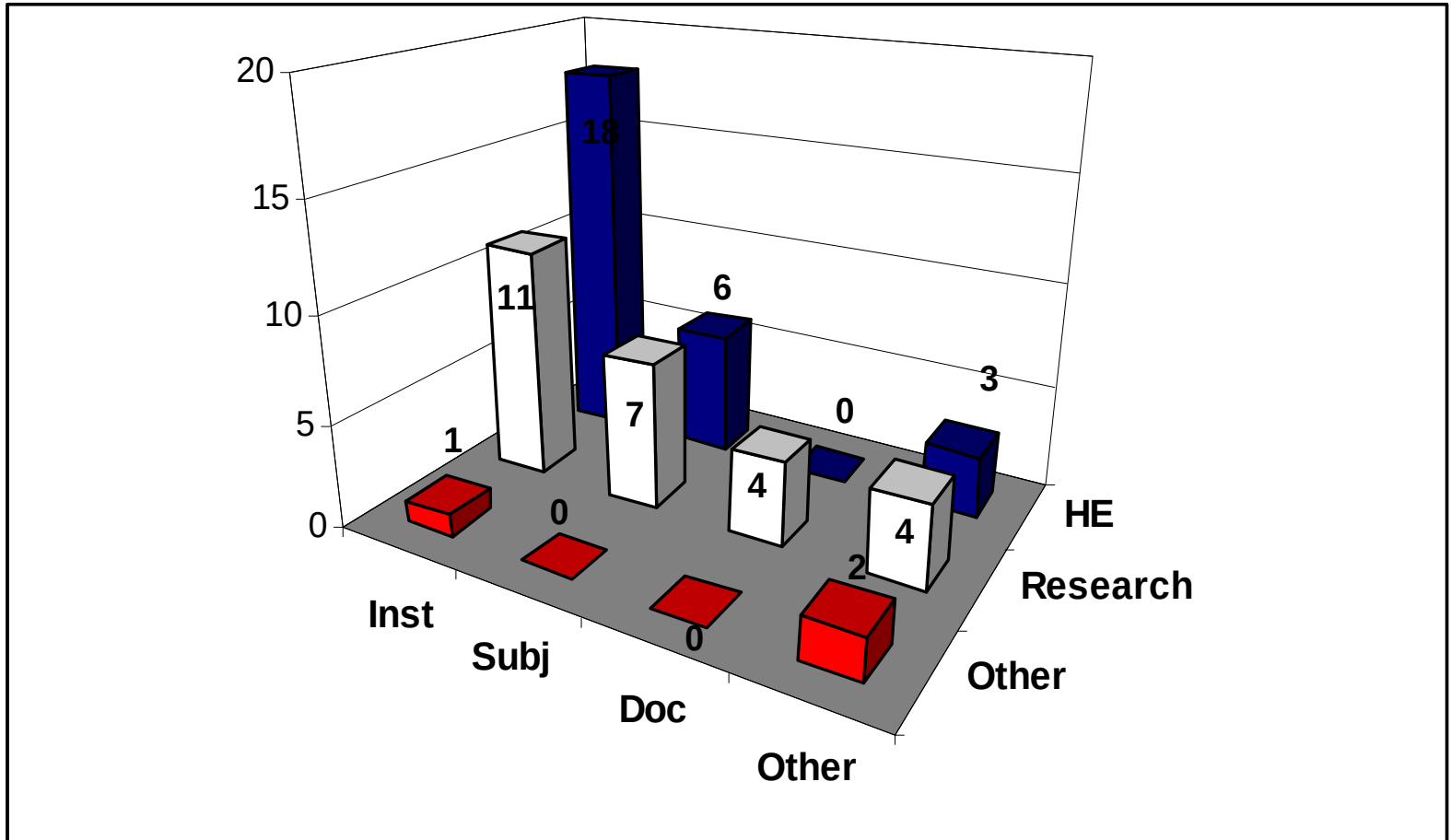4. Quality control and policies
5. Access to full text
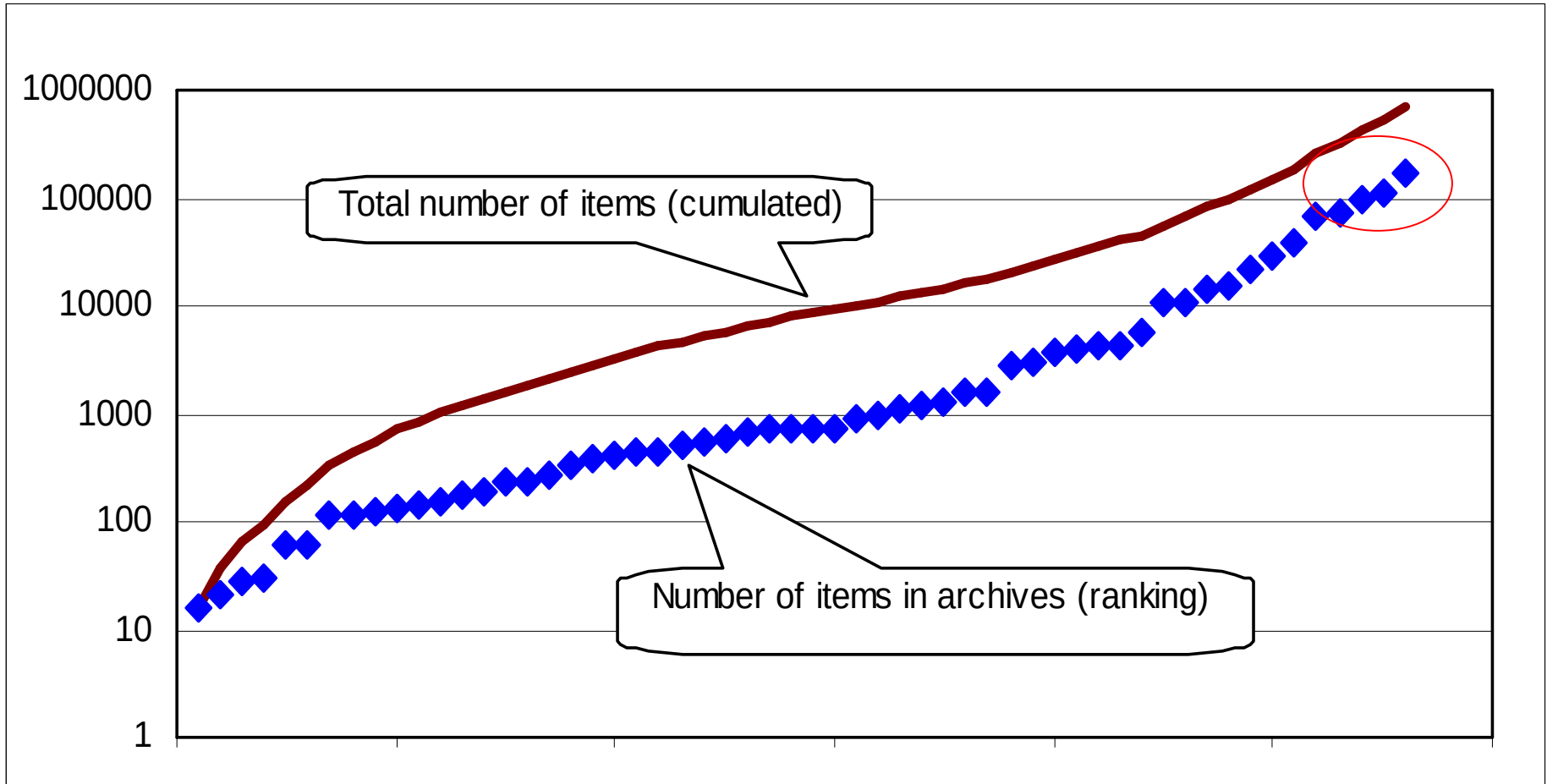
Sample: 56 repositories

March-May 2008
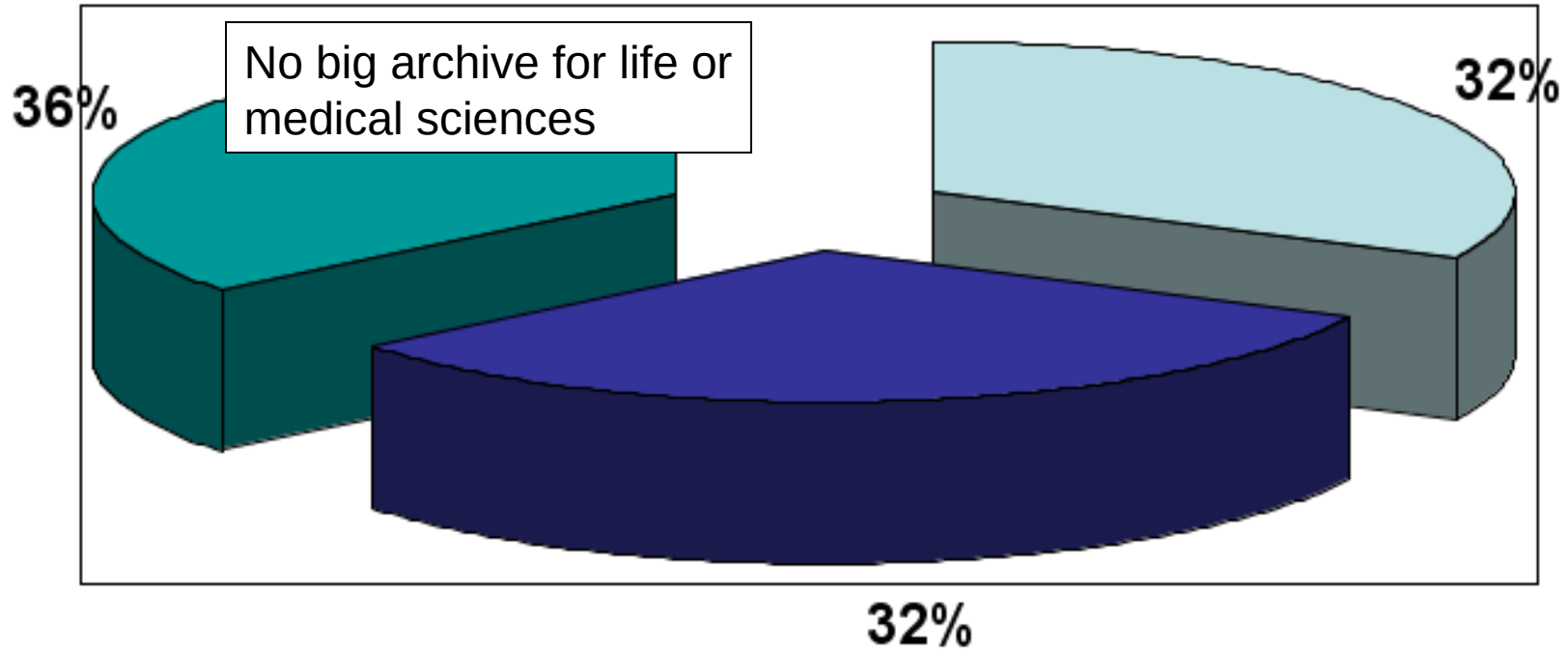
Located in France

Living archive

Year of creation

Chart showing year of creation from 1995 to 2008. The "Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge" annotation points to the 2003 bar.

Repository type and institution

Size of repositories and total number of items

Total number of items (cumulated)

Number of items in archives (ranking)

Scientific domains

No big archive for life or medical sciences

36%

32%

32%

SS&H Multi Other

Repository type and presence of grey literature

= 79% of all repositories contain GL

(and 100% of institutional archives)
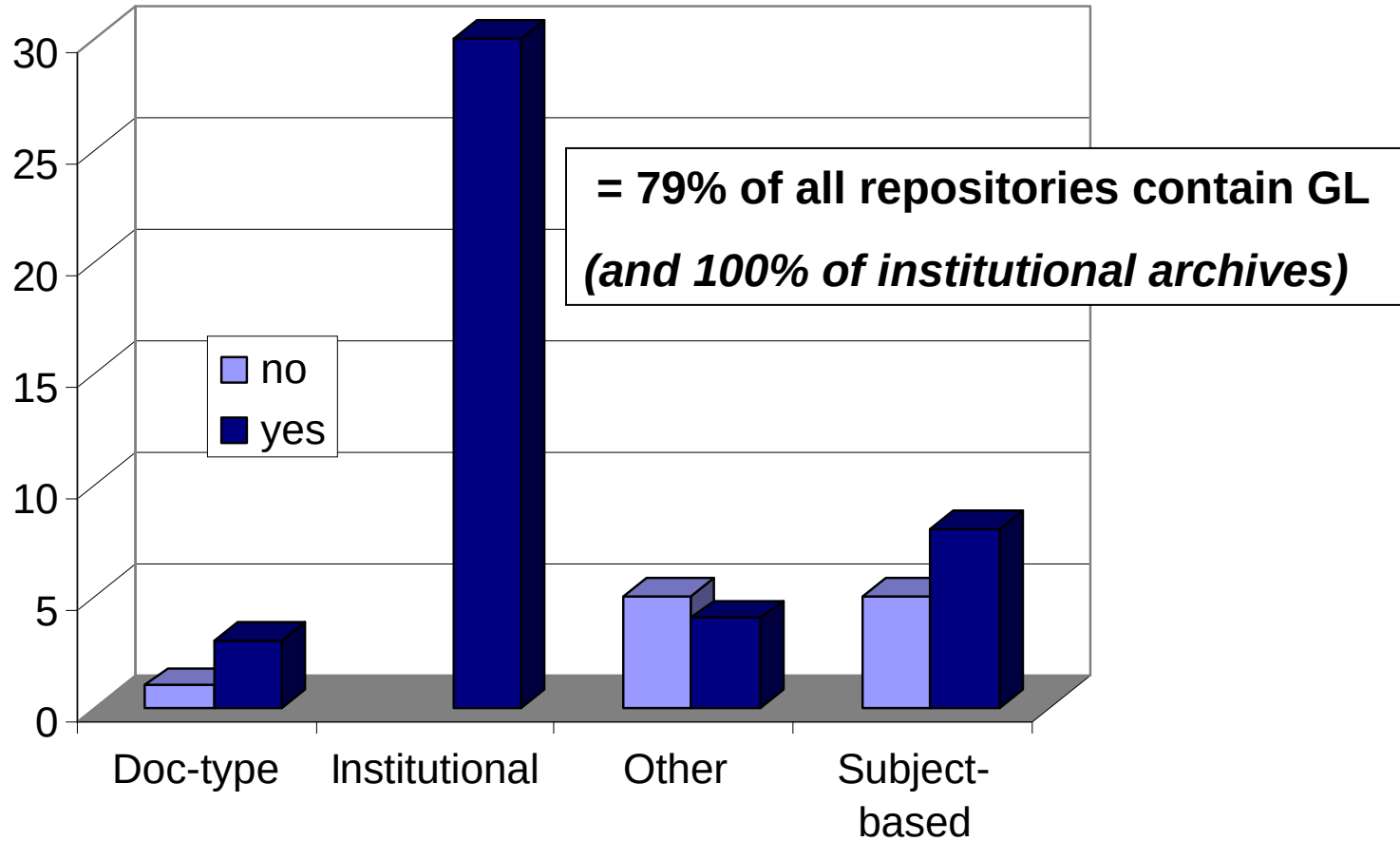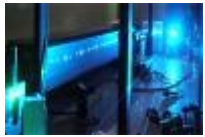
Content types in French repositories (OpenDOAR)

Content Types in OpenDOAR Repositories
France

Percentage of Repositories

Content Type	Value
Journal articles	22 = 55%
Theses and dissertations	20 = 50%
Conference and workshop papers	14 = 35%
Unpublished reports and working papers	13 = 32%
Books, chapters and sections	12 = 30%
Bibliographic references	5 = 12%
Other special item types	4 = 10%
Datasets	3 = 7%
Learning Objects	2 = 5%
Software	2 = 5%
Multimedia and audio-visual materials	1 = 2%
Patents	1 = 2%

Total = 40 repositories

OpenDOAR 21-Oct-2008

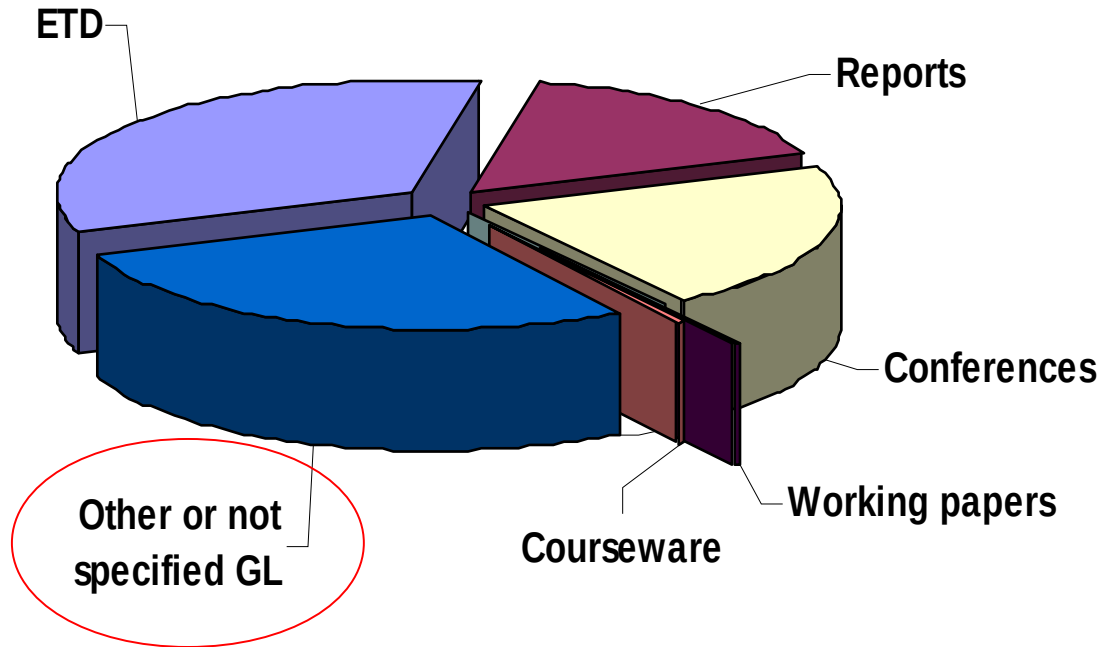# Document types

Grey documents = 16% of all items

Commercial publications

Multimedia

Datasets

Other Working papers
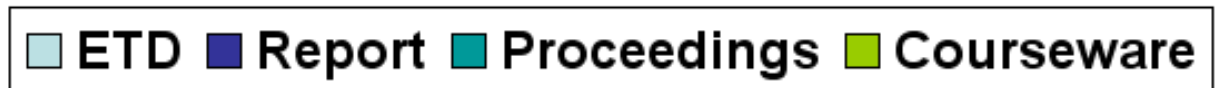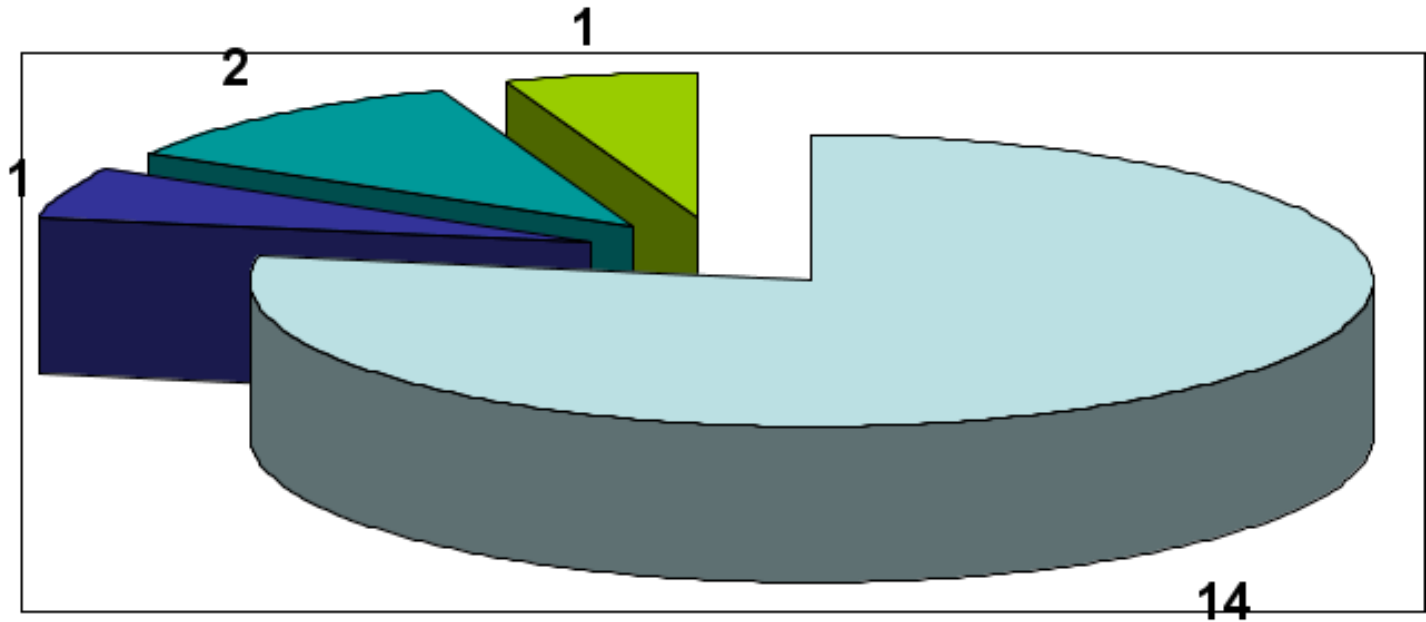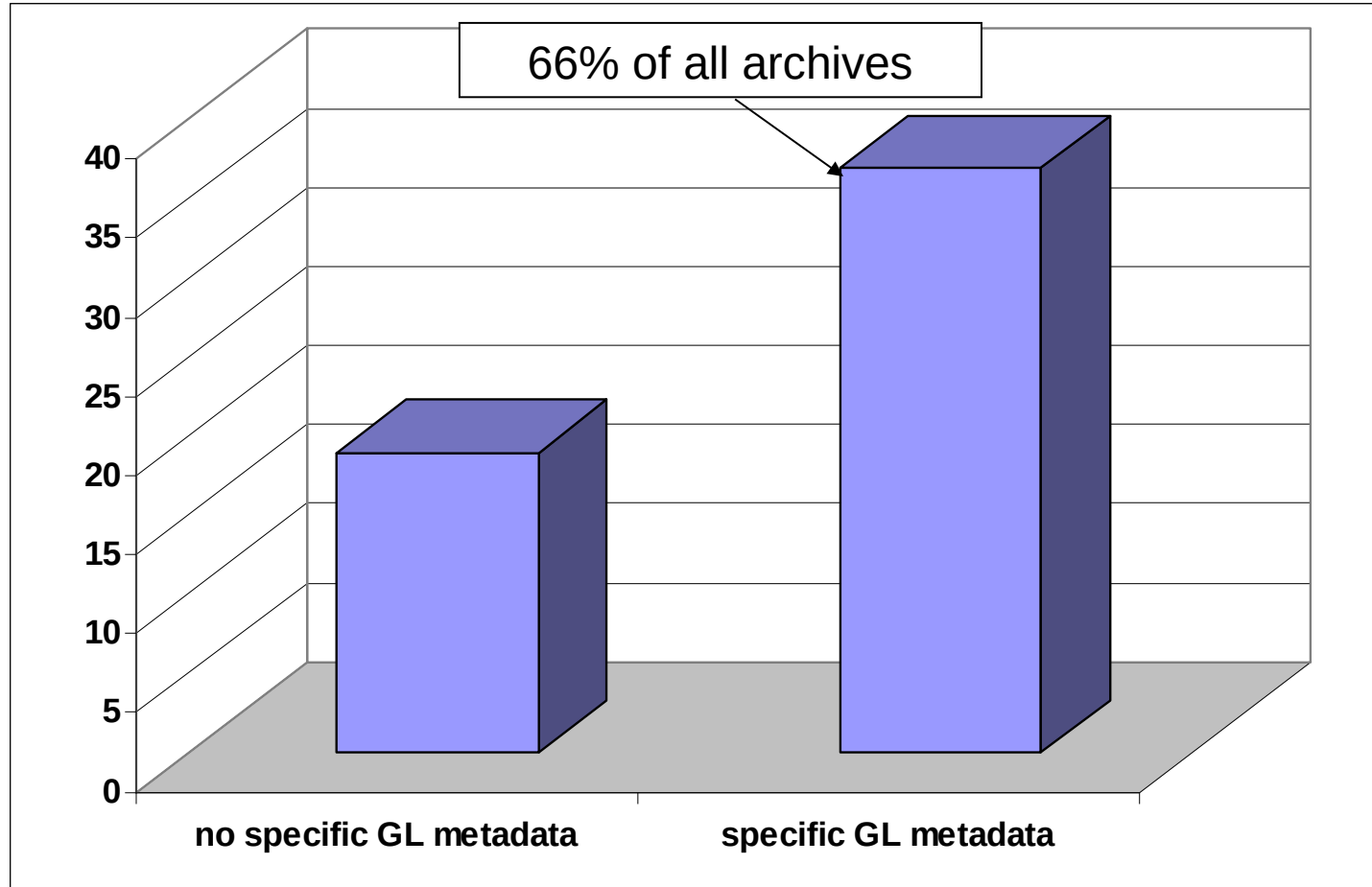
Courseware

Conferences

Reports

ETD
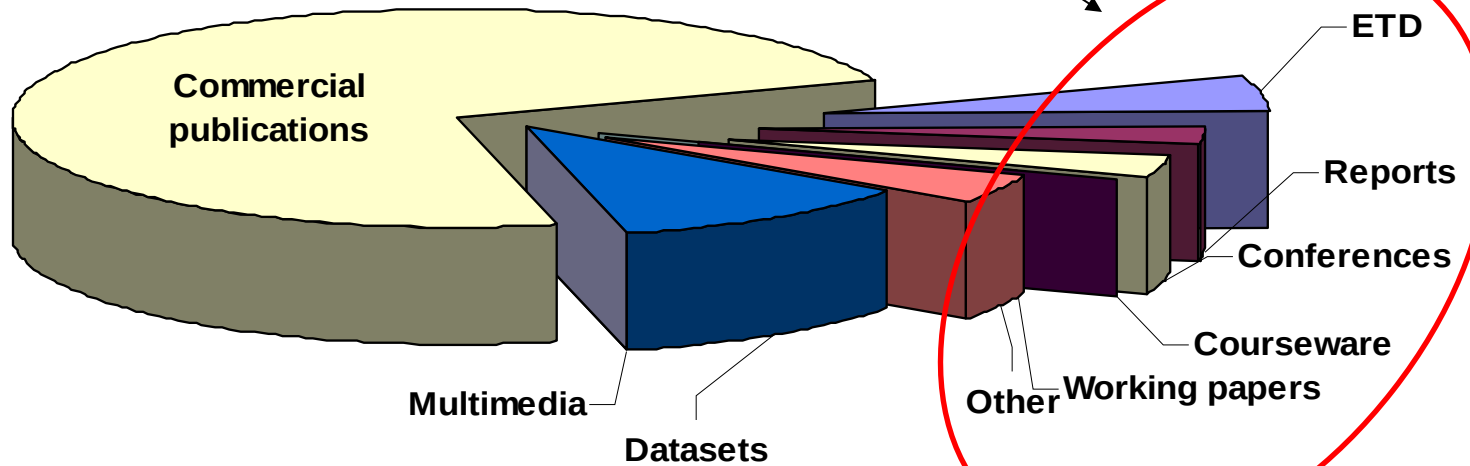
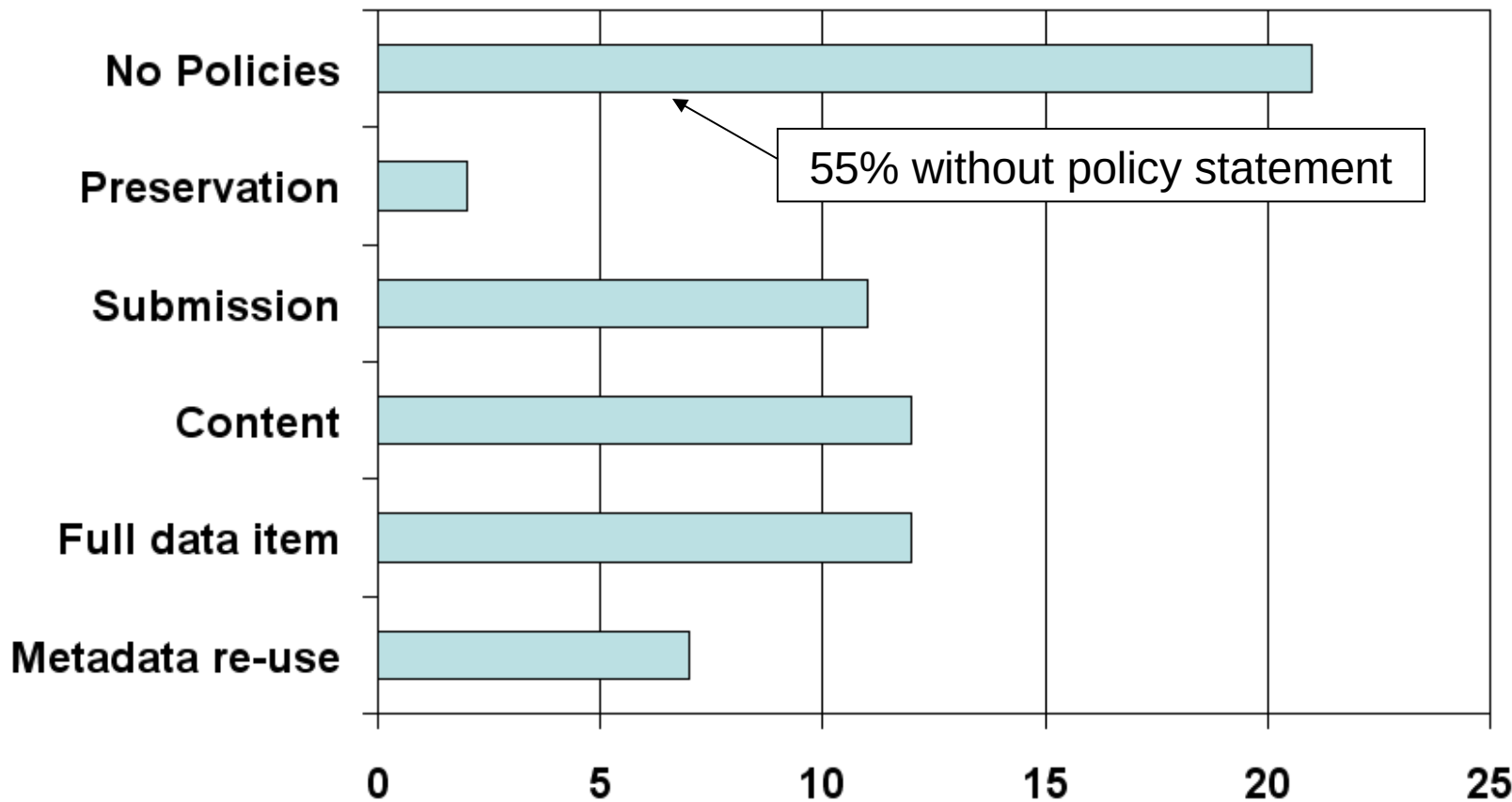# GL document types

Size of repository and number of grey items
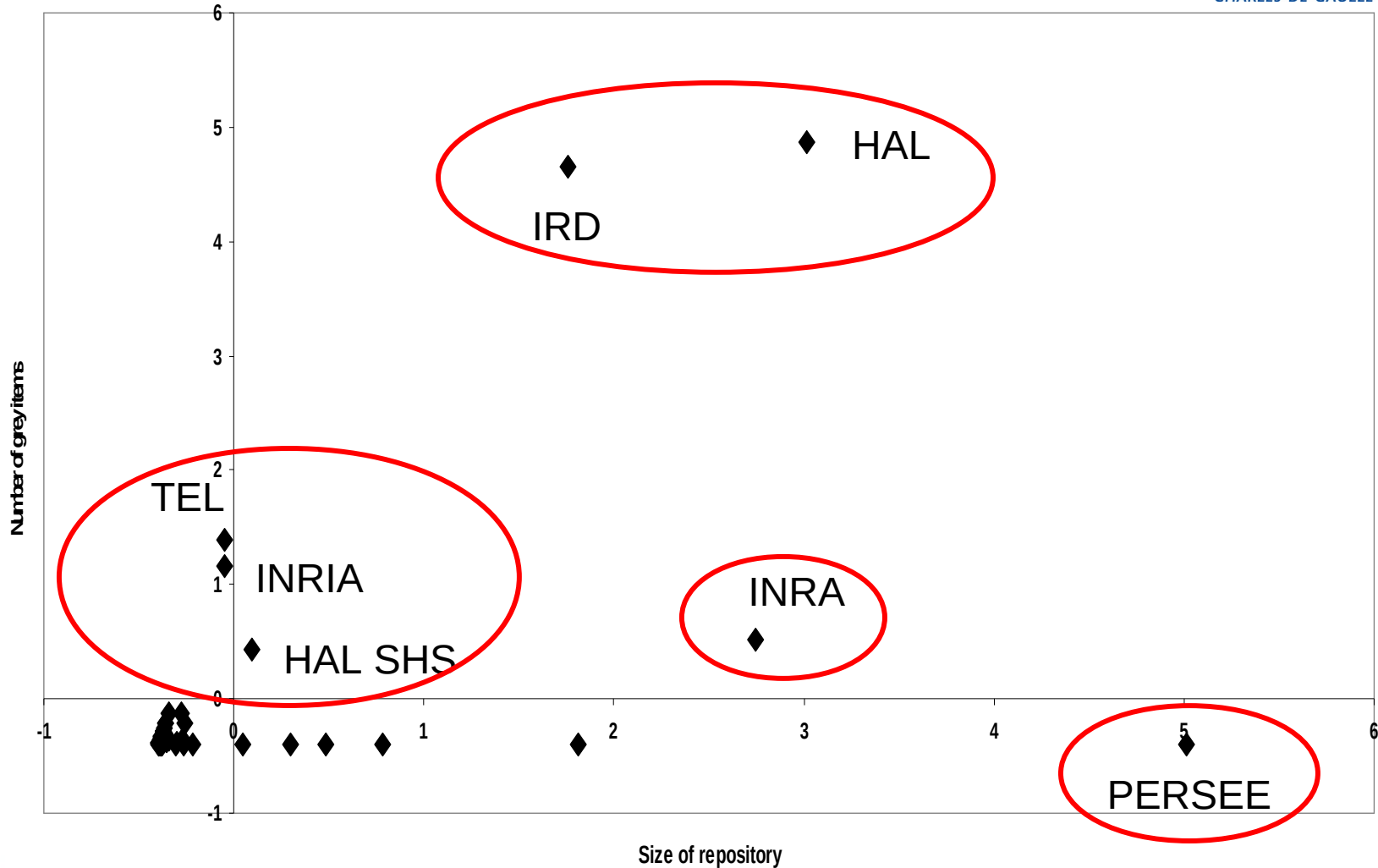
100% GL repositories and document types

Legend: ETD · Report · Proceedings · Courseware

Specific metadata

66% of all archives

Chart showing two bars: "no specific GL metadata" at approximately 21 and "specific GL metadata" at approximately 42, with y-axis from 0 to 40.

OA policy (n=38 archives)

55% without policy statement

Source: OpenDOAR

Quality control

quality control
41%

no quality
control or n.d.
59%

Access to full text

13%

18%

48%

5%

16%

☐ **All items** ☐ **Mixed** ☐ **Moving wall** ☐ **Restricted** ☐ **NA**
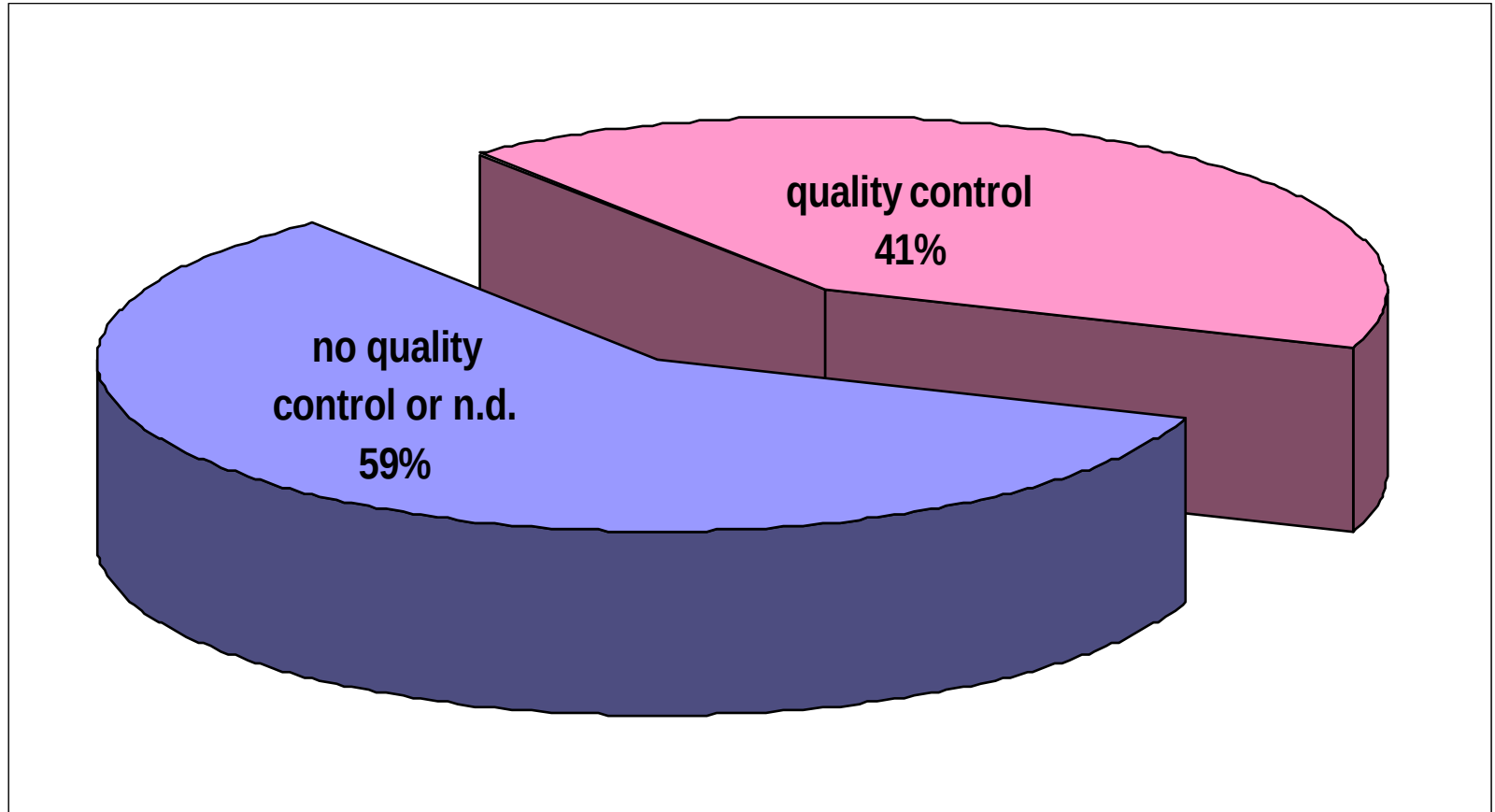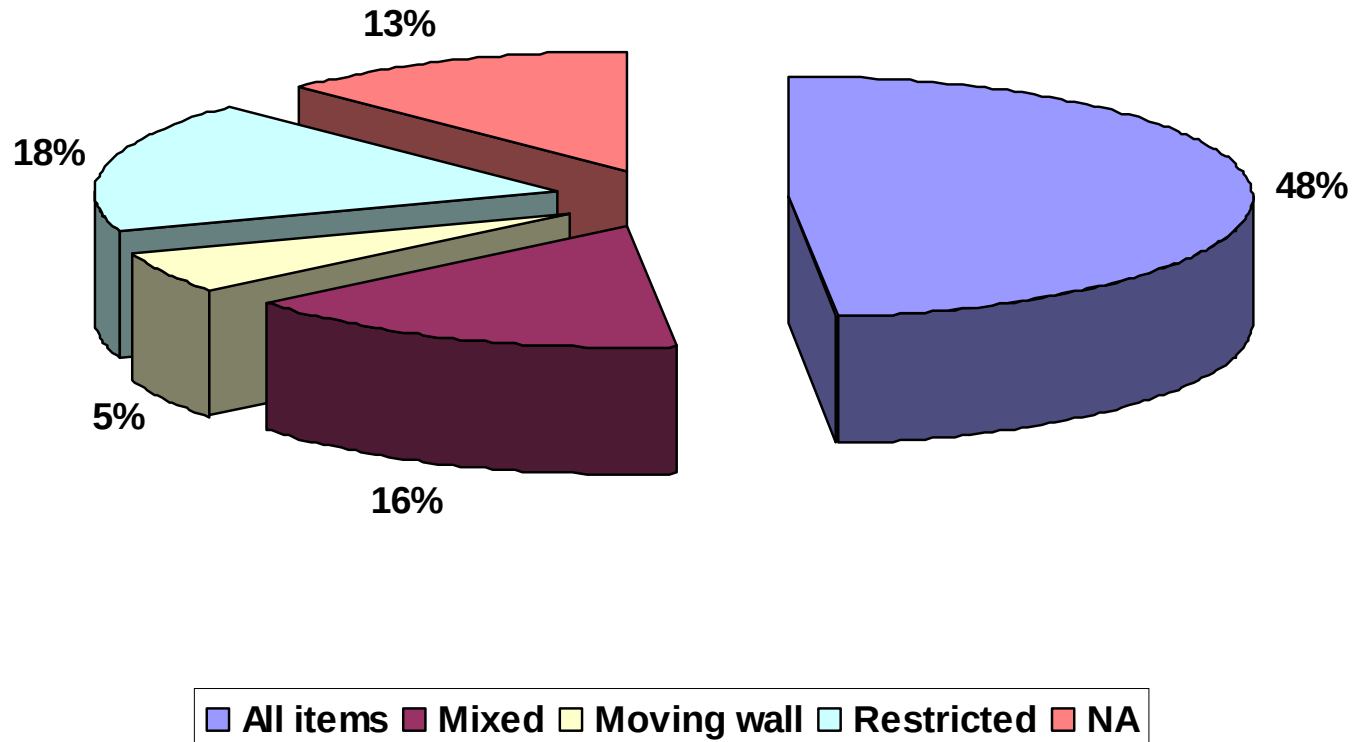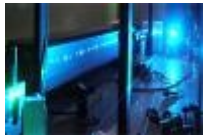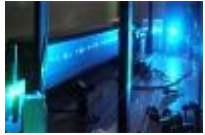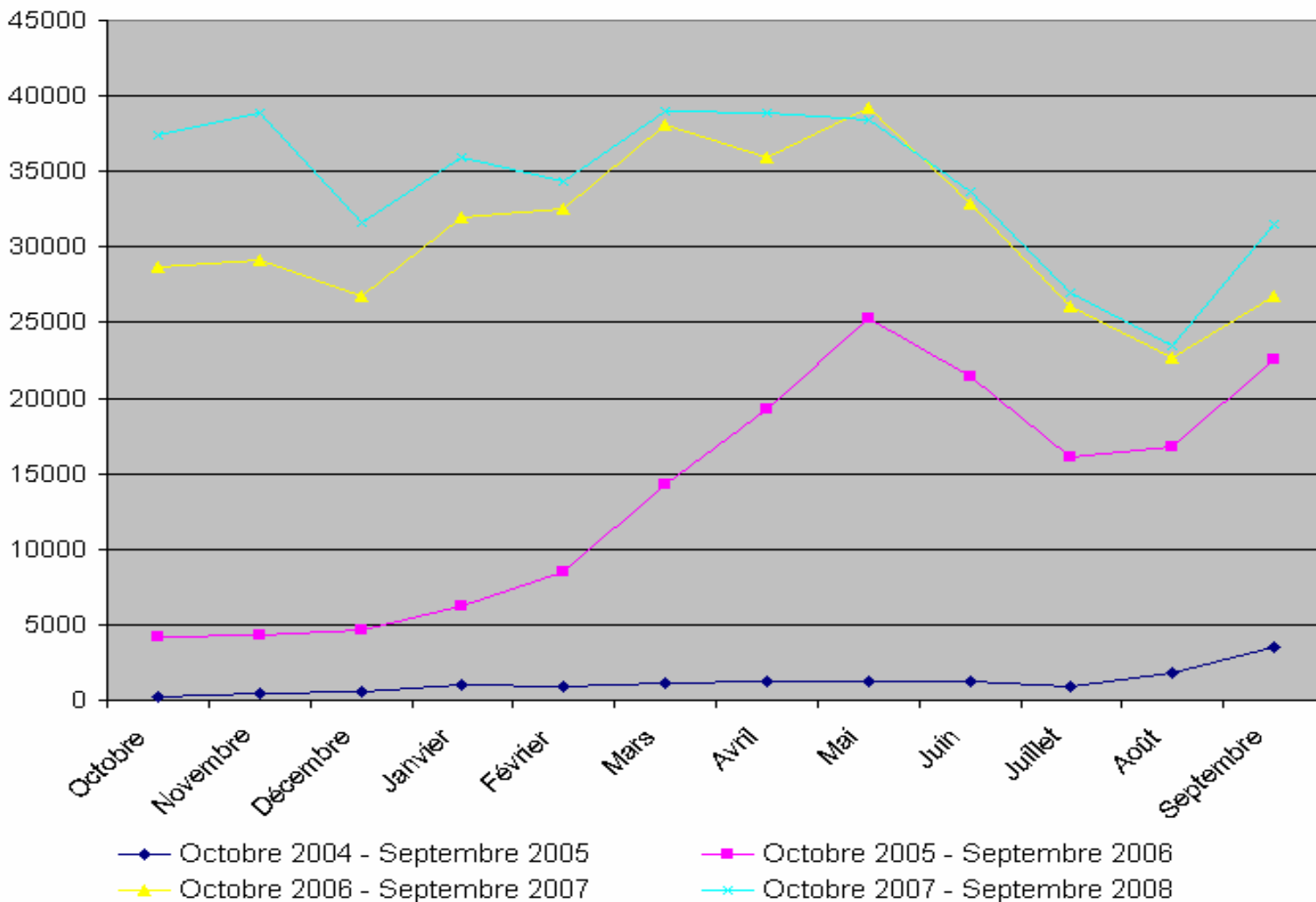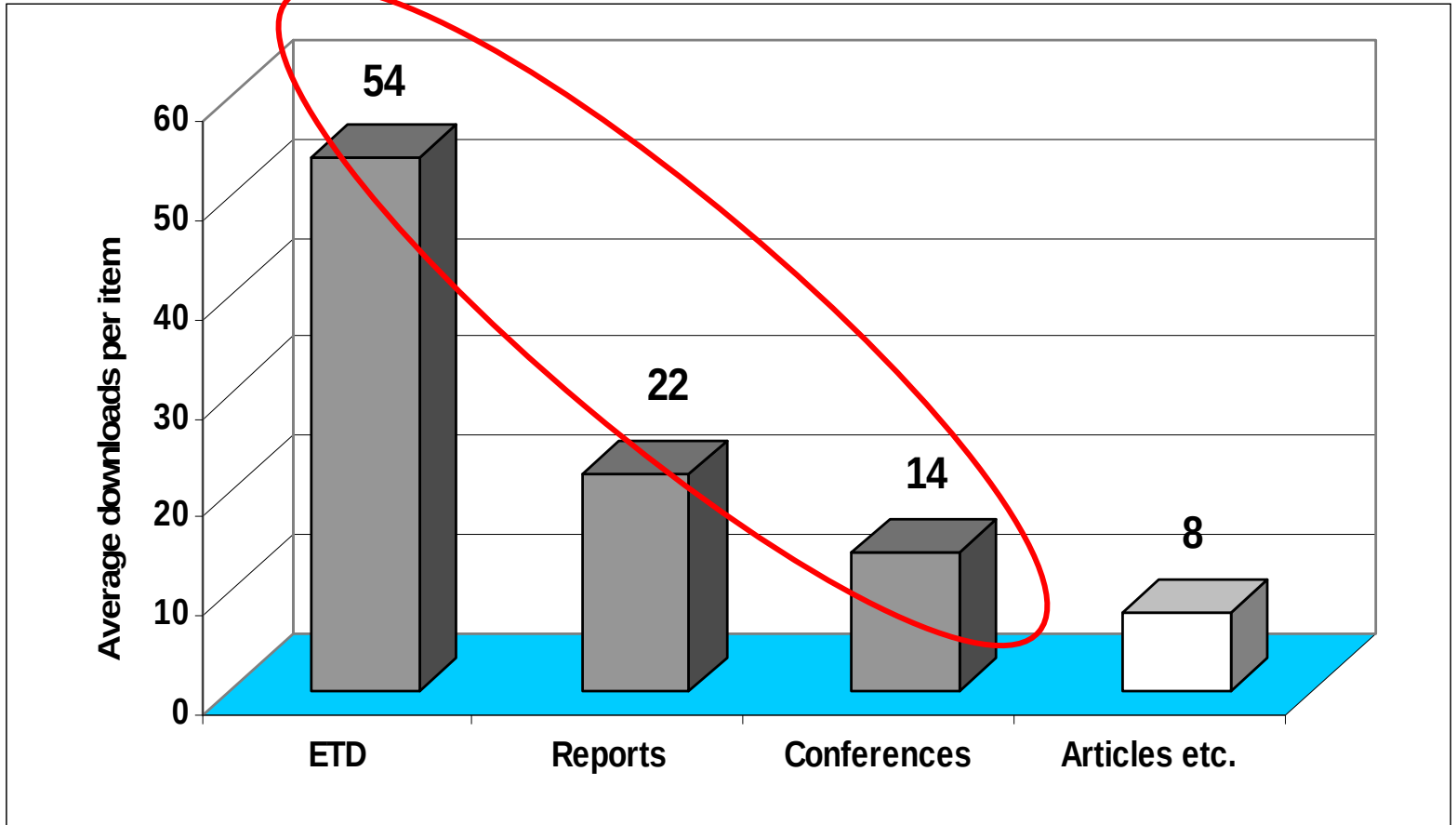
On usage statistics

- The big silence.
- Confirms the DRIVER study 2007:
- *70% of the repositories do log the statistical data on access but analysis and interpretation « in development » or « problematic ».*
- No public access to statistics but in some cases, information to authors (CCSD).
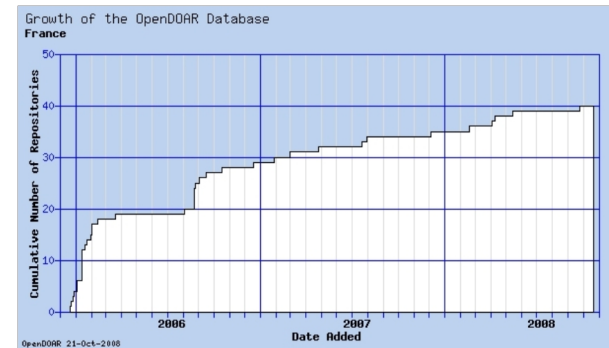
One exception: IFREMER
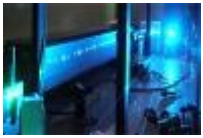
IFREMER average downloads: grey vs. white

Conclusion

- A landscape in movement
- Grey takes its place
- Wanted: policy statement
- More wanted: improved bibliographic control
- Mostly wanted: usage statistics

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