

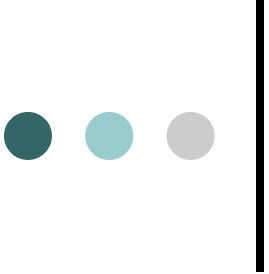


The uses of electronic ressources in the Maghreb countries

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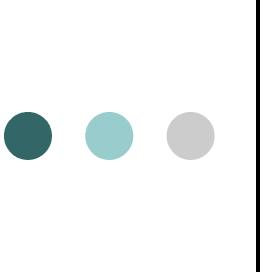
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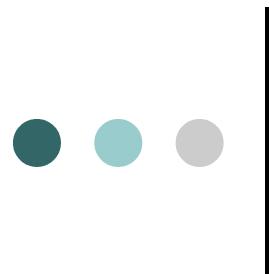


Plan

- 1. Context of the study**
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- 3. Practices, Uses and Non-uses**
- 4. A thought to be given**

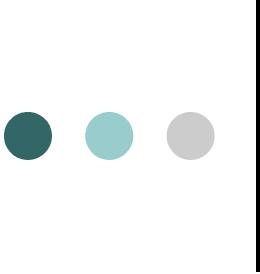


1 - Context of the study : a first indication

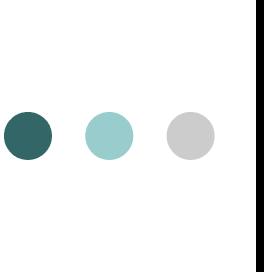


A field not much explored

- Few studies
 - Field difficulties and priorities
- A stake of offers and contents
 - An awareness
- A favourable context
 - Policy of infrastructure & Policy of digital services
- Organizations distinct from STI



2 – An offer, several audiences



What offer of electronic ressources ?

- The year 2007, a turning point
- Targeted on the « capital »
- A will of the actors
- A pluridisciplinary offer
- Observable practices
- « Cautious » choices of acquisitions and accesses

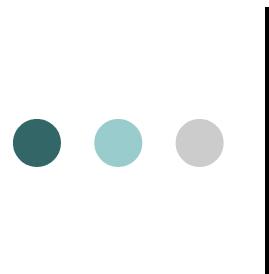
Integration of the offer

Alger University

- Takeover by the U.L.
- Big Anglo-Saxon and Arab editors
- Licences and accesses negotiations
 - A learning and a flexibility
 - The role of the subscriptions agencies
 - Towards a national coverage (?)

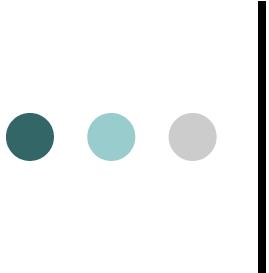
CNUDST - Tunis

- A political positioning
- The choice of the centralization
 - The difficulties of the libraries
- Services not much targeted
- What documentary policy?



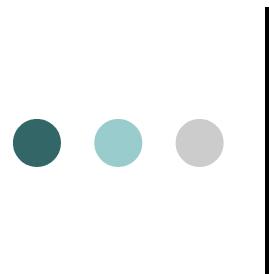
Which audiences?

- Exclusively teachers and researchers
- Polyglot
- Some, holders of a diploma from foreign countries
- With specific cultural practices



An environment of practices

- The « weekly ritual » of the library
 - A return to favour
 - The Web as a resort and as a reflex
- A contrasted information culture
 - An on-the-job training
 - Co-supervisions and international partnerships
 - Integration in a research activity

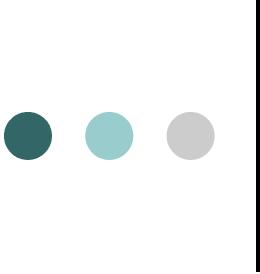


○ Problematics

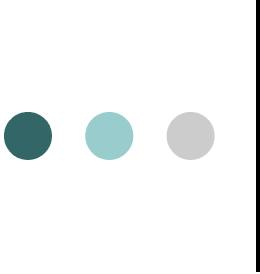
- How does the users consult and appropriate themselves the paying ressources which are proposed to them ?

○ A mixed methodology

- Editors datas available
- Interview
- The difficulties
- Availability of the statistics
- Literature
- Encounter of the researchers



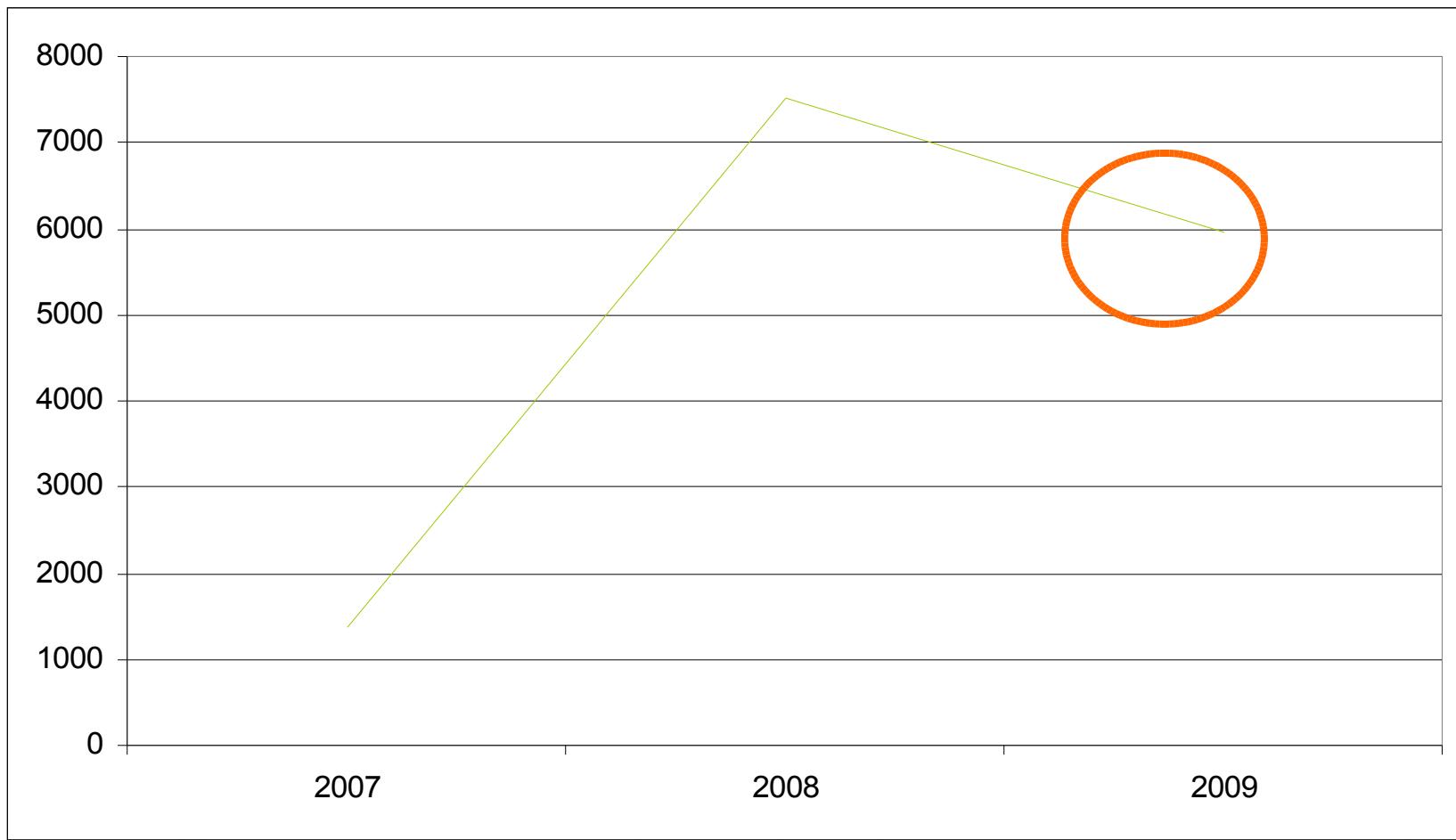
3 - Practices, Uses and Non-uses



Alger University

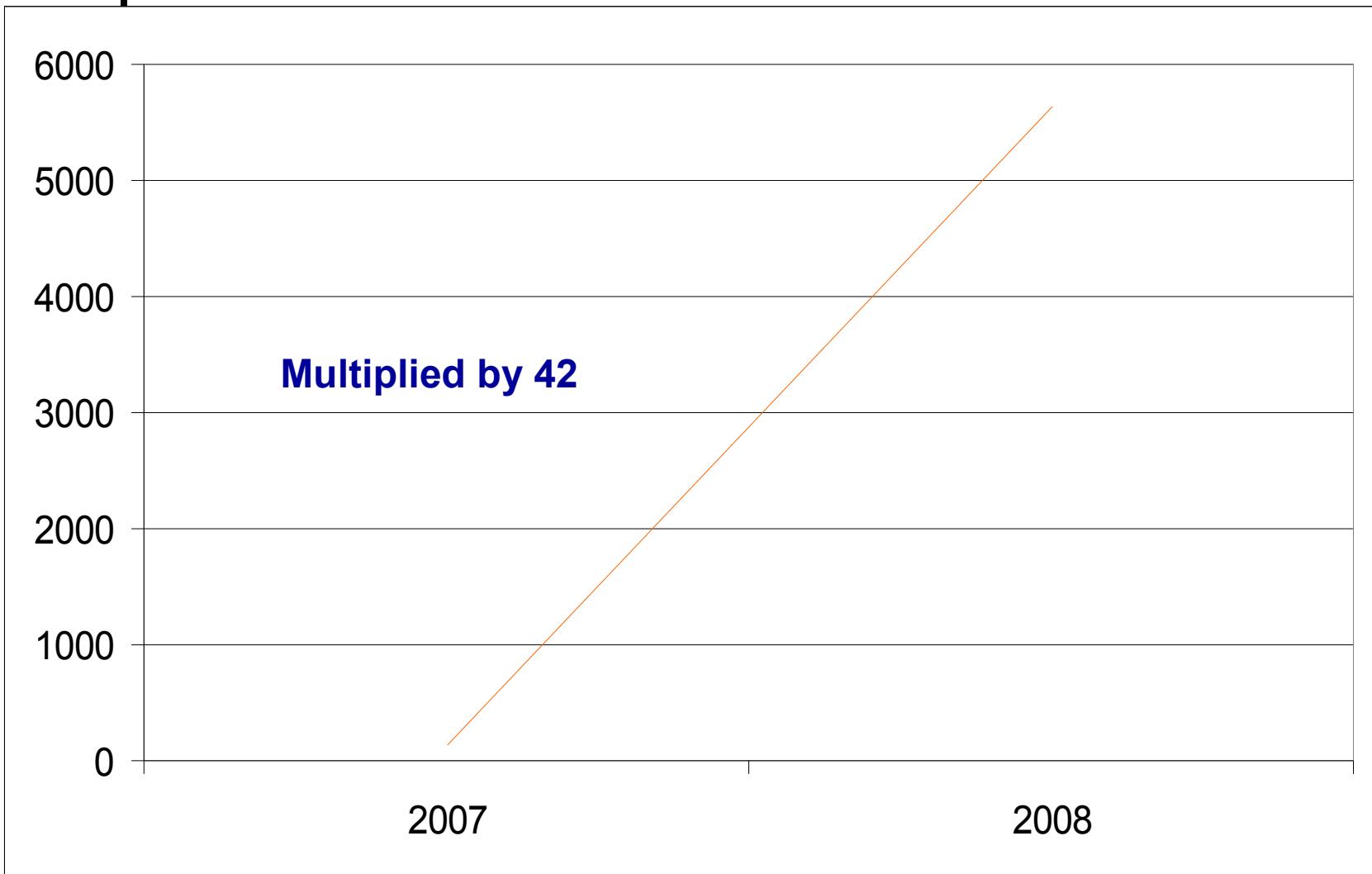
Use of datas and interviews

Evolution of the consultation, all ressources taken into account (JR1)

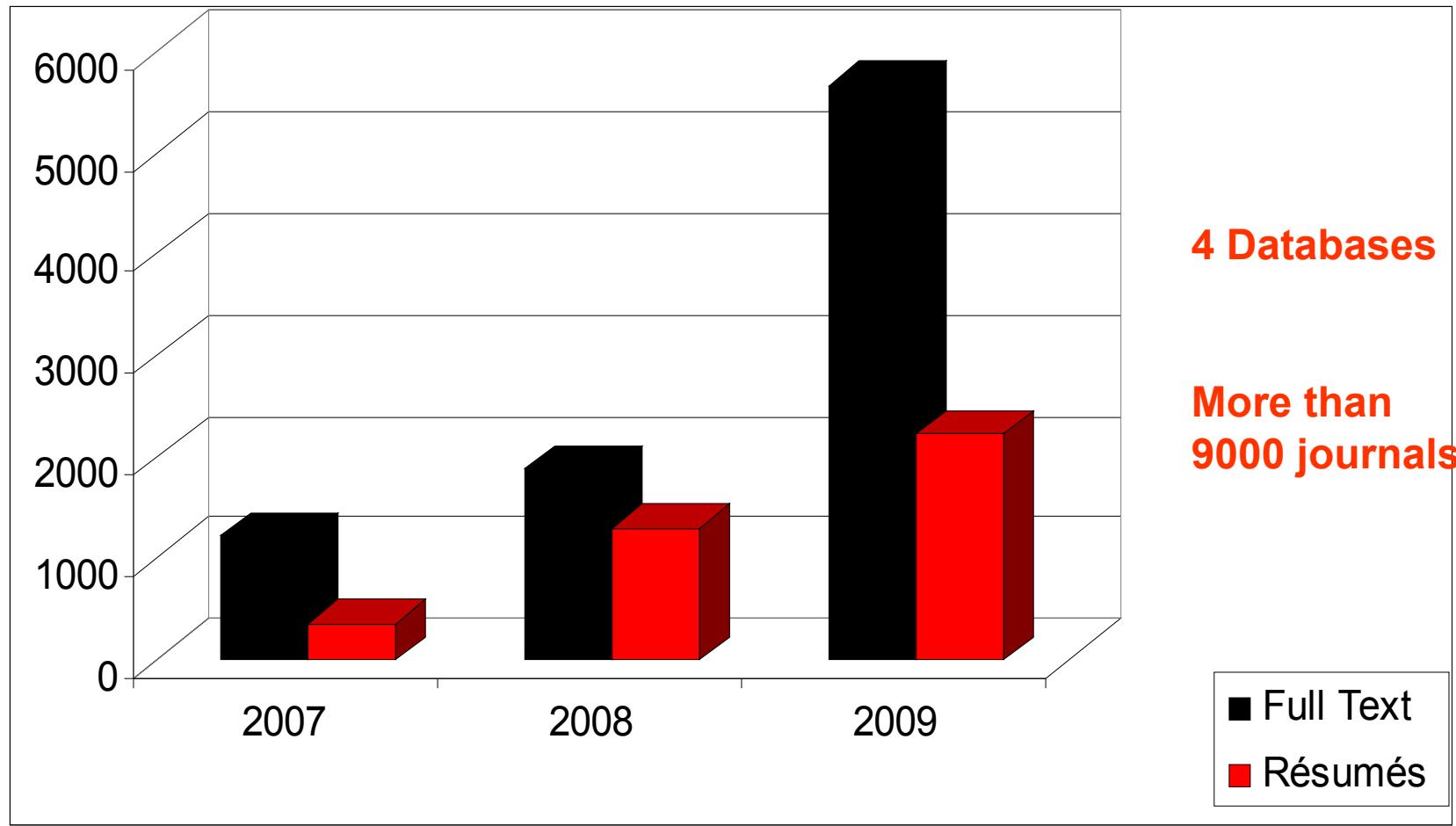




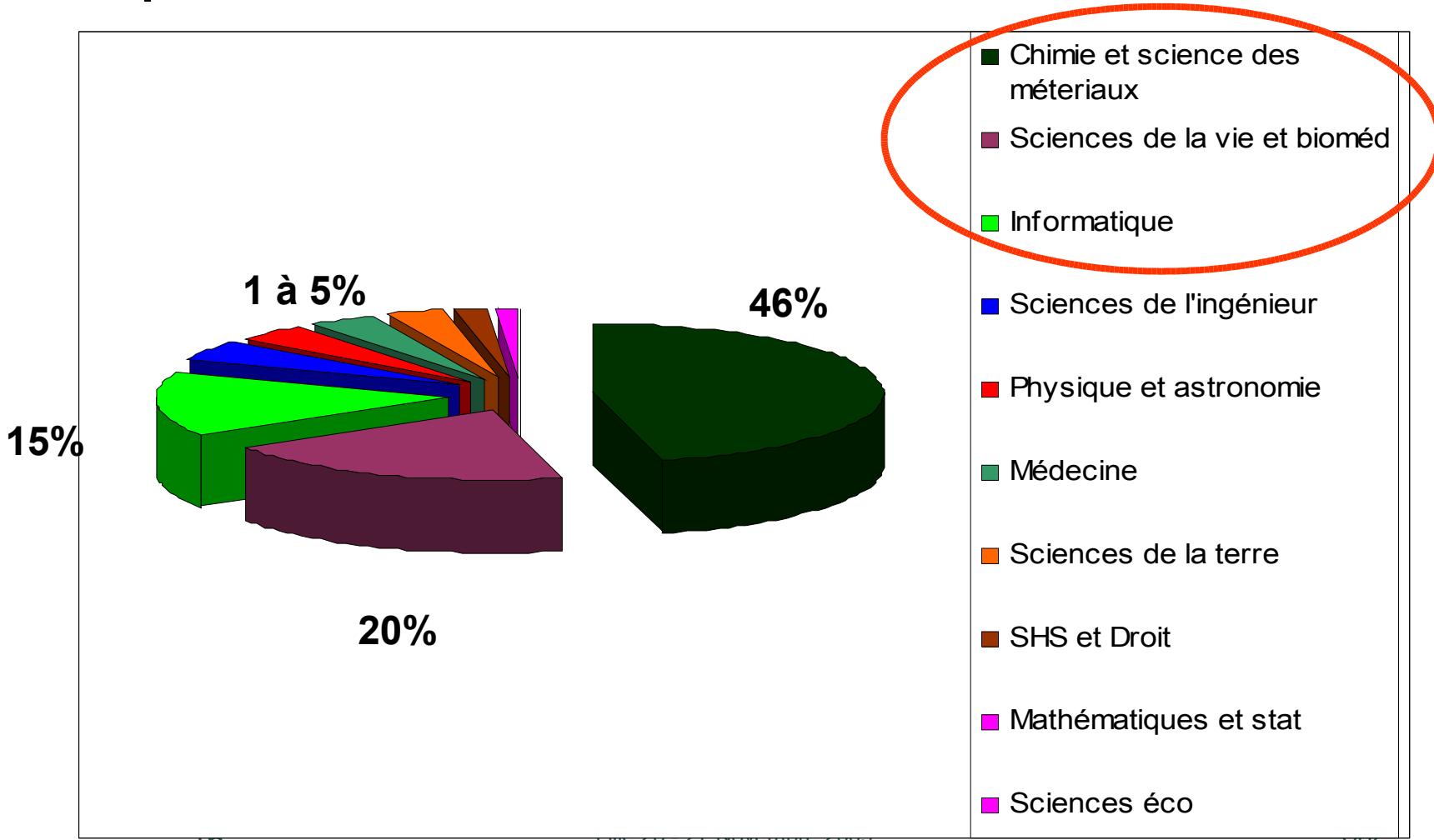
SpringerLink: Evolution of the consultation



Evolution of the consultation (EBSCO subscriptions)

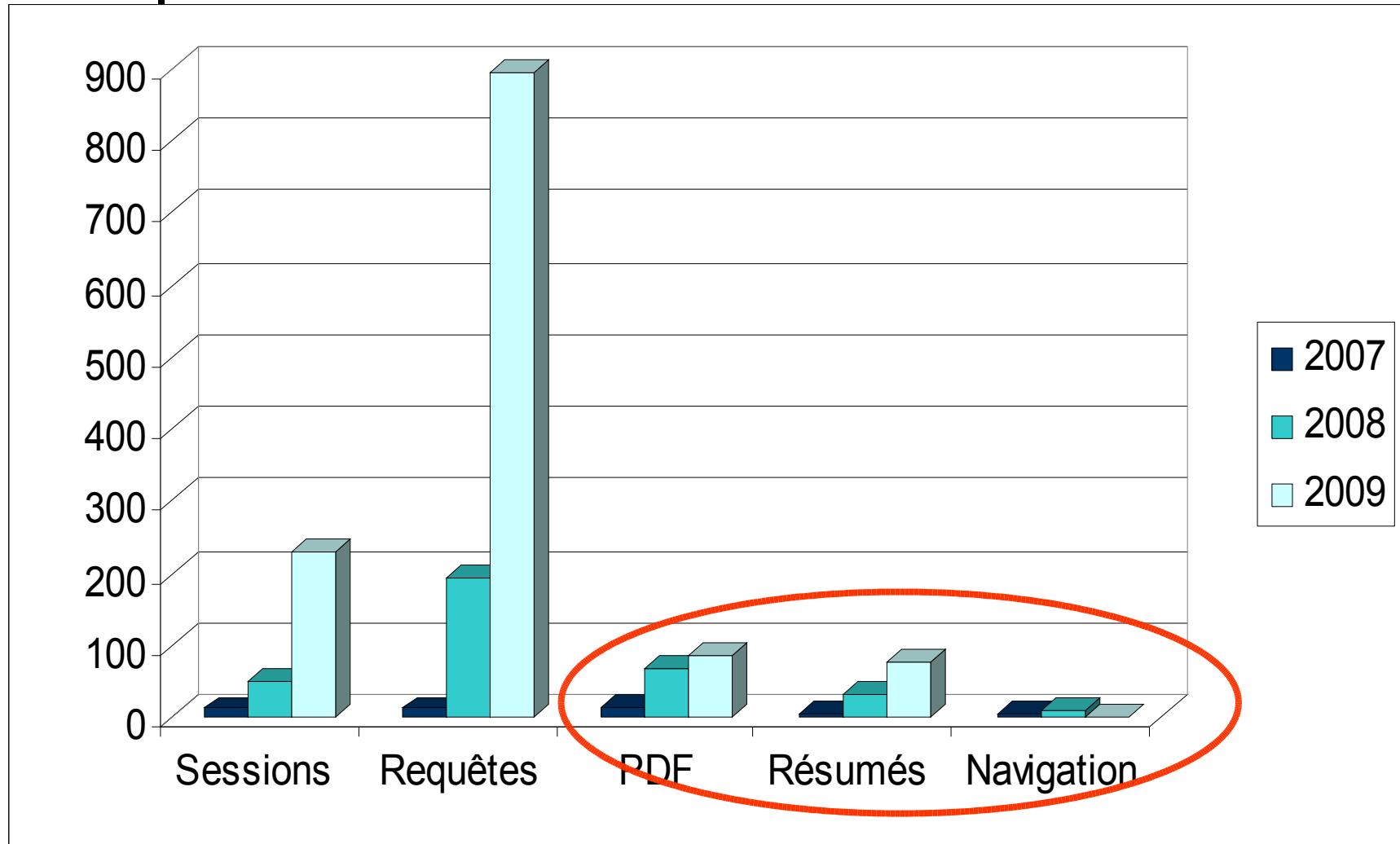


SpringerLink : Consultation by sphere in 2008



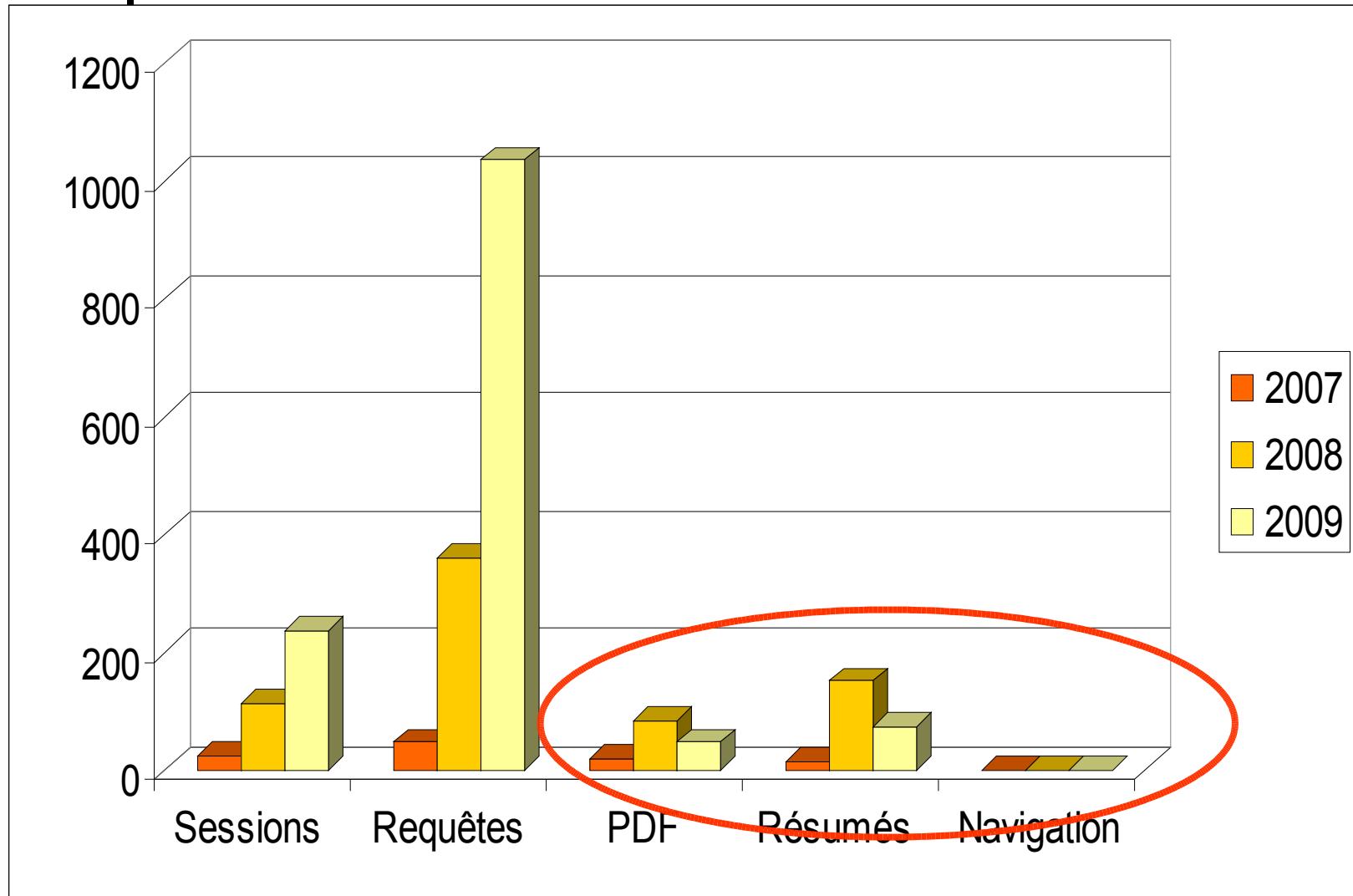
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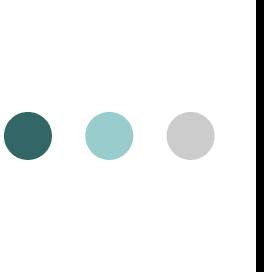
Economy



Library Reference Center

Literature





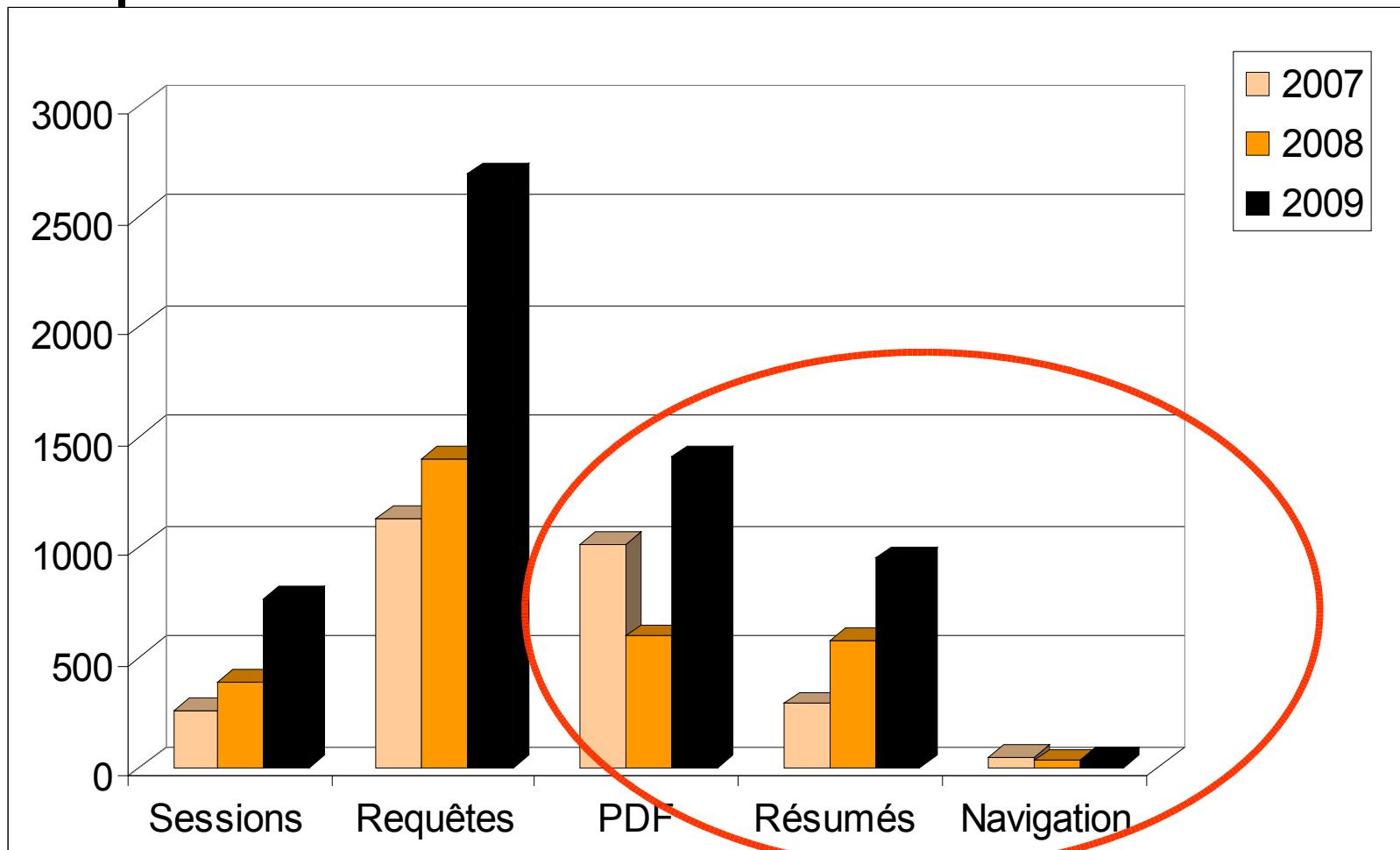
The difficulties of HSS

- The poorest digital culture
 - Difficulties of the research and of the browsing
- The language barrier
 - The « 3rd – 4rd » language phenomenon
- Lack of knowledge, even ignorance of the offer
 - Training and information
- Absence of « laboratory life »
 - Few exchanges between colleagues

=> Falling back on the usual ressources for
some of them

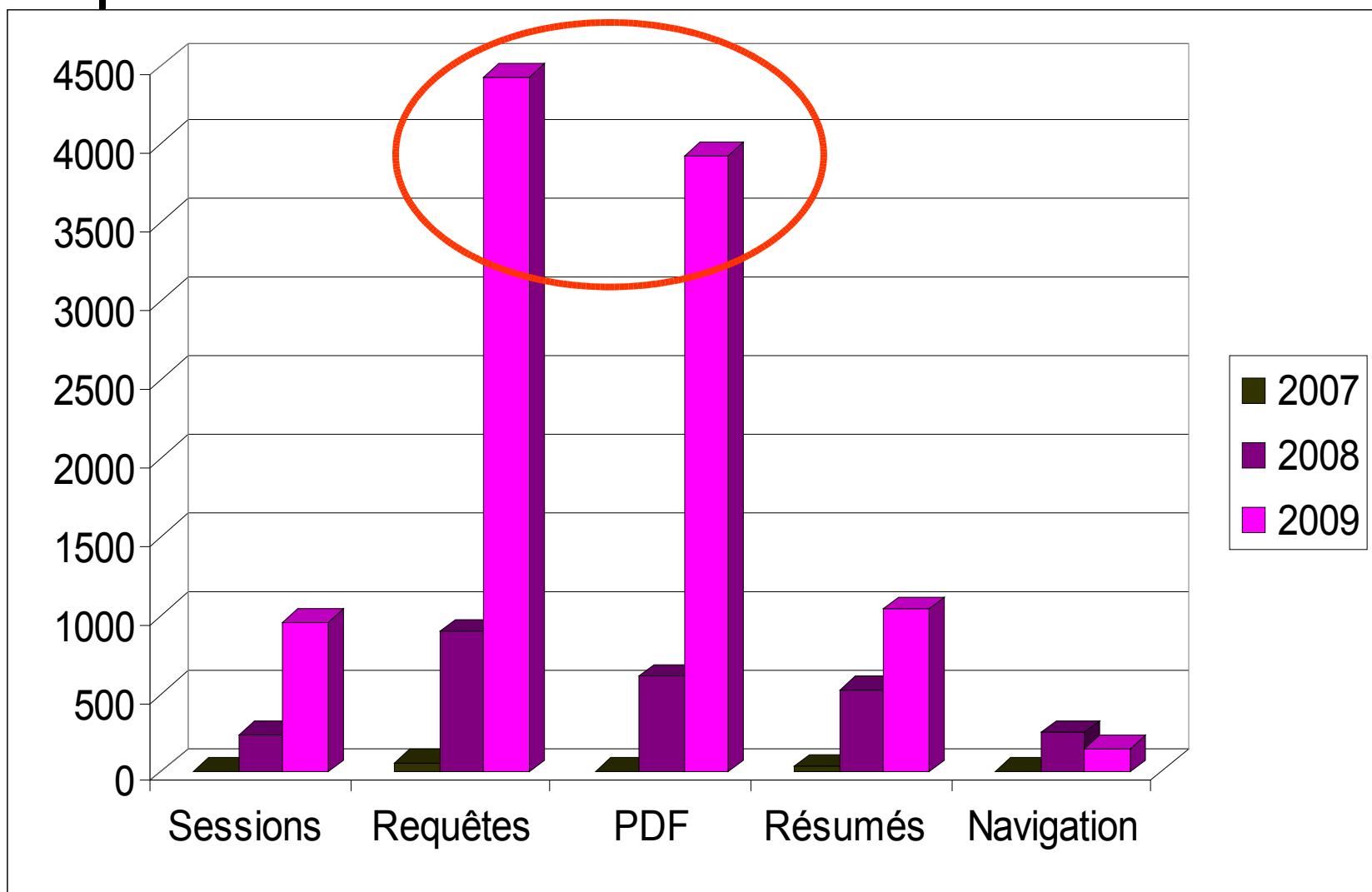
Academic Search Premier

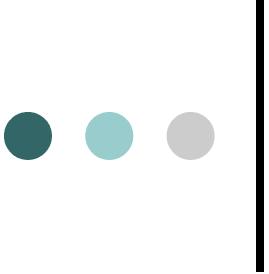
Multidisciplinary



Medline

Health

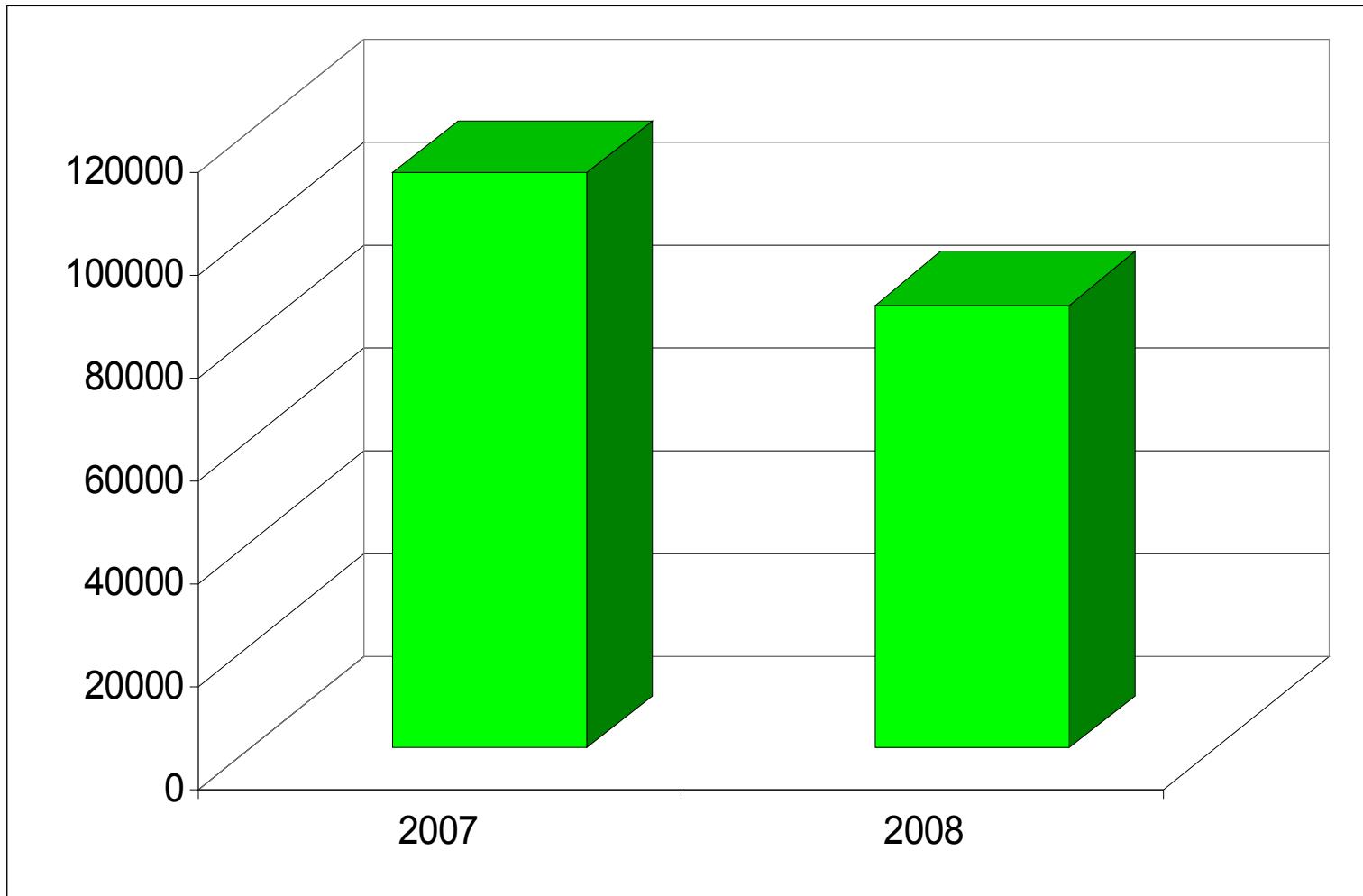




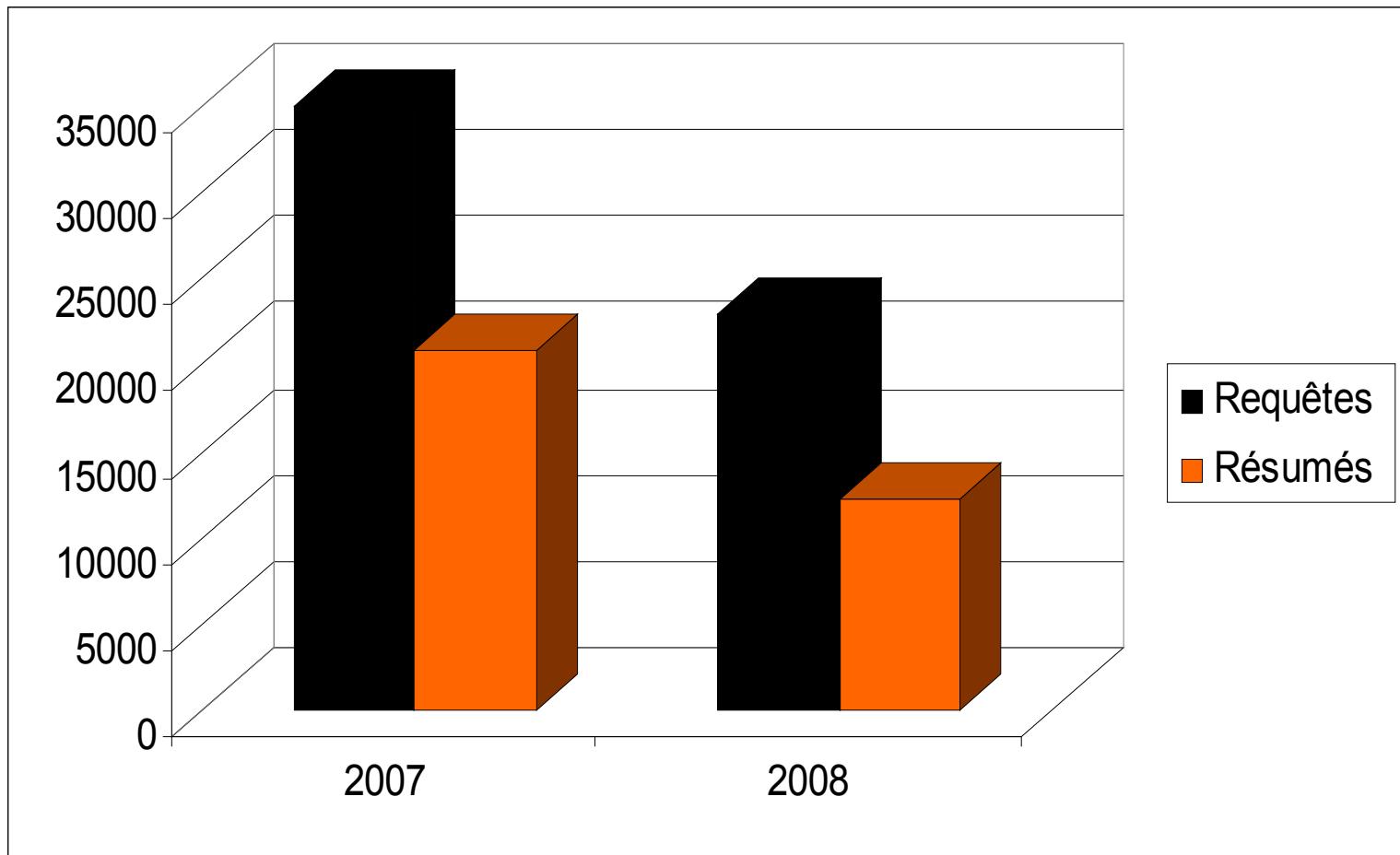
The lead of the TMS

- A bigger assertion of information practices
 - The added value of experience
 - The added value of the collaboration
 - Heterogeneous practices, trained on-the-job
 - Limited uses
 - A need of training expressed
 - Accesses : Slowness, Consultations hours, Places
 - The library challenged by the Cybercafé
- => To go beyond the « PDF »**

Evolution of the consultation JSTOR (JR1)

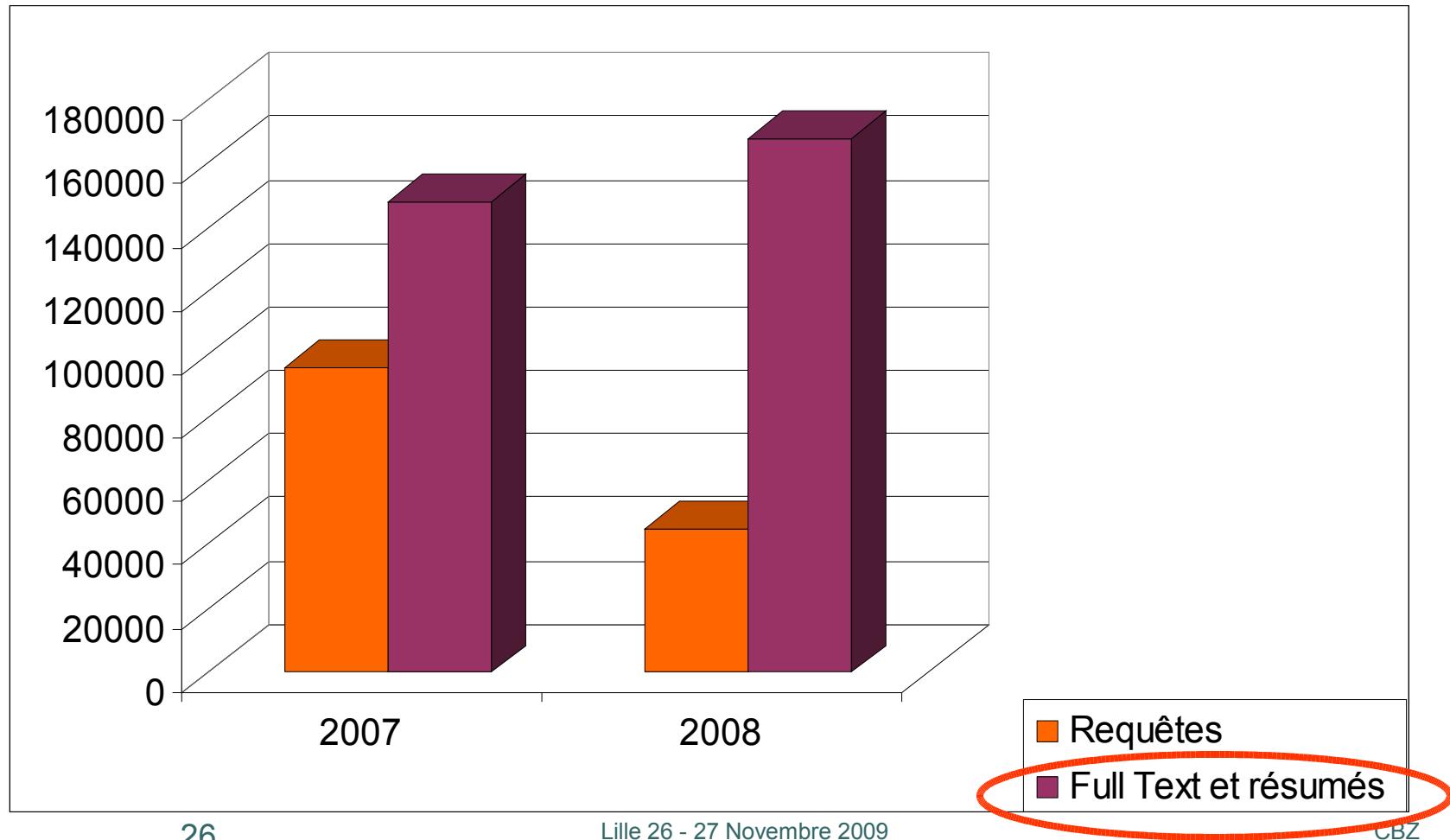


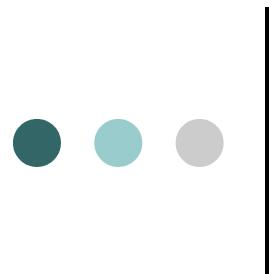
SCOPUS





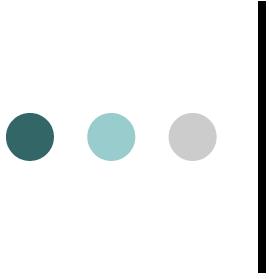
Blackwell





Practices in gestation

- Inadequacy of the offer
- Difficulti(es) of consultation
 - Services, Ergonomy, Browsing
- The absence of mediation
- A parallel TMS / HSS
- The Web as a resort



Elements for a reflexion to be given

- Fragmented practices, heterogeneous uses, in a same community
 - An individual and not social appropriation
 - Training, information and information culture
- The stakes to think about
 - Documentary policy and economic model
 - Negotiations
 - Paper/ electronic
 - Services policy
 - Taking into account the environment of the researchers
 - Professional skills