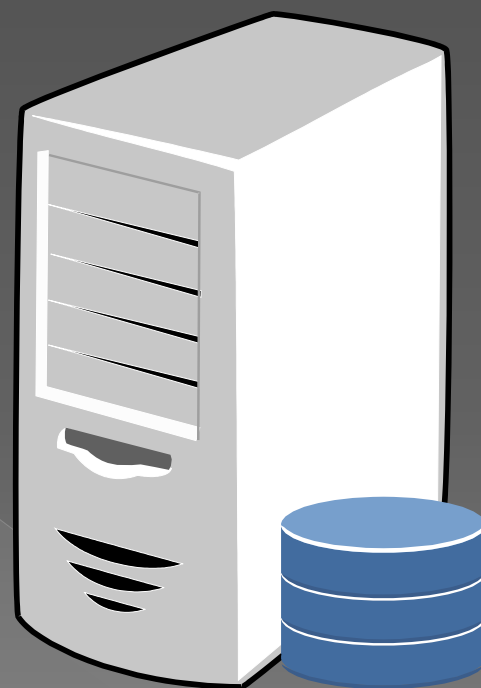


# Bibliographic databases for theology and religious sciences

## *Index Religiosus*

### Search strategies

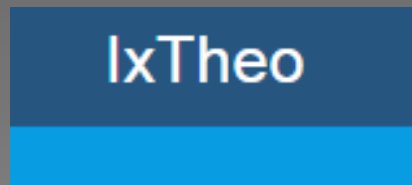
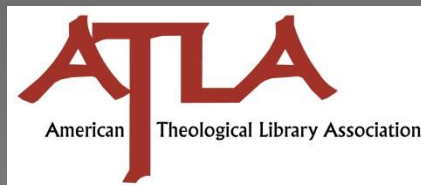


## Outline of the presentation

- Some general remarks
- ATLA Religion Database (Chicago)
- Index Theologicus / IxTheo (Tübingen)
- Index Religiosus / IR (Louvain / Louvain-La-Neuve)
- Comparison between the databases (language, matters, source types)
- In practice with IR (access, search, advanced functions, export results)

## Some general remarks

- Electronic publications: a definition
- Different types of online electronic publications
- Content of bibliographic databases
- The Main specialized bibliographic databases for theology and religious sciences



## ATLA religion database

- Created in 1981 and based in Chicago (Illinois)
- ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index (ATLA CPLI®) merged in ATLA religion database in november 2017
- Coverage of following areas
- Updated monthly (in theory)
- More than 2,800,000 records in MARC format (2020)
  - 1,195,959 articles, 433,794 books, 278,455 essays, 981,240 critical reviews

## Index theologicus

- Created in 1995 and based in Tübingen (Germany)
- Available on Internet since 2002 via Mohr-Siebeck Verlag
- Access completely free of charge
- Coverage of following areas
- Updated monthly (in theory)
- More than 2,000,000 records (2020)
  - 921,497 articles, 965,069 books, 173,085 critical reviews

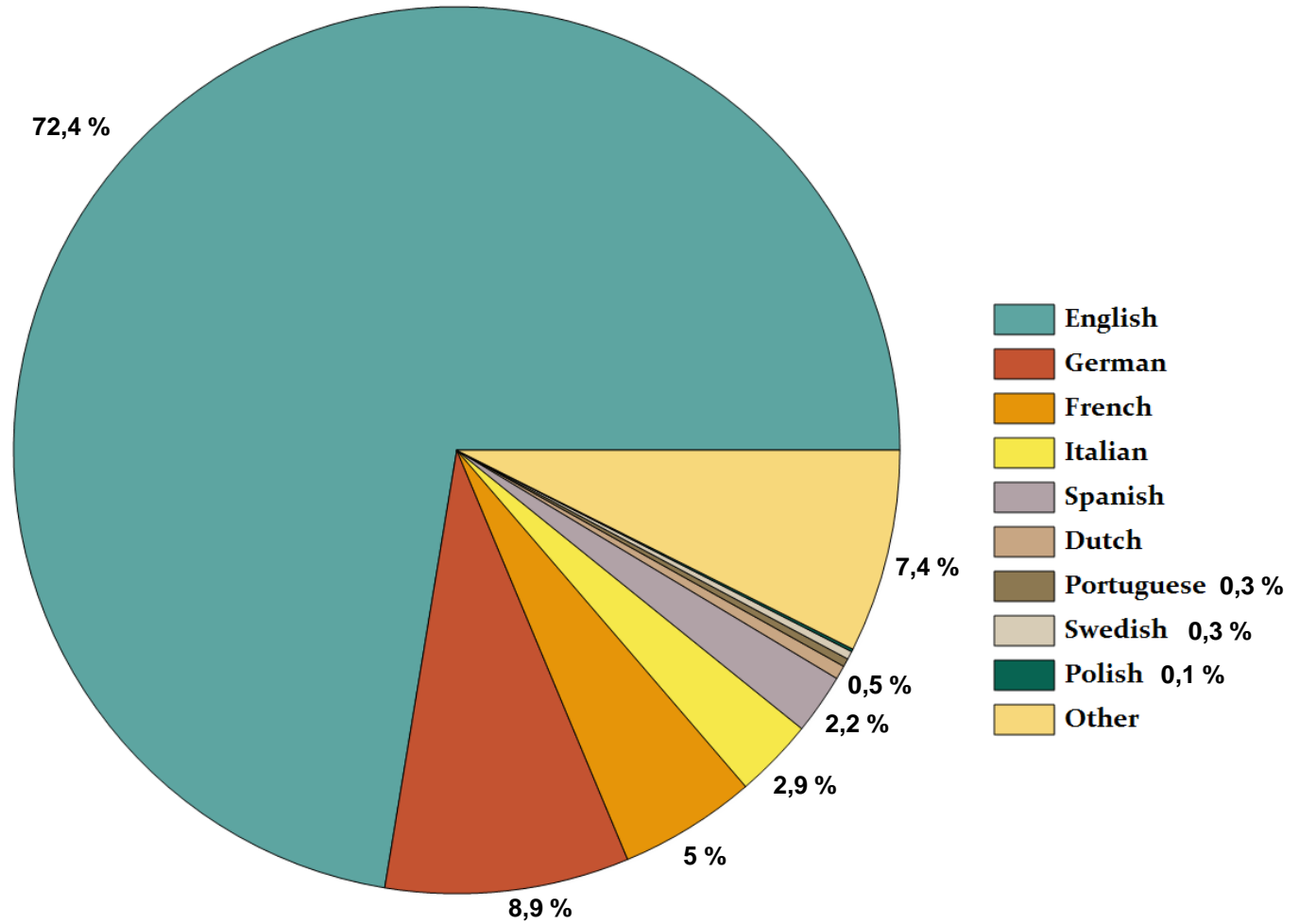
## Index religiosus

- Created in 2001, at this time = bibliography of the RHE, and based in Louvain and Louvain-La-Neuve (Belgium)
- Available on Internet since 2009 via Brepols, Turnhout (Belgium)
- Brings together in 2014 the bibliography of the *Revue d'Histoire Ecclésiastique* and the *Elenchus Bibliographicus* (formerly published by the *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses*)
- Coverage of following areas
- Updated every three months
- More than 790,000 records (2020)  
463,384 articles, 176,777 books, 150,245 critical reviews

# Some points of comparison

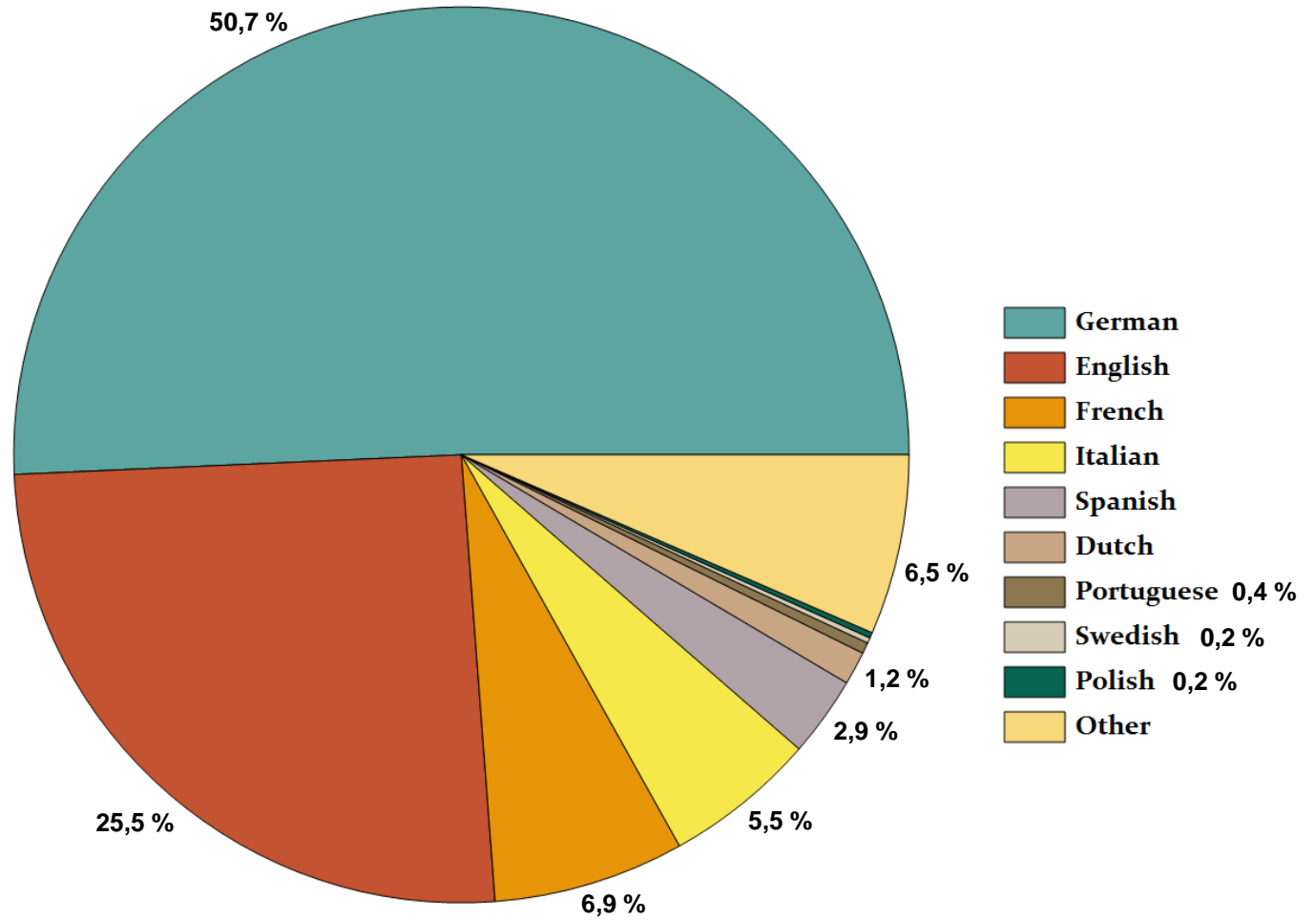
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ATLA religion database



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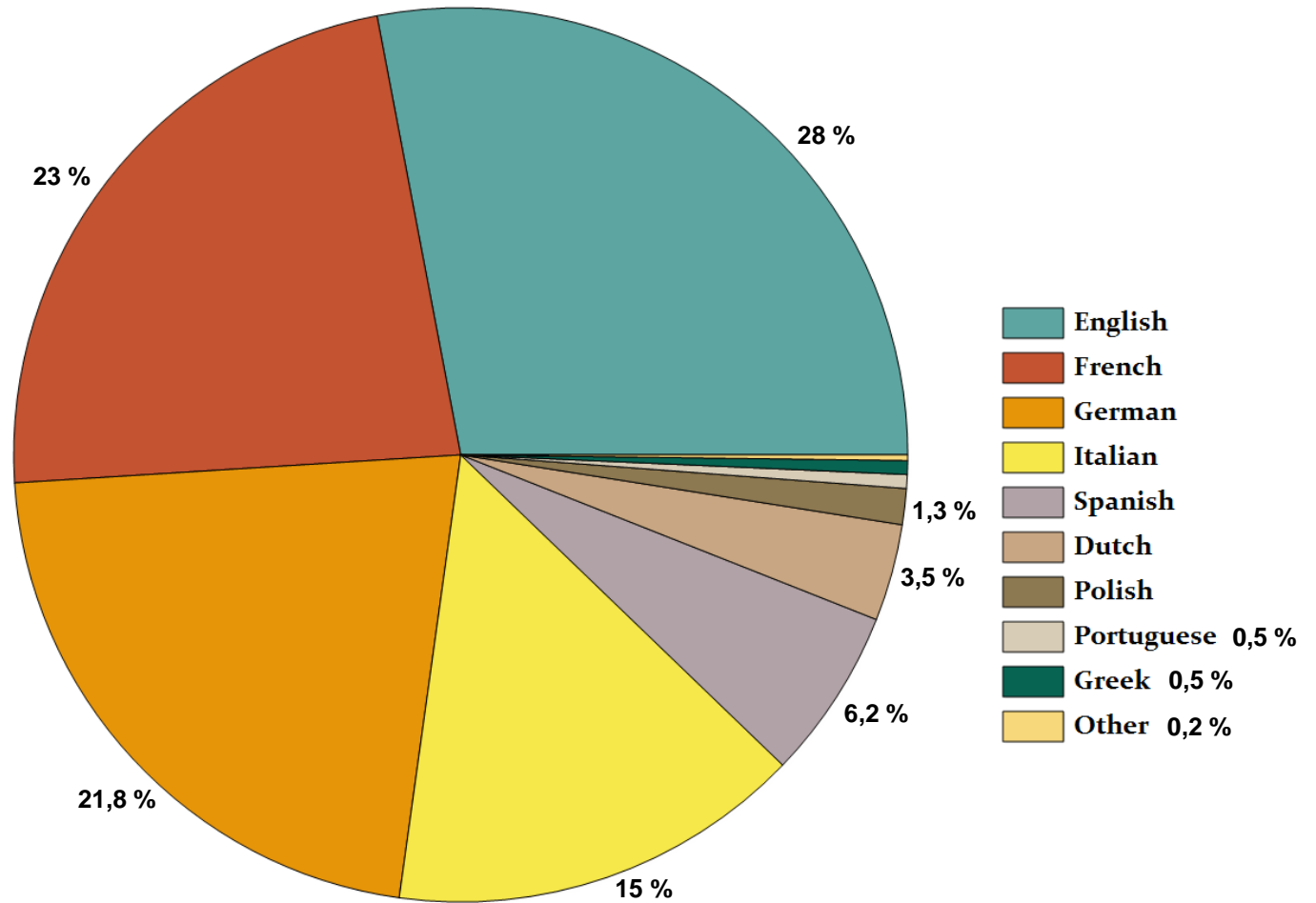
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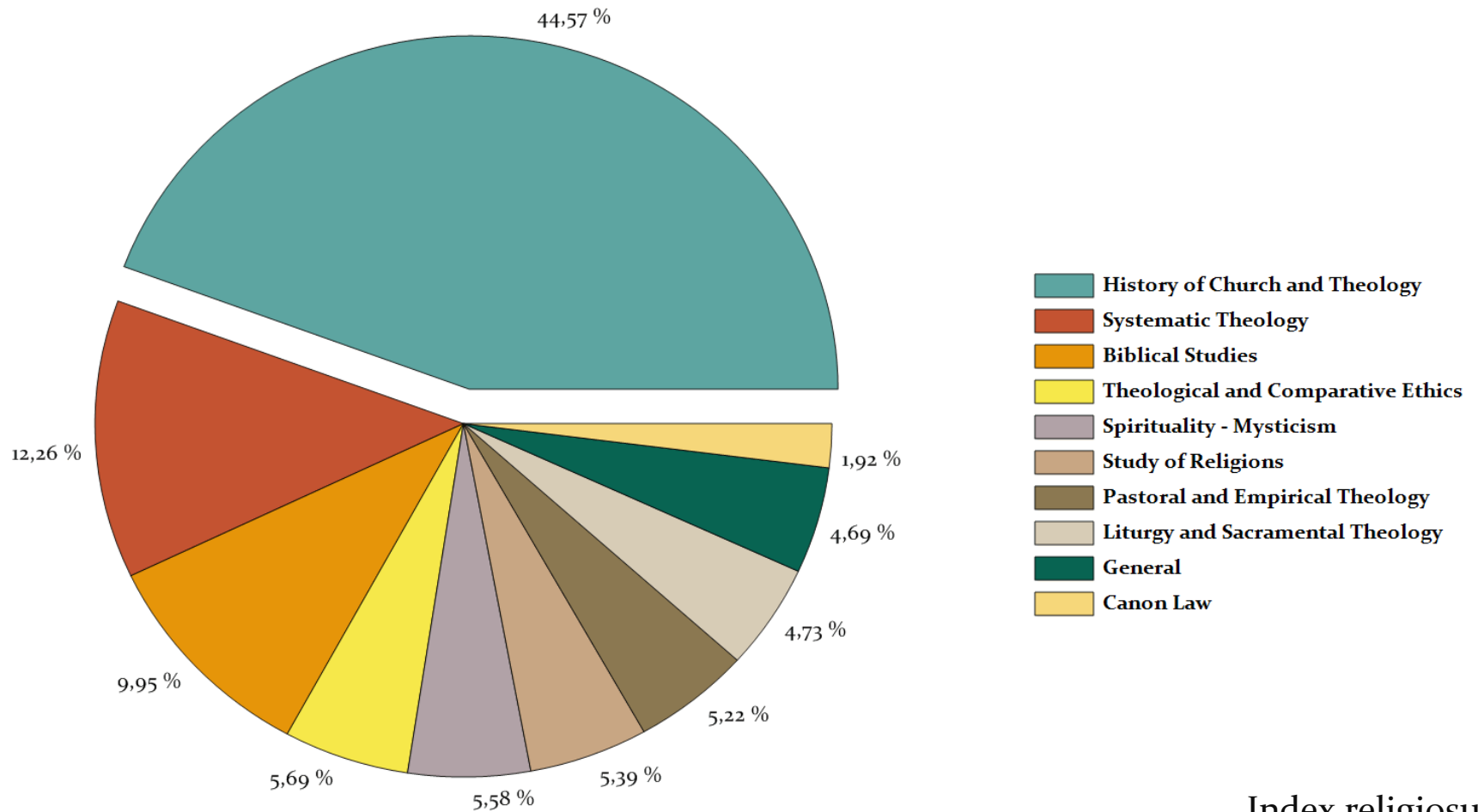


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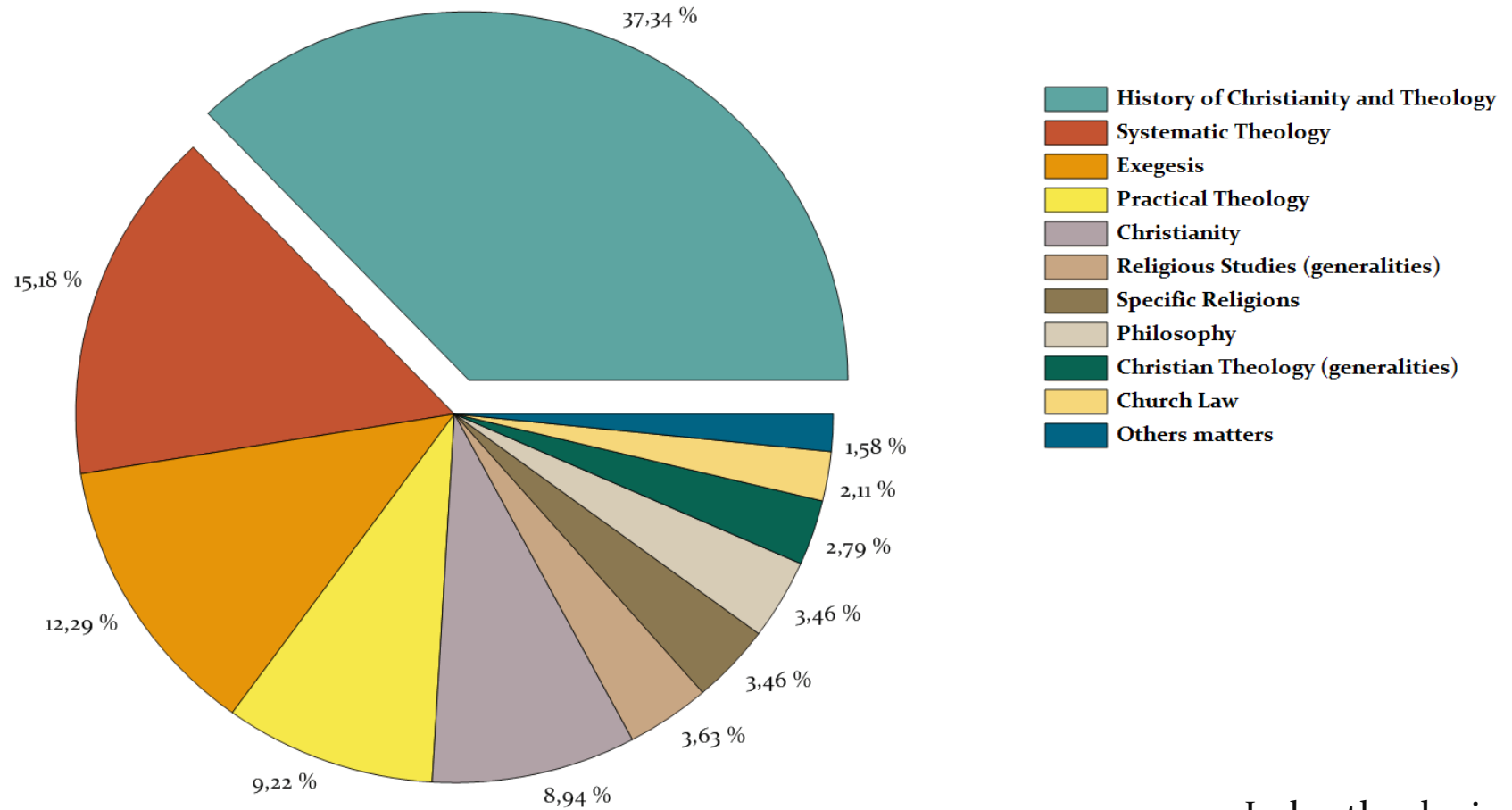


## B. The distribution of records by matters



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## How to access these bibliographic database

- 1) Direct access from your computer: ixtheo.de (Index theologicus), free access
- 2) Access from a computer inside the Maurits Sabbe Library (IR, ATLA)  
<https://bib.kuleuven.be/msb/collectie/elektronische-collectie>  
<https://bib.kuleuven.be/english/msb/collection/libguide-1/home>
- 3) Access from your own computer via kuleuven.be (proxy)
- 4) Access from your own institution by subscription

## Index Religiosus: main functions

- Simple search : free or thematic
- Use of boolean operators (AND – OR – NOT)
- Advanced search: bibliographical – thematic general – thematic specific
- Different ways to export results (special attention for RIS format and Zotero)
- Help online: [http://cpps.brepolis.net/ir/manual/ir\\_en/pages/rhe\\_en/rhe\\_15\\_en.html](http://cpps.brepolis.net/ir/manual/ir_en/pages/rhe_en/rhe_15_en.html)
- Search history
- Emails alerts
- Author and Journal profiles
- Provide feedback
- Quizz to test your skills

**And now, some practice...**