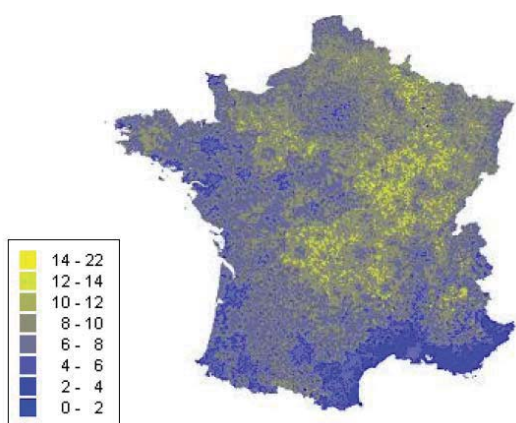


Characterization of the European dwelling stock

- France as an illustrative example

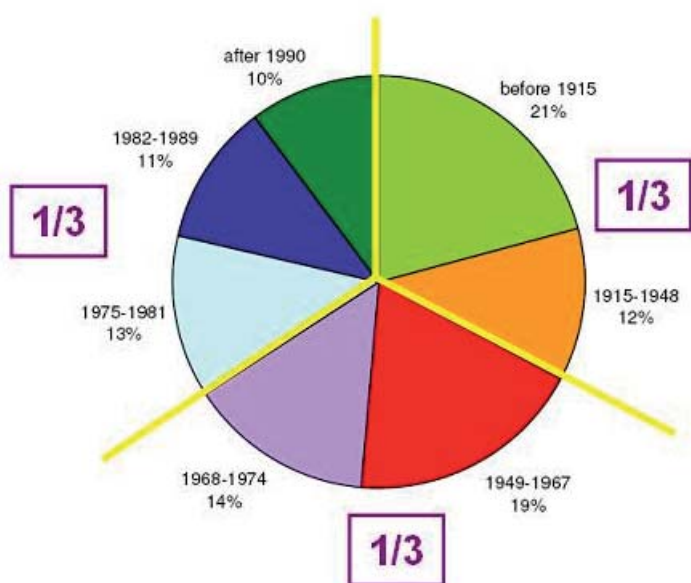
Between 1973 and 2002, the size of the residential building stock in France has grown up by 43% and its surface area by 80%. The average floor area has thus increased during this period by 25%. This is mainly due to an increase in living standard and a decrease in household size.



Heating energy consumption in France in 1999 in MWh/inhabitant

Segmentation of the building stock in three groups

The French building stock can be divided into three approximately equal groups. One-third of the dwellings were built before the Second World War, one-third during the Reconstruction period and one-third after 1974, when the first thermal regulation was enforced.



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