



# What Shall I Eat? => RNI Recommended Nutrient Intakes

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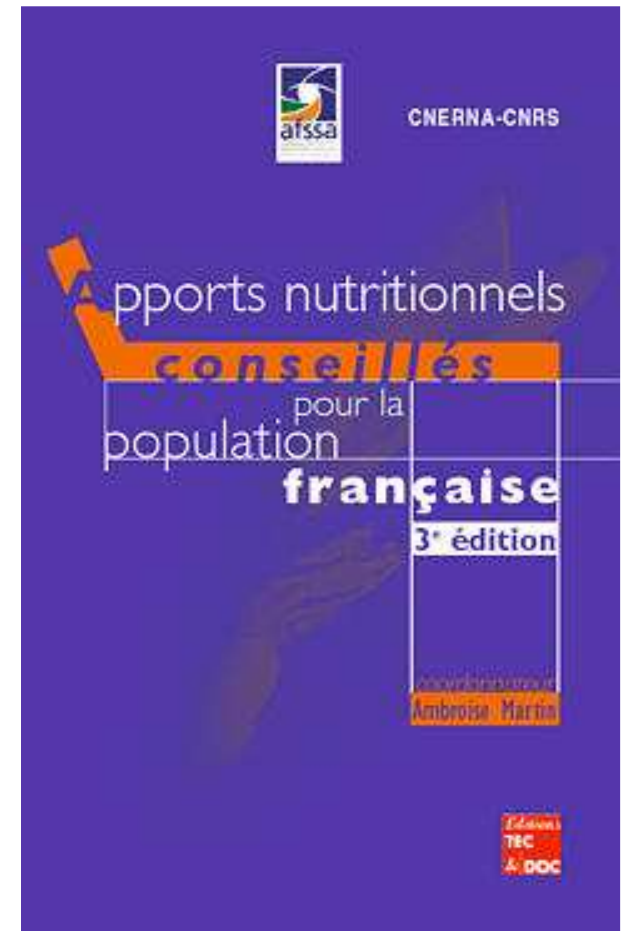
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# RNI

## Lesson Content

- Recommended Nutrient Intake, Why?
- **To Fulfill the Nutritional Needs (Needs = Requirements)**
  - How can RNI be used, and for whom?
  - Nutrients, how much to get enough?
- **To Reduce Disease Risk**
  - How do we know?
  - Which Diseases could be induced/prevented by diet?



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# Recommended Nutrient Intakes

## RNI, Definition

- Advices given to a population
- To help dietary choices, so that the diet contains enough of all needed nutrients (no deficiency)
- To reduce the risk of chronic diseases (no excess, no imbalance)
- RNI = Recommended Nutrient Intakes
- **RDA = Recommended Daily Allowance**
- ANC = Apports Nutritionnels Conseillés
- **AQR = Apports Quotidiens Recommandés**

# RNI are **important**

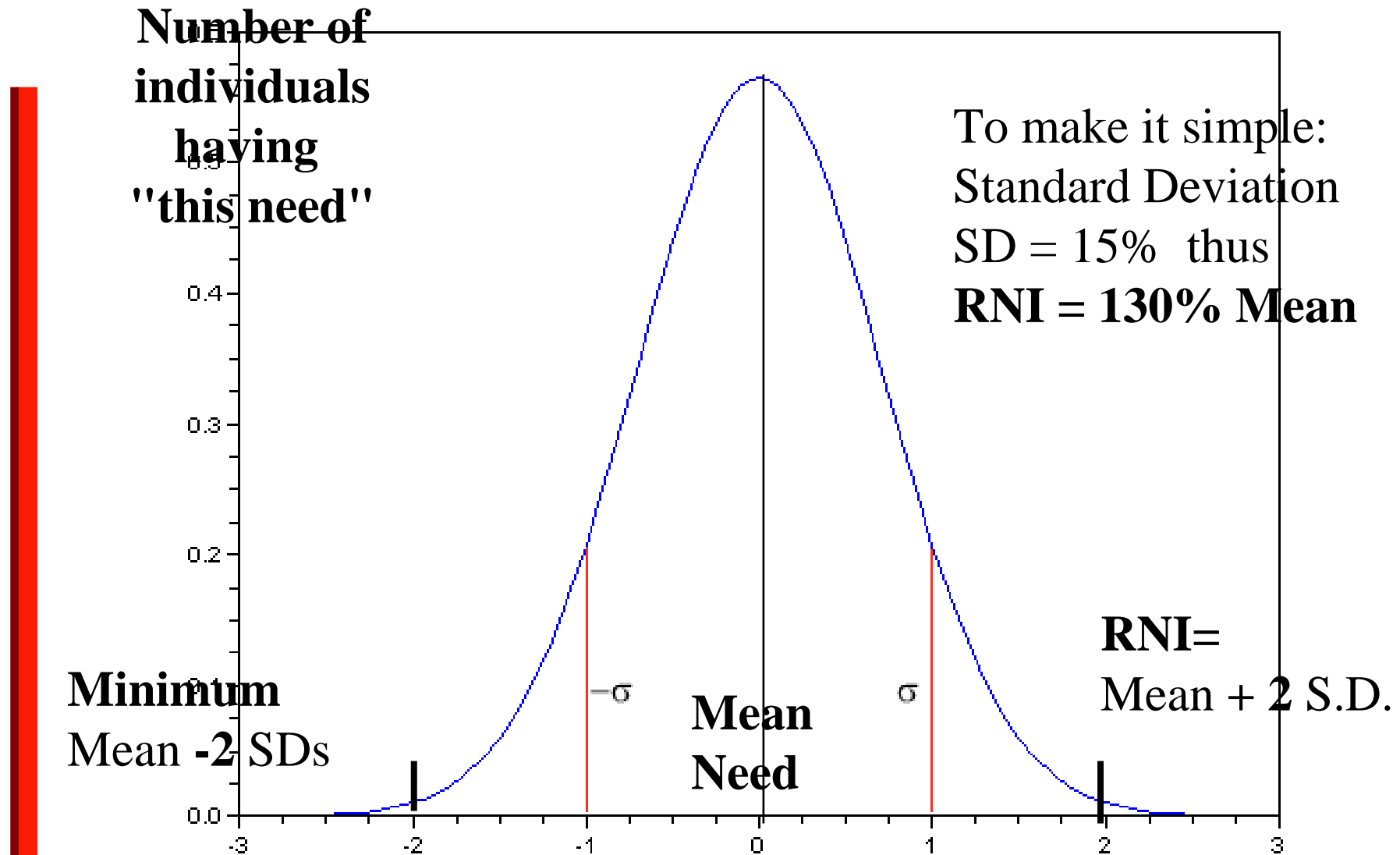
- To prevent morbidity (diseases) & mortality (no deficiency, no excess, no imbalance)
- To make economical & political choices
  - Agricultural production, importations, taxes, prices, advertising
  - International conferences, country status (FAO/WHO => UNO, Third World debt)

# Fulfill the Needs <sup>(1)</sup>

## How to use RNI?

- RNI Target population : « normal » people
- Population (not individual): *Statistics!*  
To meet everyone needs,  
one must give too much to most people:  
Is this a waste?

# Nutrient Needs



# Fulfill the Needs (2)

## What might change people's needs?

- Needs change according to **Body Weight**  
=> RNI are given in **g/kg** (*specific RNIs based on kCal*)
- Some needs depend on **Gender**  
= e.g., women need more iron, folates, calcium
- Needs depend on **Age**:
  - = Kids growth (protein, calcium).
  - = Seniors: *which needs are specific?*



# Iron needs (Fe)

## Women $\neq$ Men

- 0-8 years: 7 mg/day
- 8-12 year: 8 mg/day
- Teenagers: 12 mg/d boy - 14 mg/d girl
- **Adult male: 9 mg/d**
- **Adult female: 16 mg/d** (9 mg post-menopause)
- Pregnant woman : 25-35 mg/d from 4 to 9 months of pregnancy (need supplements after 1<sup>er</sup> term)
- Breastfeeding woman : 10 mg/d

# Protein RNI g/kg/d

## Changes with Age

2.6 g/kg at 1 month

2.1 g/kg at 2 months

1.7 g/kg at 3 months then progressive decrease

1.0 g/kg à 2 years (& pregnant/milking woman)

0.9 g/kg between 2 & 18 years

**0.8 g/kg adult.** Good quality proteins  
( minimum 1/3 de animal proteins)

1.0 g/kg seniors (old-timers)

*Minimal needs: 0.5 g/kg/day*

Kids' needs are well known. **Seniors'** ones are mostly **unknown!**

# Fulfill the Needs (3)

## How to use RNI?

Target « **normal** » people, and advices for a **population** (not individual): *Statistics!*

Needs depend on **body weight**, on **gender**, on **age**

- **Adaptation** : Needs depend on Diet!  
water, calcium, proteins, . . . the more you eat, the more you reject
- **Time scale**:
  - Balanced food, balanced meal, balanced week, . . . ?
  - There is no ideal food (*How to advertise?*)
  - Balance is obtained on several days (*How to make menus?*)

NextSlide: **Q.** How to measure needs?  
Survey= **empirical** / Balance= **factorial**)

# How to Know the Needs?

## Three Evaluation Methods

- **Empirical** method: To observe what a healthy (or an overtly deficient) population is eating
- **Factorial** method: Balance (intakes vs. outputs)  
= (expenses, measured experimentally)  
= (maintenance + activity + growth) E.g., protein needs from N losts
- **Depletion/Repletion** method:  
Exp. determinat. of minimal intake following a deficient diet
- **Criterion?** Balance (N, K), blood level (Iron, Vitamins),  
Biomarker (homocystein for folic acid)
  - **No method is perfect, nor precise, nor universal**
  - **RNI are thus temporary and rough (approximated)**

# Fulfill Nutrient Needs:

## Major nutrients

- **Water**
- **Energy /Calories**
- **Proteins**
- **Fats**
- **Carbohydrates**
- **Minerals**
- **Vitamins**

# Fulfill Nutrient Needs:

Eat What, and How Much, to Get Enough?

- **Water:** control = thirst (good example of balance problem)

# Water : input-output

<b>Input</b>	<b>2,300 ml</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>2,300 ml</b>
Drinks	1,100	Urine	1,400
Metabolic w	300	Fecal water	100
Food water	900	Breath	500
		Sweat	300

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## Recommended **Energy** Intakes

Sources: **fat 9**, carb. **4**, prot. **4 kCal/g**

Median need: **2 400 kCal/d** (=how many grams of carbohydrate?)

**1800** kCal/d sedentary woman

**3400** kCal/d very active man

Many different systems to determine energy intake:  
f(age, weight, physical activity...) equations, tables, software

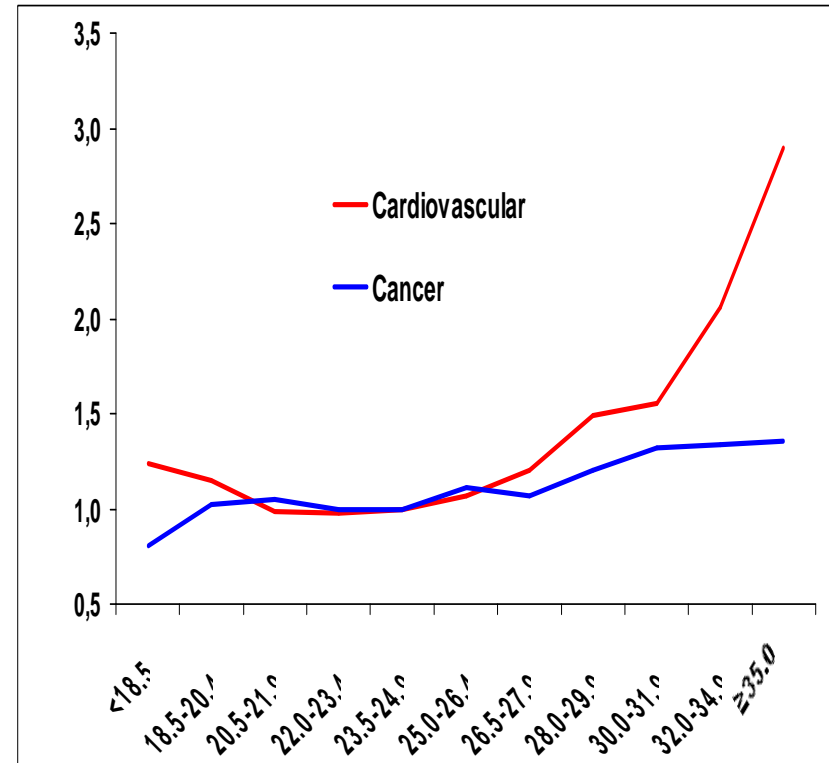
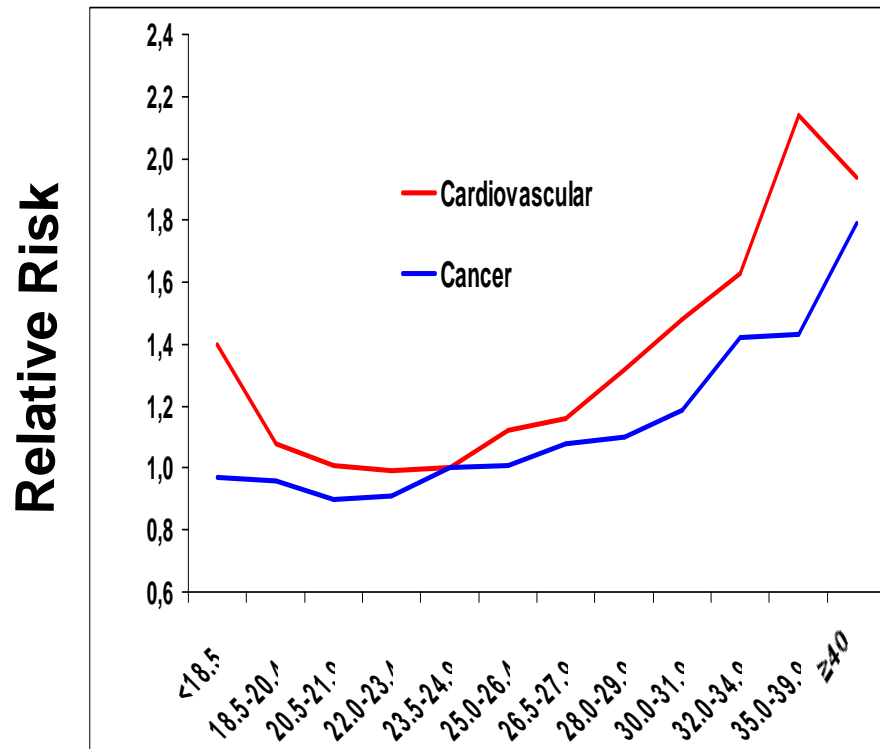
Primary control: **appetite/satiety** (often overcome)

Secondary control: **stable body weight**

Optimal **Body Mass Index**, =  $BW/H^2$  **BMI [19-25]** kg/m<sup>2</sup>

More expenses, High Nutr. Density >> Reduced Calories

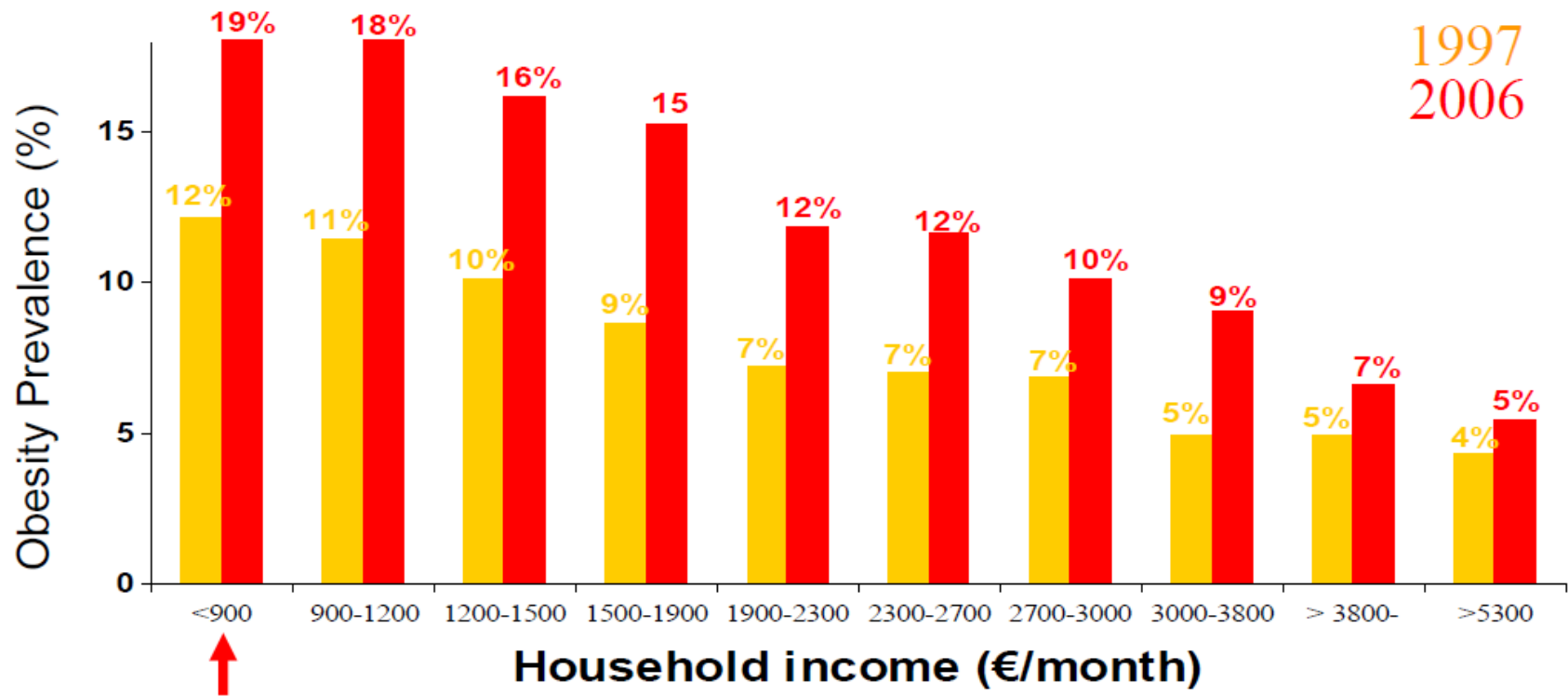
# Body Mass Index & Death, Women and Men (USA)



E. Calle, NEJM. 1999  
Diapo.: Françoise Clavel

# More Obesity in the Poor

France, Obepi survey (MA Charles, Obesity 2008)



In France,  
hope



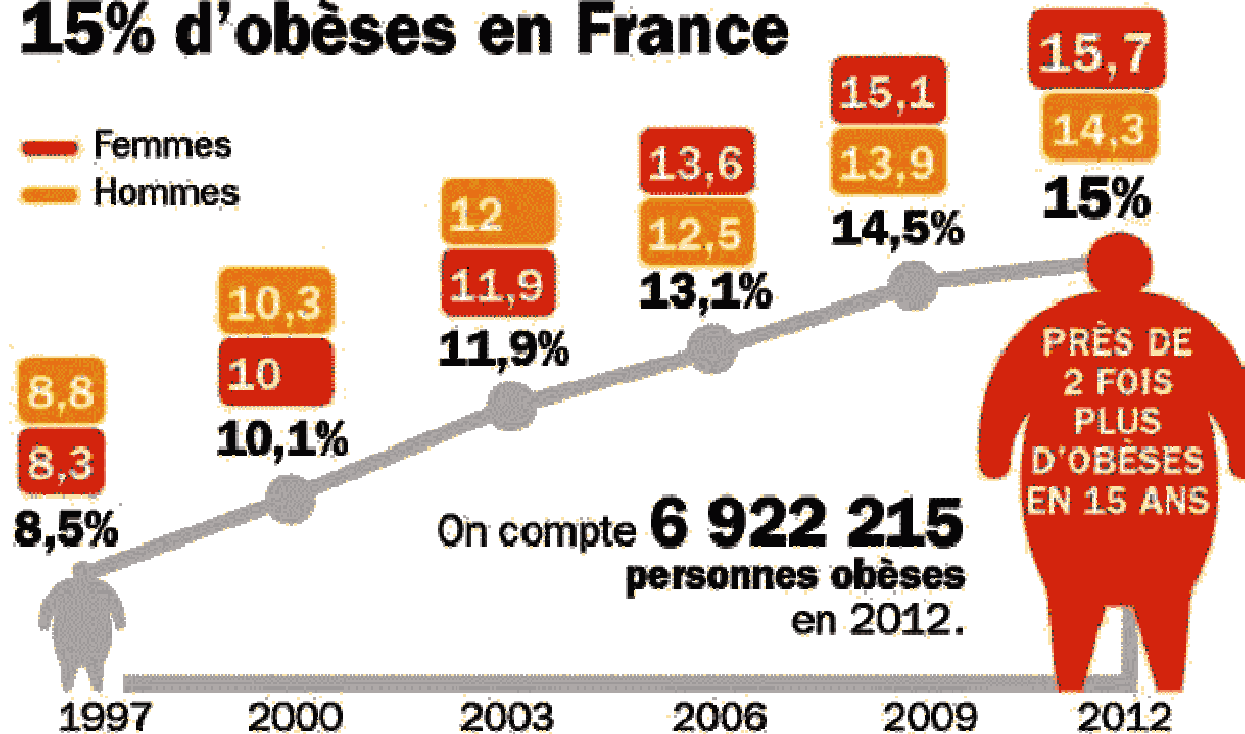
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# France, a frigthening epidemic, but there is hope

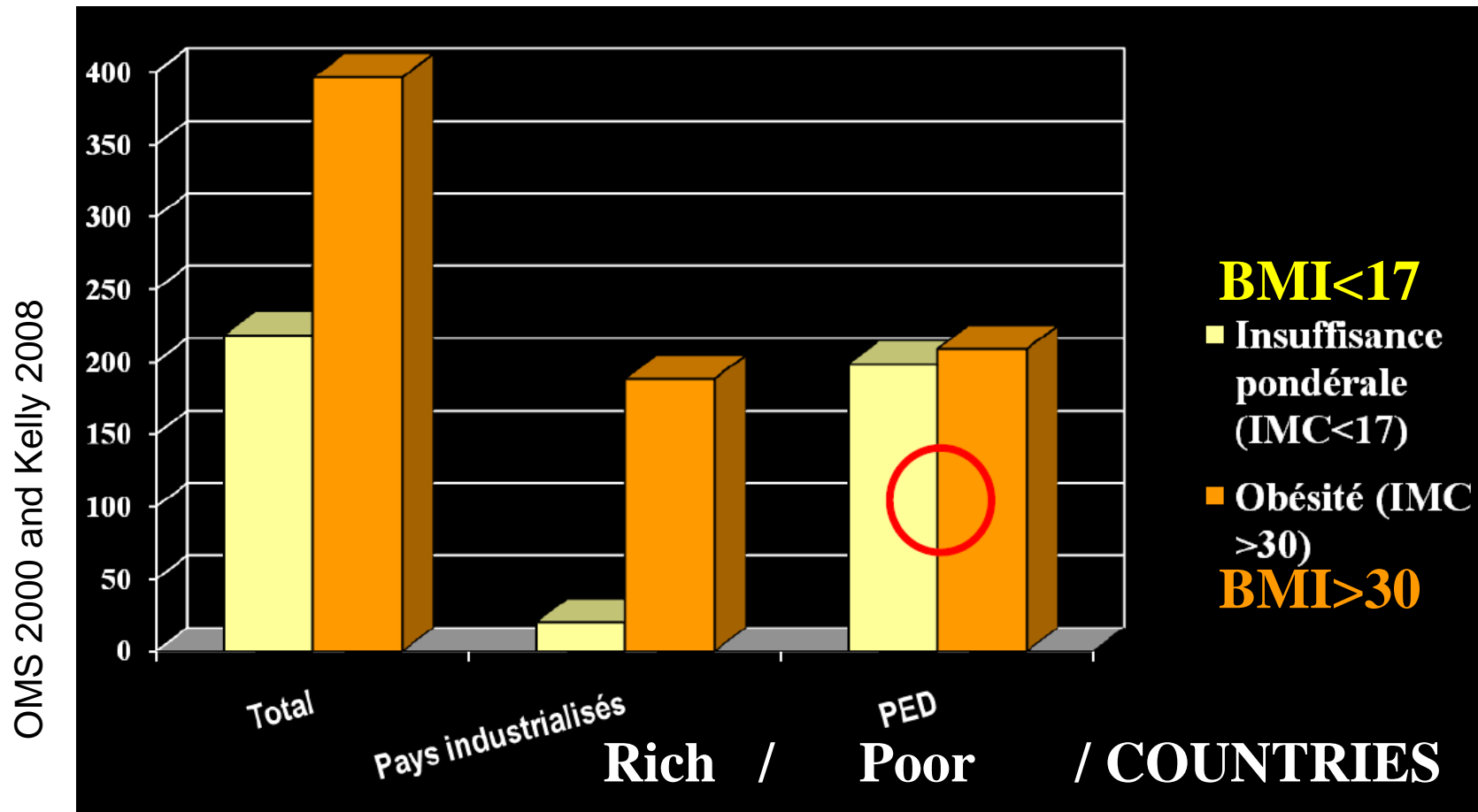
## 15% d'obèses en France

Femmes  
Hommes



- Adults obesity raise slows down in 2012
- Kids obesity raise stopped in 2000

# Developing Countries : Low-Weight and Obesity!



**Double-Burden:** Pre-school kids are too small and too fat

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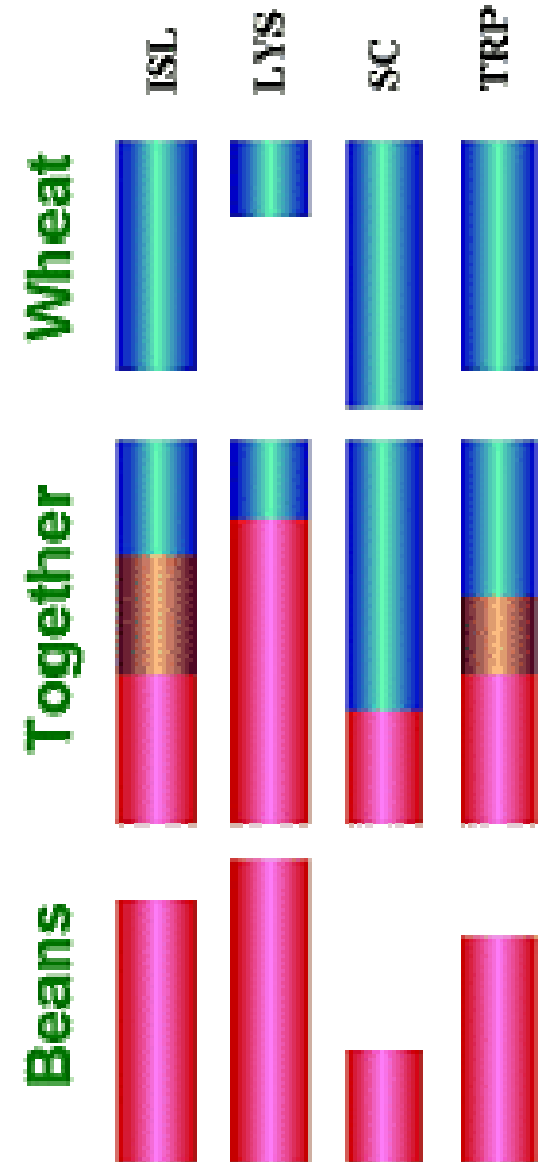
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Minimum



# Protein Needs

- Total Protein: 0.6 to 1 g/kg BW/day
- Essential Amino Acids: N=8  
Leucine, Isoleucine, Phenylalanine, Threonine, Tryptophan, Valine, **Methionine, Lysine**
- Biological Value =  
AA balance (no limiting AA)  
& protein digestibility (fecal Nitrogen)
- AA complementation:
  - Wheat: high SC (Met+Cys), low Lys
  - Beans: low SC (Met+Cys), high Lys



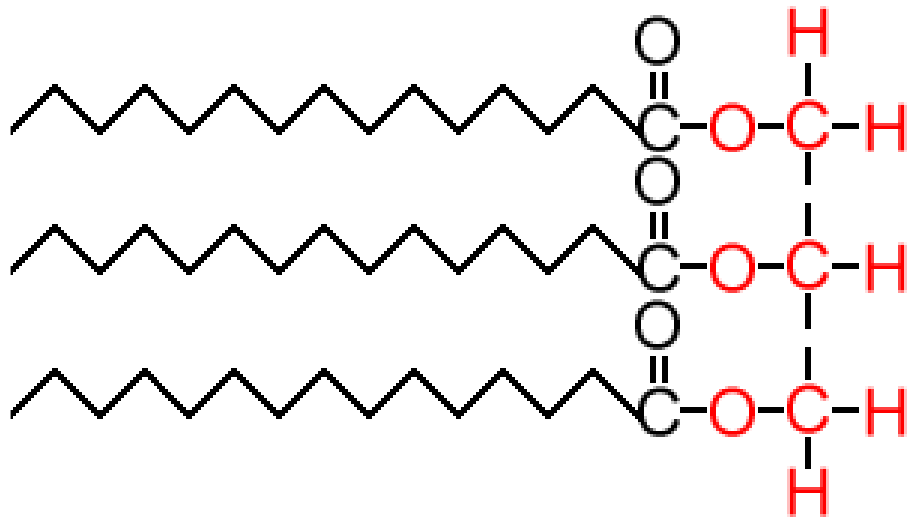
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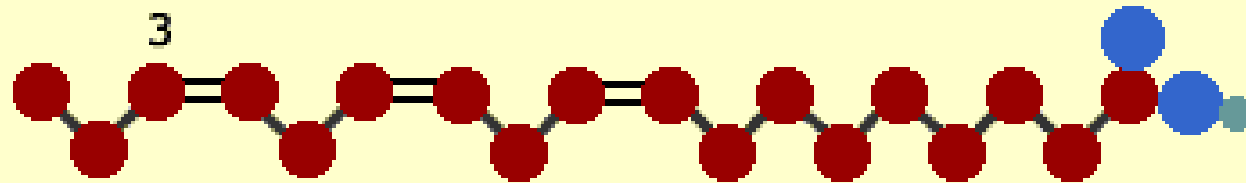
# Fat Needs: Lipids

- *Fat bears Calories and fat-soluble Vitamins: A, D, E*
- Three classes of **Fatty Acids** :  
Saturated FA/ **Mono-Unsat. MUFA** / **Poly-Unsat. PUFA**
- RNI 30-35% calories - **Sfa/Mufa/Pufa: 10/10/10** 10/10/10  
or the Mediterranean olive oil model : 10/**20**/10
- **Essential Fatty Acids**: two classes, no conversion  
**n-6 PUFA** =Omega 6, linoleic acid C<sub>18:2</sub> n-6: **4% Cal**  
**n-3 PUFA** =Omega 3,  $\alpha$ -linolenic acid C<sub>18:3</sub> n-3: **1% Cal**  
+ long chain n-3 PUFA (fish oil) EPA+DHA: **500mg/d**
- *n-3/n-6 Ratio usually: 1/20-1/10, but should be 1/4*

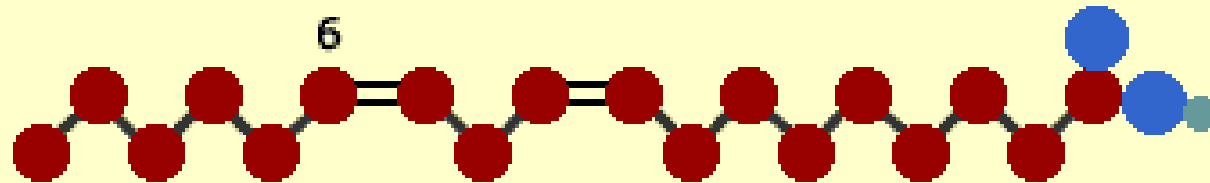


## Fat: Glycerol + 3 Fatty Acids

3 Fatty Acids + Glycerol



Alpha-Linolenic acid (omega 3)



Linoleic acid (omega 6)

**ω3 oil:** canola (rapeseed, colza), soy, fish oils

**ω6 oil:** corn (maize), sunflower, meat fat.

# RNI for fat French AFSSA 2010

Pourcent energy, except EPA & DHA : mg

		BESOIN PHYSIO- LOGIQUE MINIMAL*	PREVENTION DU RISQUE					ANC 2010
			Syndrome métabolique- diabète- obésité	Pathologies cardiovasculaires	Cancers : sein et côlon**	Pathologies neuro- psychiatriques	Autres pathologies : DMLA***	
Lipides totaux <sup>a</sup>		30 <sup>b</sup>	30-40	35-40 <sup>c</sup>	35-40	35-40 <sup>d</sup>	<40	35-40 <sup>c</sup>
AG indispensables	Acide linoléique C18 :2 n-6	2	2 <sup>e</sup>	5	2 <sup>e</sup>	2 <sup>e</sup>	≤4 <sup>f</sup>	4 <sup>g</sup>
	Acide α-linolénique C18 :3 n-3	0,8	0,8 <sup>e</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup>	0,8 <sup>e</sup>	0,8 <sup>e</sup>	0,8 <sup>e</sup>	1 <sup>h</sup>
	Acide docosahexaénoïque DHA, C22 :6 n-3	250 mg	500 mg	500-750 mg <sup>i</sup>	500mg	≥ 200-300 mg	500 mg	250 mg
AG non indispensables	Acide eicosapentaénoïque EPA, C20 :5 n-3	-						250 mg <sup>j</sup>
	Acide laurique (C12:0) + Acide myristique (C14:0) + Acide palmitique (C16:0)	-	-	≤8 <sup>h</sup>	-	-	-	≤ 8
	Acides Gras Saturés totaux	-	- <sup>k</sup>	≤12	≤12 <sup>l</sup>	-	-	≤12
	Acide oléique C18 :1 n-9	-	-	≤20 <sup>m</sup>	-	-	-	15-20
	Autres AG non indispensables <sup>n</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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- **Minerals:** Ca (P) (Na) K Mg Fe ...
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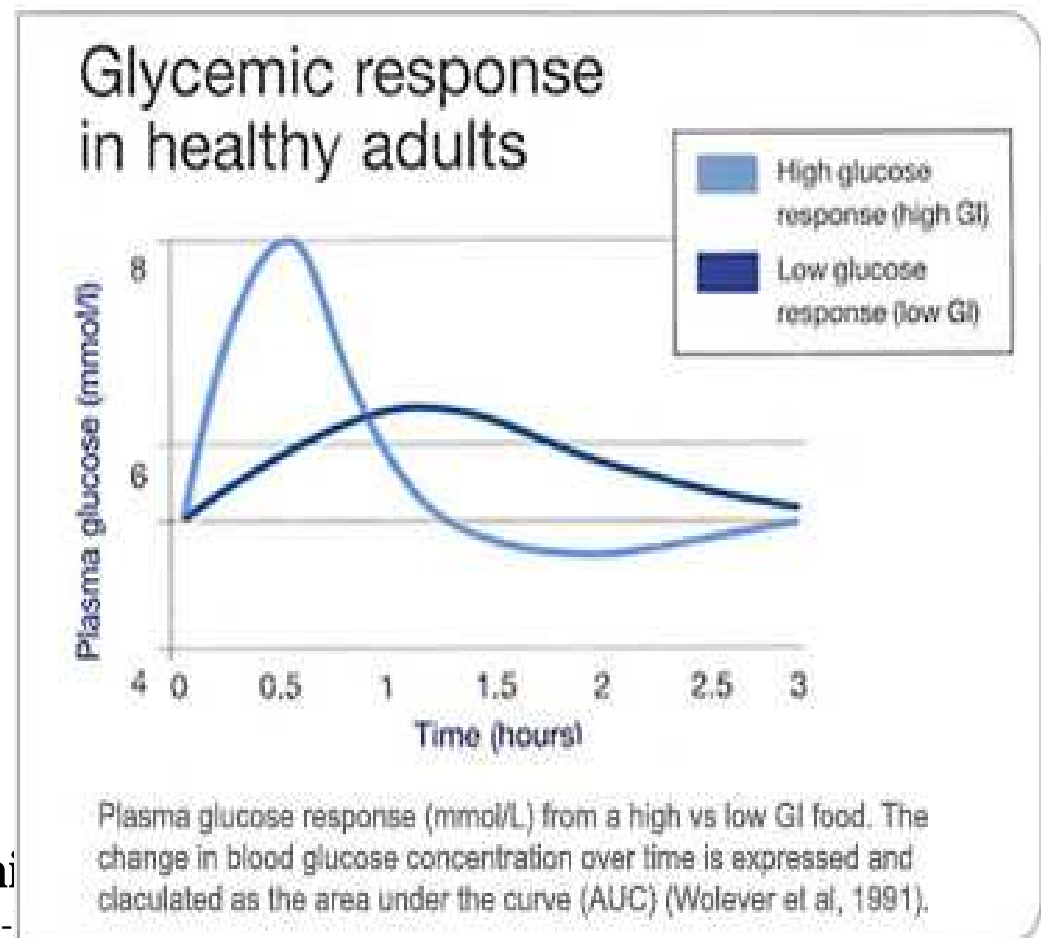
# Carbohydrates

- Little needs 150g/d (brain needs glucose, but liver can make it from proteins, gluconeogenesis)
- Since fat RNI = 30% calories, and protein = 15% cal, by difference, Carbohydrate should make **55% cal.** (45 to 60% of calories), **Fibers 25g to 30 g/d**
- « **Slow** » carb. is better, but all starches are not slow
- **Glycemic Index** = blood glucose peak (2h post-meal) Peak Ratio (50g carb.food vs. 50g pure glucose)
  - *Low Glycemic Index is Better!*

*No insulin resistance, less diabetes, less obesity...*

# Glycemic Index

- High GI 80-100: Glucose, white bread, rice, potatoes, corn flakes
- Medium GI 50-80: Noodles, spaghetti, pumpernickel bread, sugar (sucrose)
- Low GI < 50: Beans, lentils, peas, apple, orange, peanuts



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# Vitamins & Minerals

## "Risky" Nutrients (deficiencies)

- Use RNI tables (e.g., Canada)
- **Calcium** 1 g/d (more for kids and teenagers),
- **Iron (Fe)** 9 mg/d (twice more for women)
- Vitamin **A** (poor countries: *xerophthalmia blindness*)
- **Iodine** (when far from sea: *mental retardation* )
- Vit. **D** (little sun, dark skin: *rickets, bone disease*)
- Vit. **B9** = folates folic acid (pregnant: *spina bifida*)
- Vit. **B12** (vegan, seniors: *anemia*)

# Example of RNI table

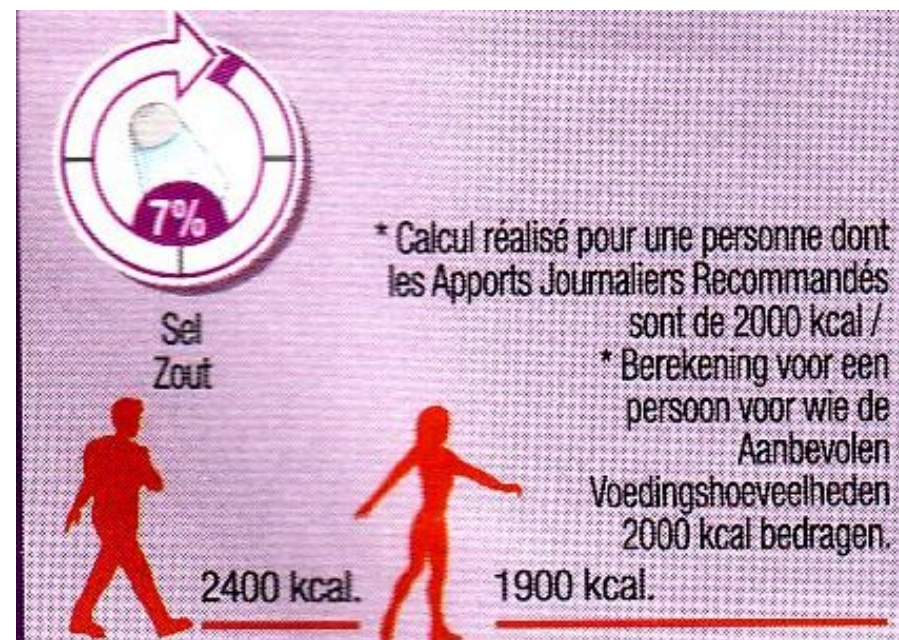
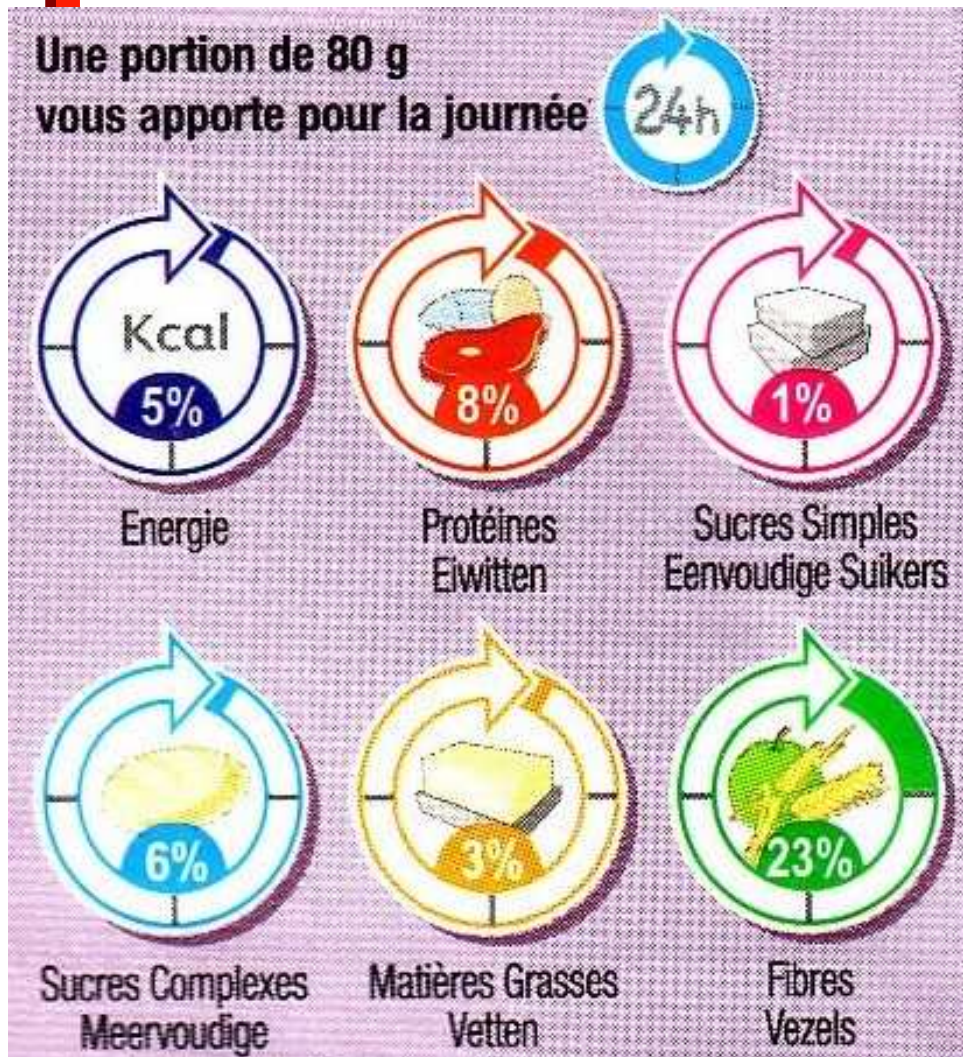
## Recommended Nutrient Intakes (Philippines 2002)

Population group	Weight kg	MINERALS						VITAMINS				
		Magnesium mg	Phosphorus mg	Zinc mg	Selenium mg	Fluoride mg	Manganese mg	D µg	E mg	K µg	B <sub>6</sub> mg	B <sub>12</sub> µg
<b>Infants, mo</b>												
Birth - < 6	6	26	530	1.4	6	0.01	0.003	5	3	6	0.1	0.3
6 - < 12	9	54	2175	4.2	10	0.5	0.6	5	4	9	0.3	0.4
<b>Children, y</b>												
1 - 3	13	65	460	4.5	18	0.7	1.2	5	5	13	0.5	0.9
4 - 6	19	76	500	5.4	22	1.0	1.5	5	6	19	0.6	1.2
7 - 9	24	100	500	5.4	20	1.2	1.7	5	7	24	1.0	1.8
<b>Males, y</b>												
10 - 12	34	155	1250	6.8	21	1.7	1.9	5	10	34	1.3	2.4
13 - 15	50	225	1250	9.0	31	2.5	2.2	5	12	50	1.3	2.4
16 - 18	50	225	1250	8.9	36	2.9	2.2	5	13	58	1.3	2.4
19 - 29	59	235	700	6.4	31	3.0	2.3	5	12	59	1.3	2.4
30 - 49	59	235	700	6.4	31	3.0	2.3	5	12	59	1.3	2.4
50 - 64	59	235	700	6.4	31	3.0	2.3	10	12	59	1.7	2.4
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<b>Females, y</b>												
10 - 12	35	160	1250	6.0	21	1.8	1.6	5	11	35	1.2	2.4
13 - 15	49	220	1250	7.9	31	2.5	1.6	5	12	49	1.2	2.4
16 - 18	50	240	1250	7.6	36	2.5	1.6	5	12	50	1.2	2.4
19 - 29	51	205	700	4.5	31	2.5	1.8	5	12	51	1.3	2.4
30 - 49	51	205	700	4.5	31	2.5	1.8	5	12	51	1.3	2.4
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<b>Pregnant women</b>												
<b>Trimester</b>												
First		205	700	5.1	35	2.5	2.0	5	12	51	1.9	2.6
Second		205	700	6.6	35	2.5	2.0	5	12	51	1.9	2.6
Third		205	700	9.6	35	2.5	2.0	5	12	51	1.9	2.6
<b>Lactating women</b>												
1 <sup>st</sup> 6 mos.		250	700	11.5	40	2.5	2.6	5	16	51	2.0	2.8
2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 mos		250	700	11.5	40	2.5	2.6	5	16	51	2.0	2.8

<http://www.fnri.dost.gov.ph/reni/renitable2.htm>

# Nutrition Labelling

clocks are easy to understand



# How can those complex recommendations be simply communicated to people?

- Food Groups (colors):  
**milk**, **meat**, **fruits & veg.**, **starchy foods**, **fat**  
Plus advices on the number of daily portions
- Pyramid (USA): it often changes!
- Many other systems: the simpler the better !

# Food Groups - colors

**Blue Group**  
2-3 per day



**Red Group**  
1-2 per day



**Green Group**  
4-5 per day



**Brown Group**  
Each meal



**BIEN MANGER, BOUGER,  
PROTÈGE VOTRE SANTÉ.**



**Bouger  
au moins  
30 minutes  
par jour !**

A chaque **repas**  
selon l'appétit

**Eau à  
volonté**



**5** par jour  
au moins



**Fruits & légumes**

**3** par jour



**Produits laitiers**

**1** ou **2** fois  
par jour



**Viandes, œufs et poissons**



**Féculents**

**Sucré**



**Gras**

**Salé**

**limiter  
la consommation**

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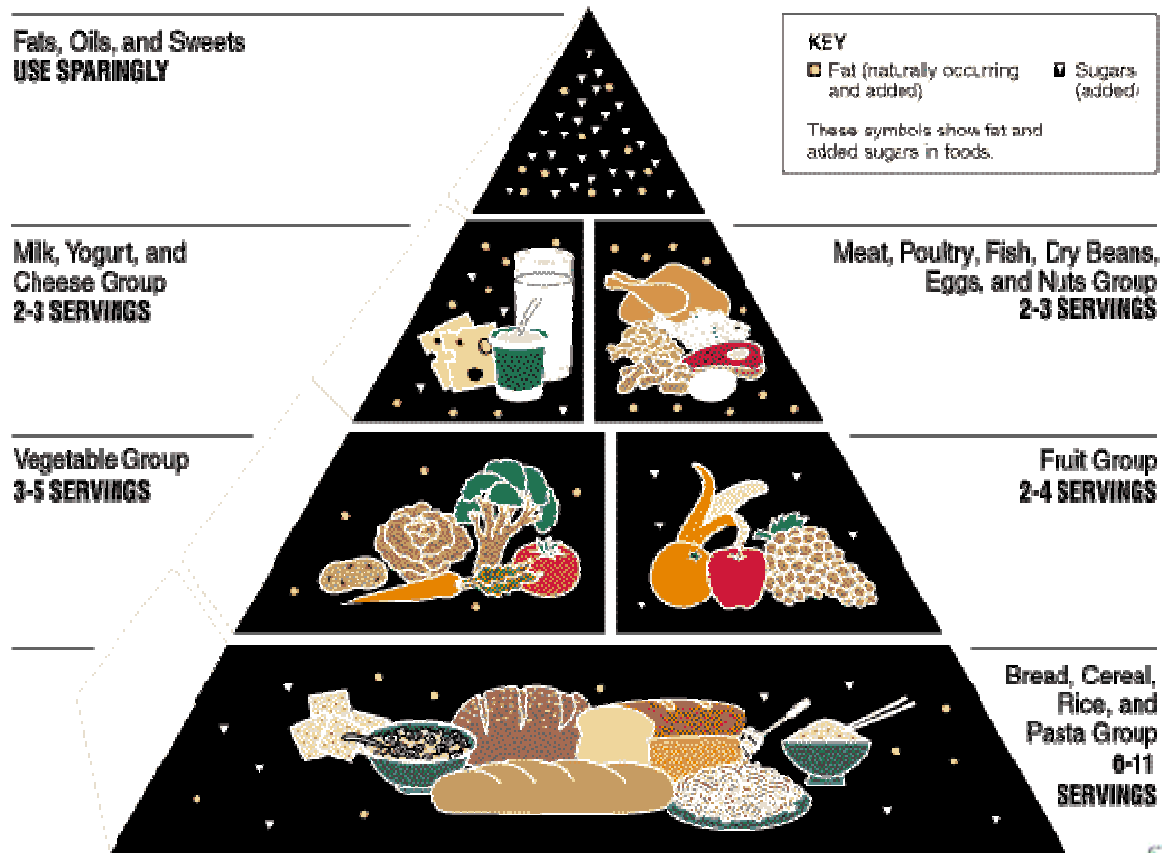
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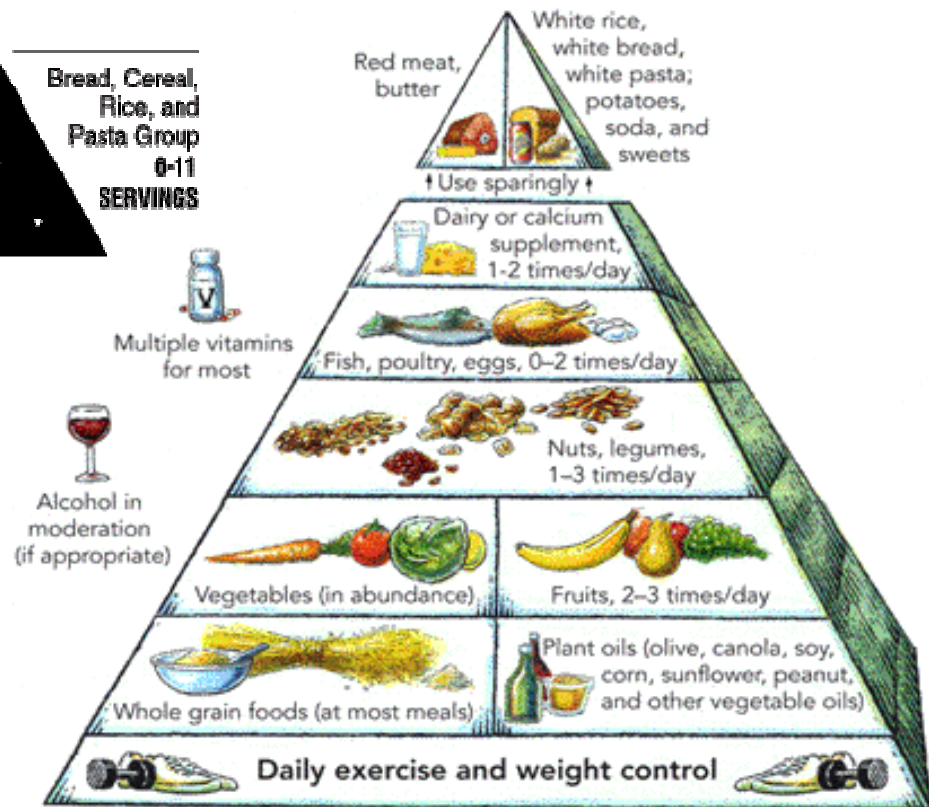
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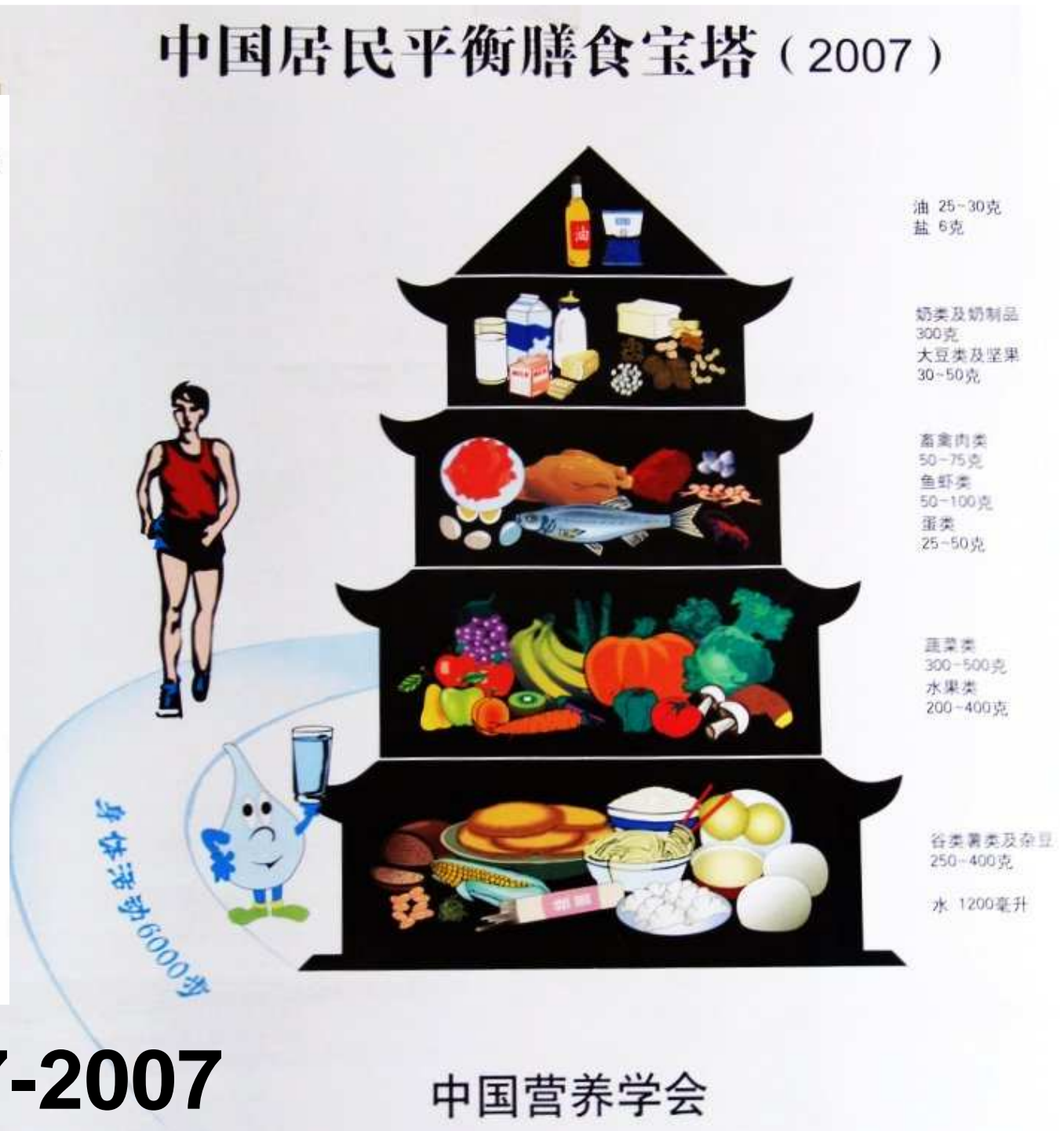
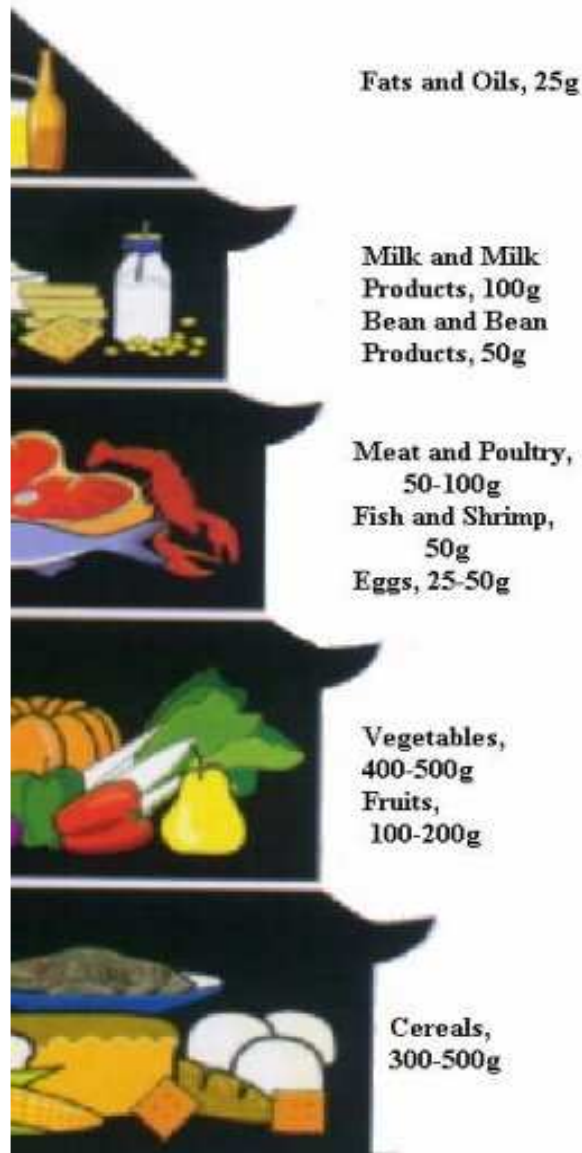
# <=USA 1990 Pyramid "classical"



Pyramid =>  
mediterranean



# 中国居民平衡膳食宝塔 (2007)



China 1997-2007

中国营养学会

# Anatomy of MyPyramid

## One size doesn't fit all

USDA's new MyPyramid symbolizes a personalized approach to healthy eating and physical activity. The symbol has been designed to be simple. It has been developed to remind consumers to make healthy food choices and to be active every day. The different parts of the symbol are described below.

# USA 2000

### Activity

Activity is represented by the steps and the person climbing them, as a reminder of the importance of daily physical activity.

### Moderation

Moderation is represented by the narrowing of each food group from bottom to top. The wider base stands for foods with little or no solid fats or added sugars. These should be selected more often. The narrower top area stands for foods containing more added sugars and solid fats. The more active you are, the more of these foods can fit into your diet.

### Personalization

Personalization is shown by the person on the steps, the slogan, and the URL. Find the kinds and amounts of food to eat each day at [MyPyramid.gov](http://MyPyramid.gov).

### Proportionality

Proportionality is shown by the different widths of the food group bands. The widths suggest how much food a person should choose from each group. The widths are just a general guide, not exact proportions. Check the Web site for how much is right for you.

### Variety

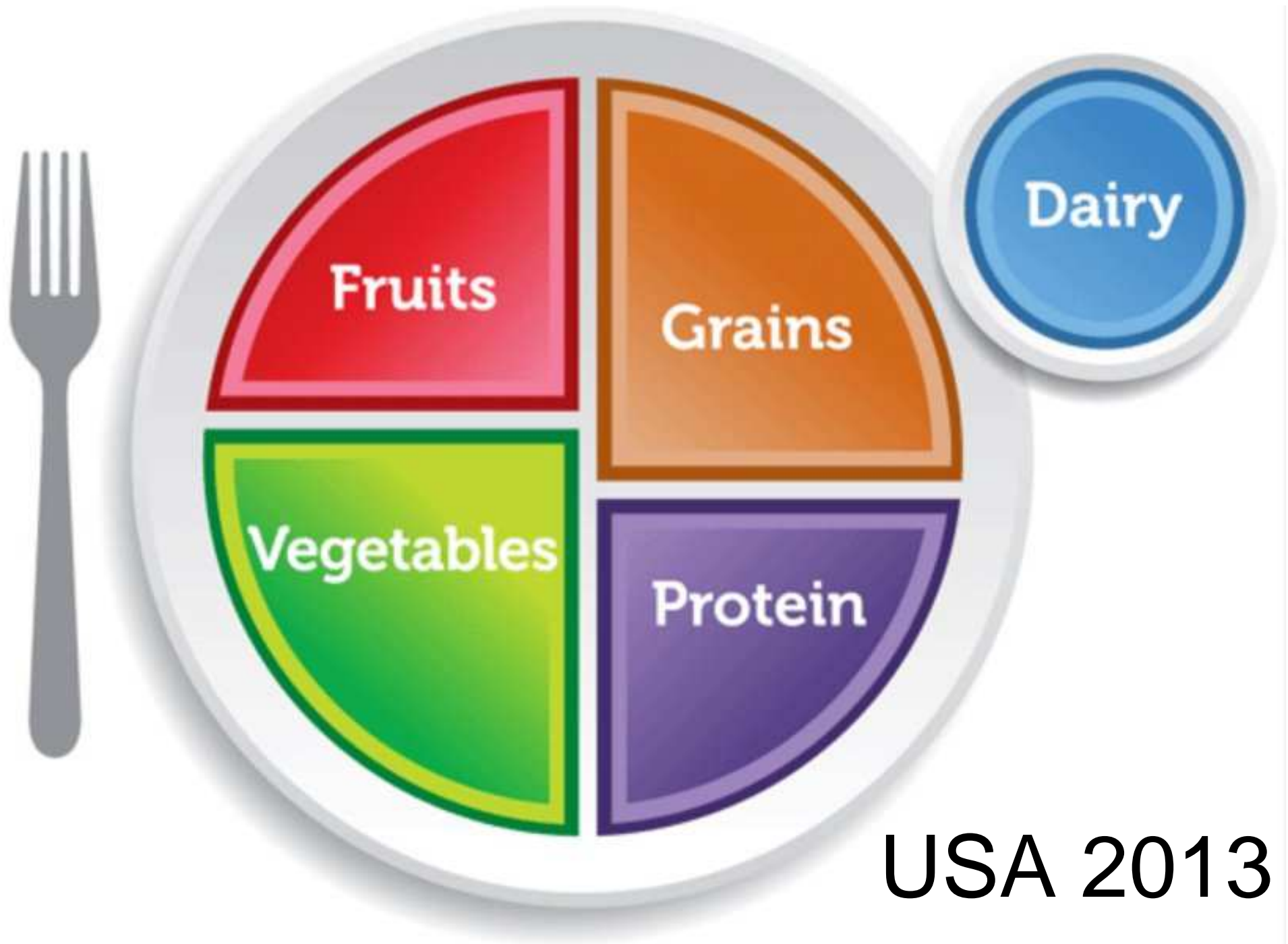
Variety is symbolized by the 6 color bands representing the 5 food groups of the Pyramid and oils. This illustrates that foods from all groups are needed each day for good health.

### Gradual Improvement

Gradual improvement is encouraged by the slogan. It suggests that individuals can benefit from taking small steps to improve their diet and lifestyle each day.



**MyPyramid.gov**  
STEPS TO A HEALTHIER YOU

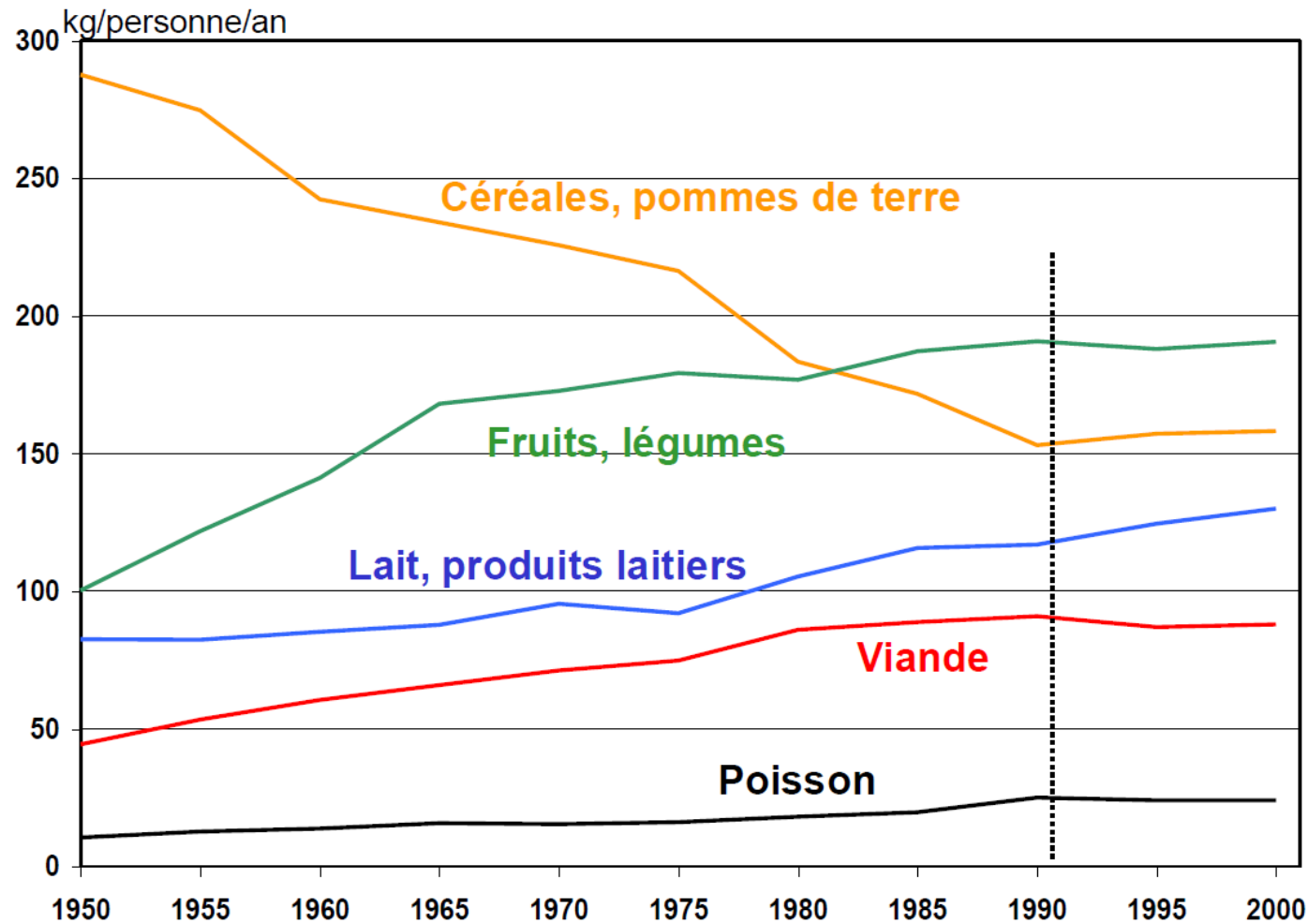


USA 2013

# It is Smarter Knowing your Target

- Instead giving precise advices on all nutrients
- Concentrate message on useful changes, on "bad" behaviors
- Message should not be the same in each country, not the same for everybody
- E.g., French PNNS

# Intake of Major Foods in France 1950-2000





# French **PNNS**, Programme National Nutrition Santé

- **1 - Increase fruits & vegetables**
- **2 – Increase calcium intake**
- **3 - Reduce fat intake**
- **4 – Increase carbohydrates**
- **5 – Reduce alcohol intake** [conclusion](#)
- *6 - Reduce blood cholesterol*
- *7 - Reduce blood pressure*
- *8 - Reduce obesity*
- **9 – Increase physical activity**

# SAIN,LIM

## Nutrient Profiling System

- Nicole **Darmon** et al., Am. J. Clin. Nutr. 2009  
**EFSA food profile for health claims** EC regulation no 1924/2006
- **SAIN is "good": a high SAIN score** is wanted since it means lots of good nutrients vs. Calories
- **LIM is "bad": a low LIM score** is wanted since it means less "bad" nutrients (already too much)

# SAIN,LIM

## Nutrient Profiling System

**SAIN score** (calculated for 100 kCal of food)

How can each food provide five basic positive nutrients?

- Protein 65g
- Fiber 25g
- Vitamin C 110mg
- Calcium 900mg
- Iron 12.5 mg

$$SAIN_i = \frac{\sum_{p=1}^{p=5} \text{ratio}_{ip}}{5} \times 100$$

$$\text{ratio}_{ip} = \left[ \frac{\text{nutrient}_{ip}}{RV_p} \right] \times \frac{100}{E_i}$$

nutrient  $ip$  is the quantity (g, mg, or  $\mu\text{g}$ ) of positive nutrient  $p$  in 100 g of food  $i$ ,  $RV_p$  is the daily recommended value for nutrient  $p$ , and  $E_i$  is the energy content of 100 g of food  $i$  (in kcal/100 g).

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**LIM score:** (calculated for 100 g of food)

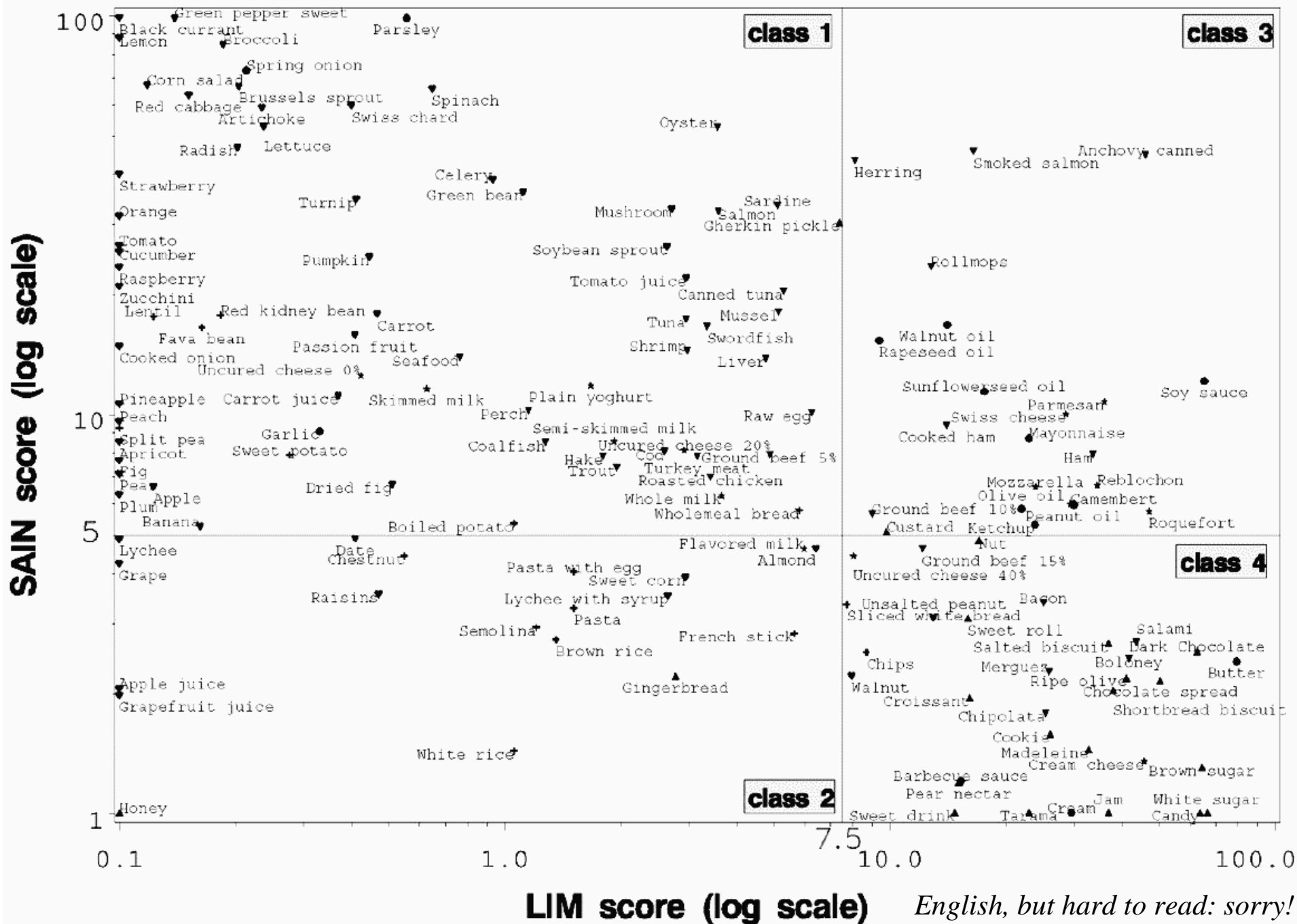
How can each food provide excess of negative nutrients?

- Saturated Fatty Acids 22g
- Added Sugars 50g
- Sodium 3g (= 8g salt)

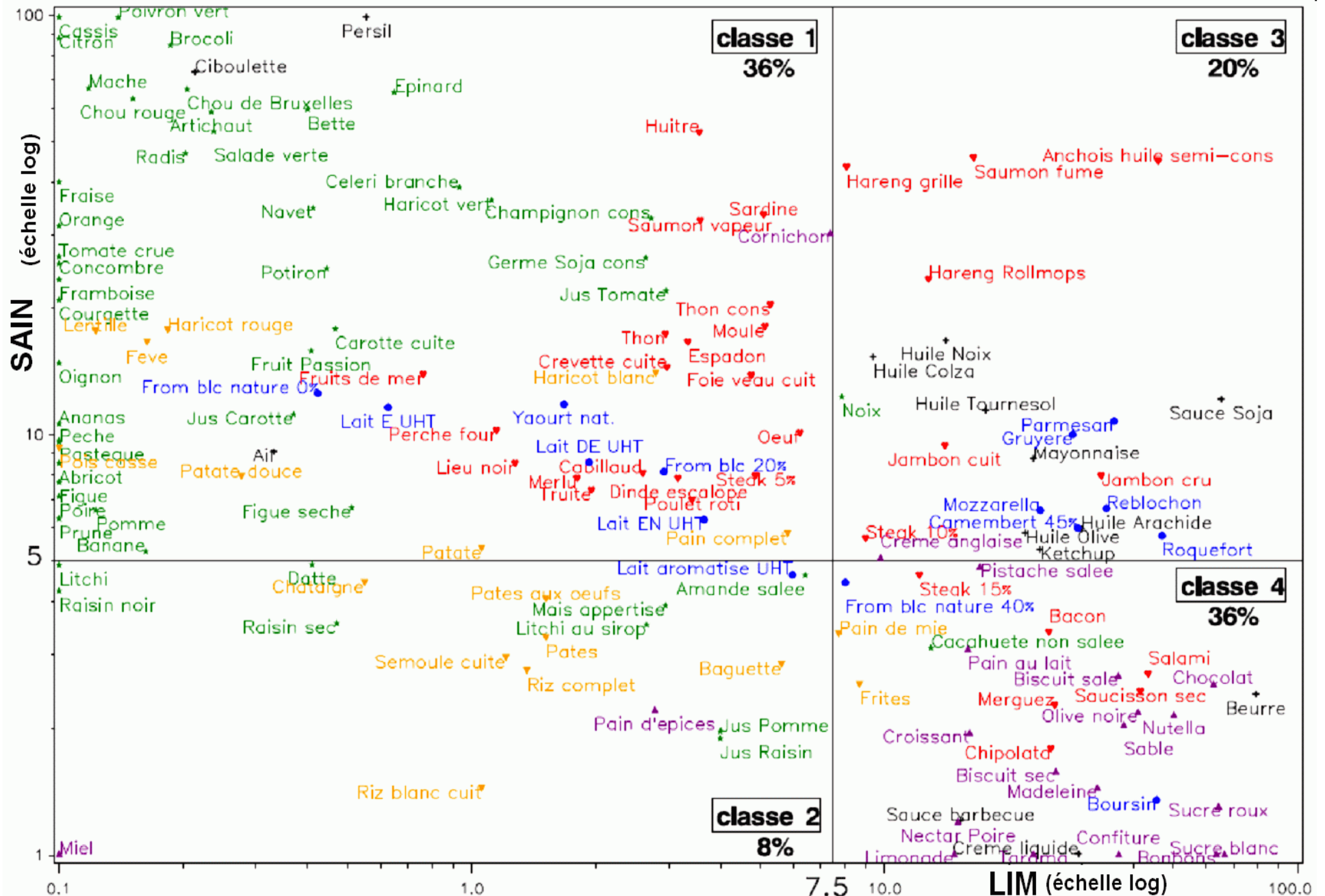
$$\text{LIM}_i = \frac{\sum_{l=1}^{l=3} \text{ratio}_{il}}{3}$$

$$\text{ratio}_{il} = \left[ \frac{\text{nutrient}_{il}}{\text{MRV}_l} \right] \times 100$$

where nutrient  $il$  is the content (g, mg) of limited nutrient  $l$  in 100g of food  $i$ , and  $\text{MRV}_l$  is the daily maximal recommended value for nutrient  $l$ .



*English, but hard to read: sorry!  
Next slide is better... but French*





# Finally to conclude, What is a Good Diet ?

- **Eat not too much & Move** : *Keep BMI [19-25]*
- **Balance:** Carbohydrates - Fat - Proteins  
*% Calories: approx. Fat 30%, Prot. 15%, Carb. 55%*
- Choose good **Quality** carbohydrate, fat, protein
  - Low Glycemic Index starch, more Fiber (30 g/d)
  - Fats SFA < 1/3, PUFA: n-3/n-6 ratio 1/4, DHA+EPA 0.5g/d
- **Diversify** foods (micronutrients, phytochemicals)
- Increase **fruits & vegetables** (400-800g/d)

A vibrant collage of various fruits and vegetables arranged in a circular pattern around the text. The produce includes leafy greens, corn, mushrooms, tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, avocados, oranges, lemons, blueberries, raspberries, kiwi, papaya, and bell peppers. The text is centered in the white space.

Mangez  
Sain et Sympa !

# Bon appétit !



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