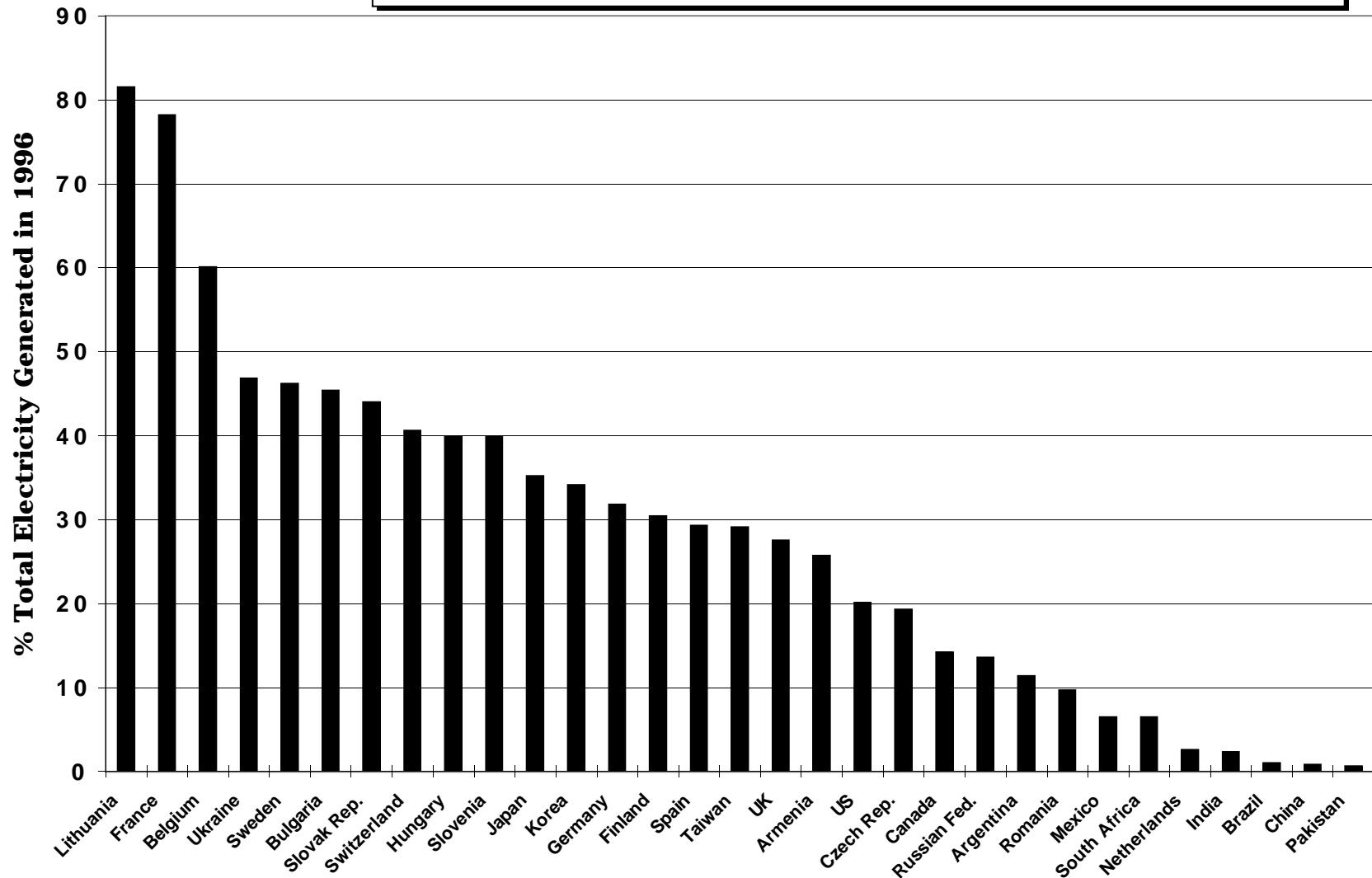


**23 Countries Generated in Excess of 10% Of Their Electricity in 1998**



1-2.) Nuclear Power 3/98

<b>Nuclear Power Reactors in Operation and Under Construction, 3/98</b>										
		<b>Reactors in Operation in 3/98</b>		<b>Reactors Under Const. 3/98</b>		<b>Nuclear Elect. Supplied in 1996</b>		<b>Nuclear Elect. Supplied in 3/98</b>		
<b>Country</b>	<b># of Units</b>	<b>Total MWe</b>	<b># of Units</b>	<b>Total MWe</b>	<b>Billion kWhrs (1996)</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	
Lithuania	2	2,370	0	0	12.7	83.4	Lithuania	Lithuania	82	
France	59	62,853	1	1,450	378.2	77.4	France	France	78	
Belgium	7	5,712	0	0	41.4	57.2	Belgium	Belgium	60	
Sweden	12	10,040	0	0	71.4	52.4	Sweden	Ukraine	47	
Slovak Rep.	4	1,632	4	1,552	11.3	44.5	Slovak Rep.	Sweden	46	
Switzerland	5	3,079	0	0	23.7	44.5	Switzerland	Bulgaria	45	
Ukraine	16	13,765	4	3,800	79.6	43.8	Ukraine	Slovak Rep.	44	
Bulgaria	6	3,538	0	0	18.1	42.2	Bulgaria	Switzerland	41	
Hungary	4	1,729	0	0	14.2	40.8	Hungary	Hungary	40	
Slovenia	1	632	0	0	4.4	37.9	Slovenia	Slovenia	40	
Armenia	1	376	0	0	2.1	36.7	Armenia	Japan	35	
Korea	12	9,770	6	5,120	70.3	35.8	Korea	Korea	34	
Japan	54	43,850	1	796	287.0	33.4	Japan	Germany	32	
Spain	9	7,320	0	0	53.8	32.0	Spain	Finland	30	
Germany	20	22,282	0	0	152.8	30.3	Germany	Spain	29	
Taiwan	6	4,884	0	0	35.3	28.8	Taiwan	Taiwan	29	
Finland	4	2,455	0	0	18.7	28.1	Finland	UK	28	
UK	35	12,928	0	0	85.5	26.0	UK	Armenia	26	
US	107	99,188	0	0	674.8	21.9	US	US	20	
Czech Rep.	4	1,648	2	1,824	12.9	20.0	Czech Rep.	Czech Rep.	19	
Canada	16	11,994	0	0	87.5	16.0	Canada	Canada	14	
Russian Fed.	29	19,843	4	3,375	108.8	13.1	Russian Fed.	Russian Fed.	14	
Argentina	2	935	1	692	6.9	11.4	Argentina	Argentina	11	
South Africa	2	1,842	0	0	11.8	6.3	South Africa	Romania	10	
Mexico	2	1,308	0	0	7.1	5.1	Mexico	Mexico	7	
Netherlands	1	449	0	0	3.9	4.8	Netherlands	South Africa	7	
India	10	1,695	4	808	7.4	2.2	India	Netherlands	3	
Romania	1	650	1	650	0.9	1.8	Romania	India	2	
China	3	2,167	4	3,090	13.6	1.3	China	Brazil	1	
Brazil	1	626	1	1,245	2.3	0.7	Brazil	China	1	
Pakistan	1	125	1	300	0.3	0.6	Pakistan	Pakistan	1	
Kazakhstan	1	70	0	0	0.1	0.2	Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	1	
Iran	0	0	2	2,111	0.0	0.0	Iran	Iran	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>351,755</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>26,813</b>	<b>2,299</b>					

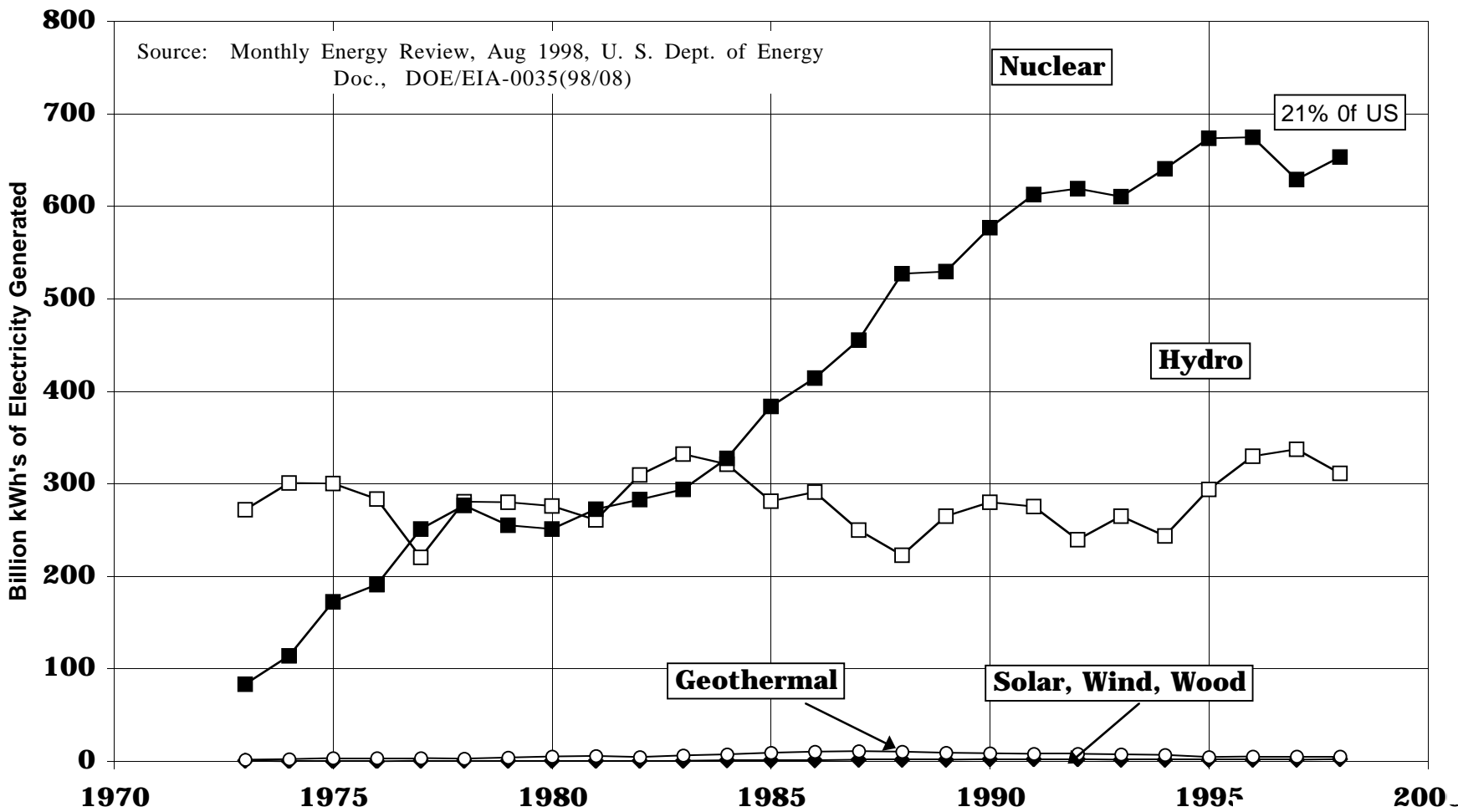
# Worldwide Fission Power Reactor Status-March 31, 1998

	Operating	Under Construction	Total
<b># of Reactors</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>478</b>
<b>Capacity-MW<sub>e</sub></b>	<b>351,795</b>	<b>26,813</b>	<b>378,608</b>
<b>Experience Reactor-Years</b>	<b>8,570</b>	-	<b>8,135</b>
<b>Research Reactors</b>	<b>323 (1991)</b>	-	<b>323 (1991)</b>

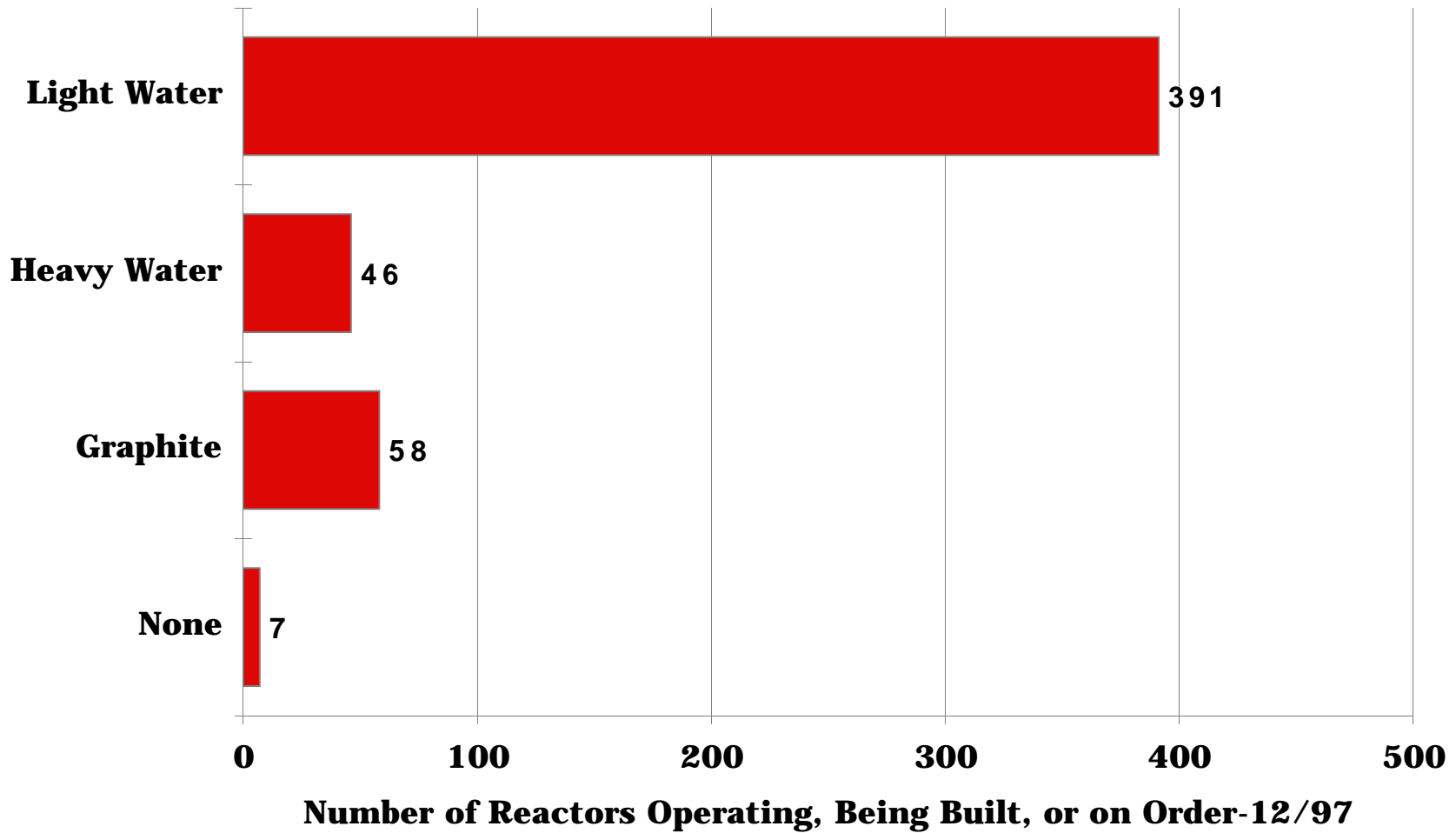
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**Frequency of new nuclear power plant  
connections to the grid around the world.**

<b>1986</b>	<b>1 every</b>	<b>2.2 weeks</b>
<b>1987</b>	<b>1 every</b>	<b>2.5 weeks</b>
<b>1988</b>	<b>1 every</b>	<b>3.5 weeks</b>
<b>1989</b>	<b>1 every</b>	<b>5.5 weeks</b>
<b>1990</b>	<b>1 every</b>	<b>13 weeks</b>
<b>1991</b>	<b>1 every</b>	<b>8.7 weeks</b>
<b>1992</b>	<b>1 every</b>	<b>10.4 weeks</b>
<b>1993</b>	<b>1 every</b>	<b>8.7 weeks</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>1 every</b>	<b>7.4 weeks</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>1 every</b>	<b>13 weeks</b>
<b>1996</b>	<b>1 every</b>	<b>10.4 weeks</b>
<b>1997</b>	<b>1 every</b>	<b>13 weeks</b>

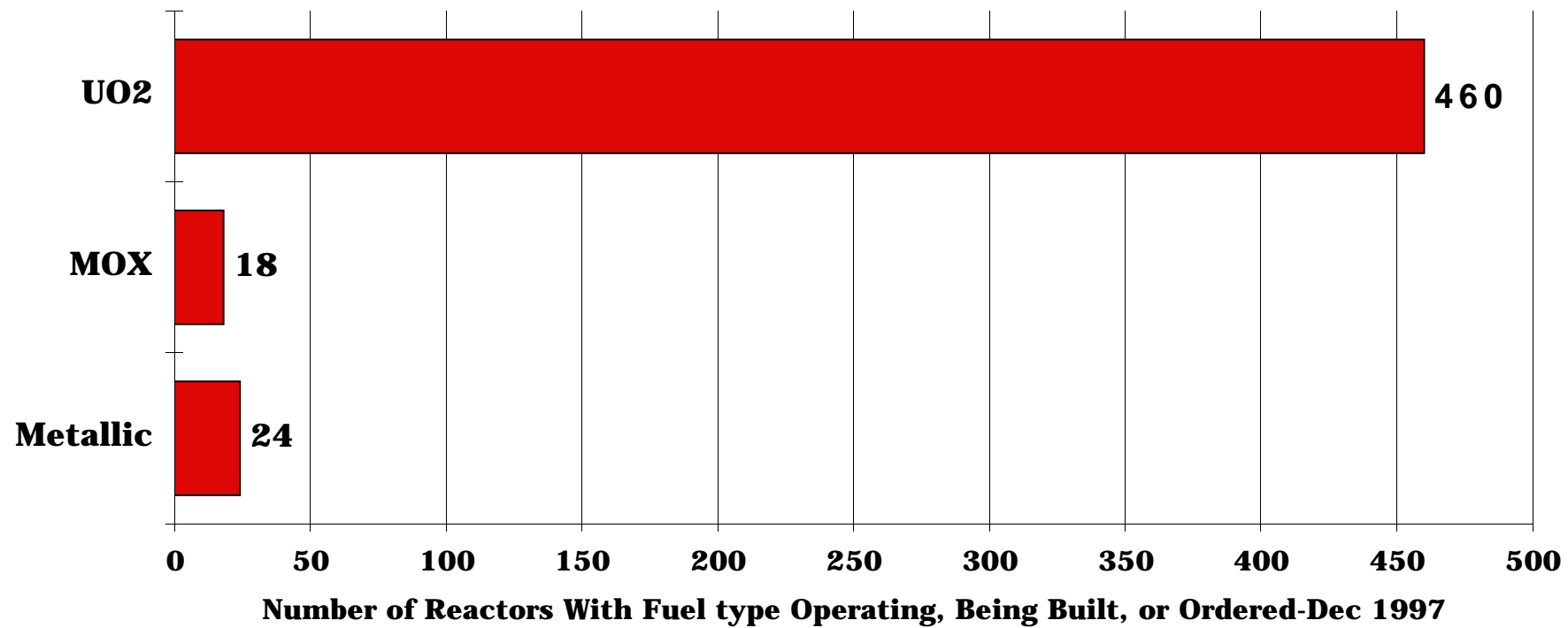
## Nuclear Power Continues to Outstrip the Non-Fossil Fuels in Generation of Electricity in the United States



**Nearly 90% of the Fission Reactors of Today Use Water as a Moderator**



Over 90% of the Fuel in Fission Reactors is in the Form of an Oxide

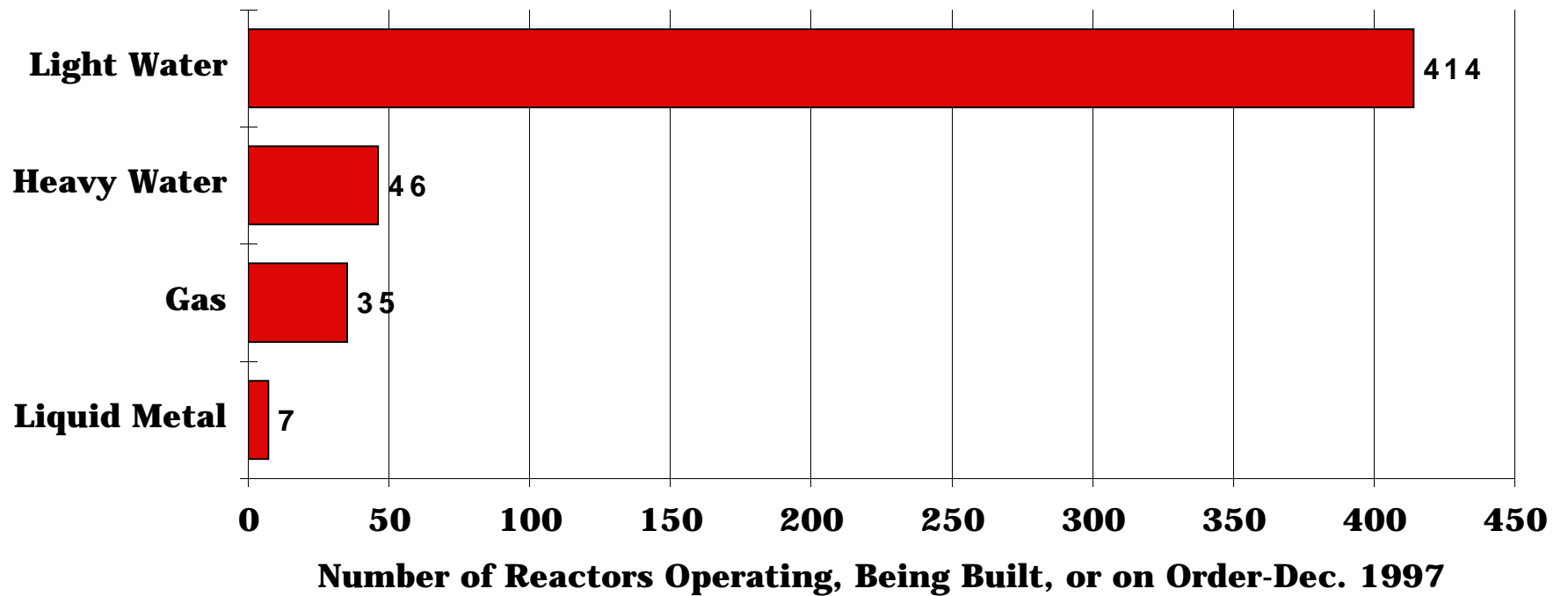


# **Coolant Attributes For Fission Reactors**

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- 1.) High thermal  
conductivity**
- 2.) High  $C_p$**
- 3.) Stability  
(Irradiation, Temp.)**
- 4.) Low induced  
radioactivity**
- 5.) Low corrosiveness**

**Water is the Coolant for Over 90% of the Present Day Fission Reactors**





# Attributes of Moderator Materials

- 1.) **High scattering cross section**
- 2.) **Low absorption cross section**
- 3.) **High  $\xi = \ln(E_1/E_2)$  energy loss/collision**

$$\xi = 1 + \frac{(A - 1)^2}{2A} \ln \frac{A + 1}{A - 1}$$

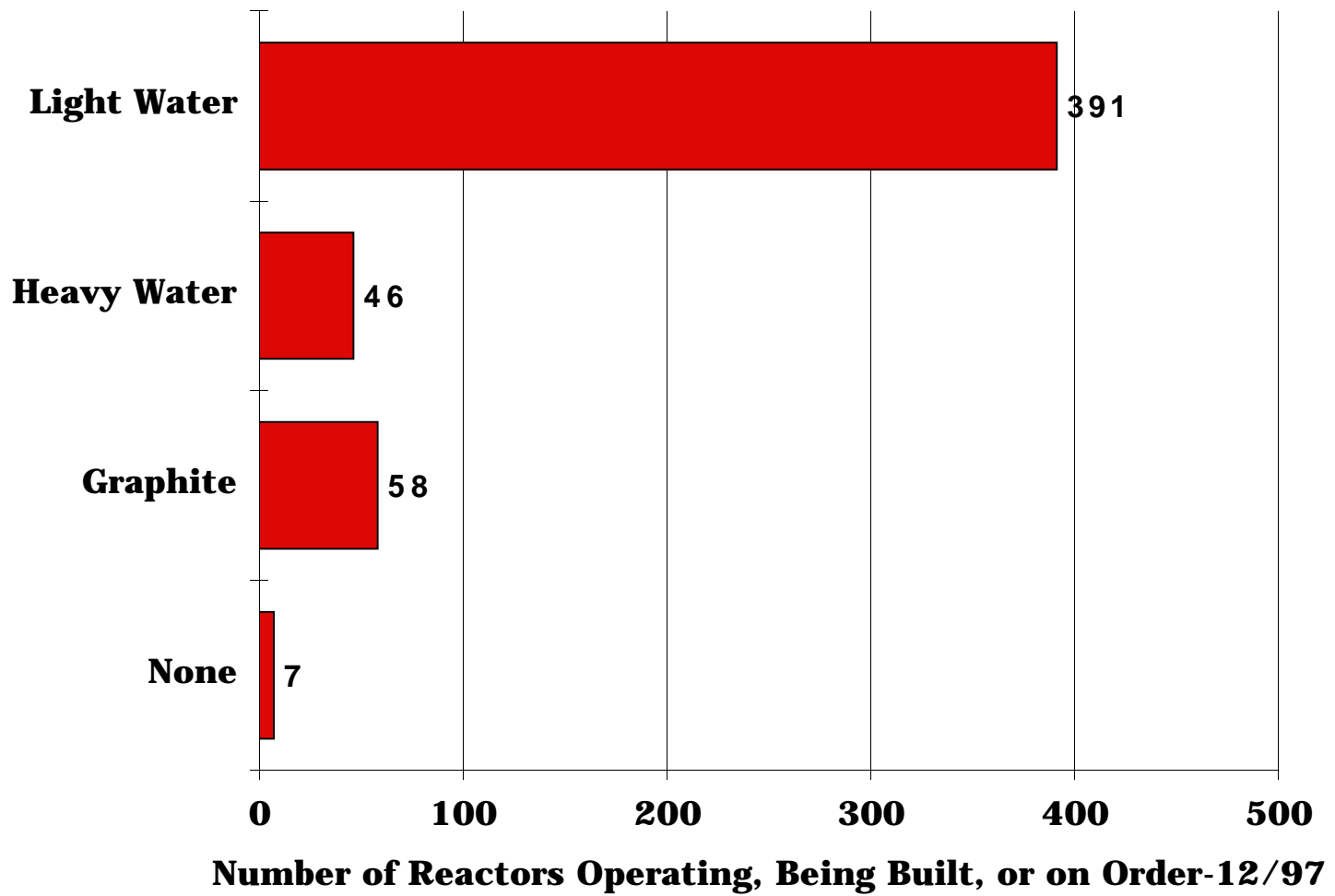
$$\xi \approx \frac{2}{A + \frac{2}{3}} \text{ for } A > 2$$

$$\text{Slowing Down Power} = \text{SDP} = \xi N \sigma_s = \sum_s \xi$$

$$\text{Moderating Ratio} = \text{MR} = \frac{\sum_s \xi}{\sum_a}$$

<b>Moderator</b>	<b>SDP, cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>Mod Ratio</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>72.</b>	
<b>D<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>12,000.</b>	<b>≈ 100 \$/kg</b>
<b>He (STP)</b>	<b>0.000016</b>	<b>83.</b>	<b>low ρ</b>
<b>Be</b>	<b>0.176</b>	<b>159.</b>	<b>≈ 200 \$/kg</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>170.</b>	
<b>ZrH<sub>1.79</sub></b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>56.</b>	

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**General Characteristics of Fission Reactor Designs**

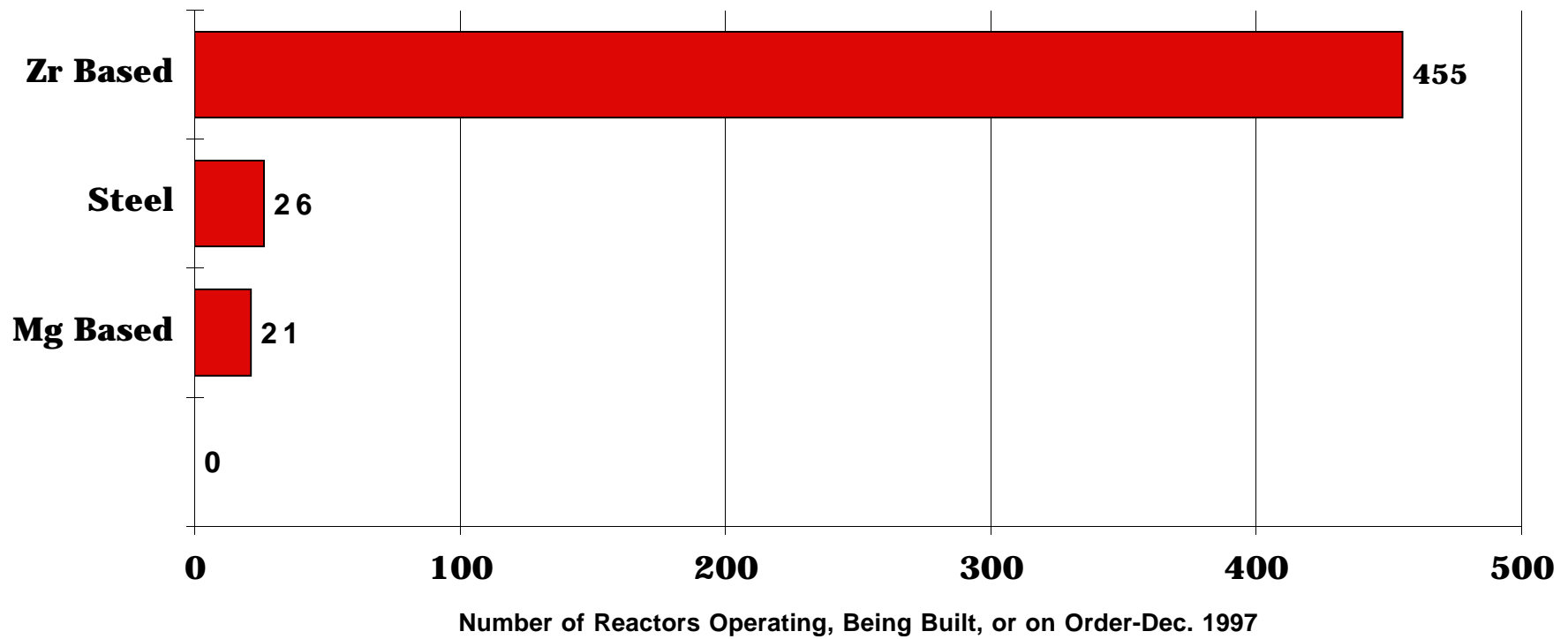
<b>Type</b>	<b>Fuel (% <sup>235</sup>U)</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Coolant (atm)</b>	<b>Steam Generator</b>
PWR	UO <sub>2</sub> (3.2)	H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub> O (160)	Separate Circuit
BWR	UO <sub>2</sub> (3.2)	H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub> O (70)	Direct
CANDU	UO <sub>2</sub> (0.711)	D <sub>2</sub> O	D <sub>2</sub> O (90)	Separate Circuit
Magnox	U (0.711)	Graphite	CO <sub>2</sub> (20)	Separate Circuit
AGR	UO <sub>2</sub> (2.3)	Graphite	CO <sub>2</sub> (40)	Separate Circuit
RBMK	UO <sub>2</sub> (2.0-2.4)	Graphite	H <sub>2</sub> O (70)	Direct
LMFBR	UO <sub>2</sub> -PuO <sub>2</sub> (15% <sup>239</sup> Pu)	None	Na (≈1)	Separate Circuit

# ***Fuel Must Be Protected From the Coolant and the Coolant Must Be Protected From the Fuel***

## **Attributes of Cladding**

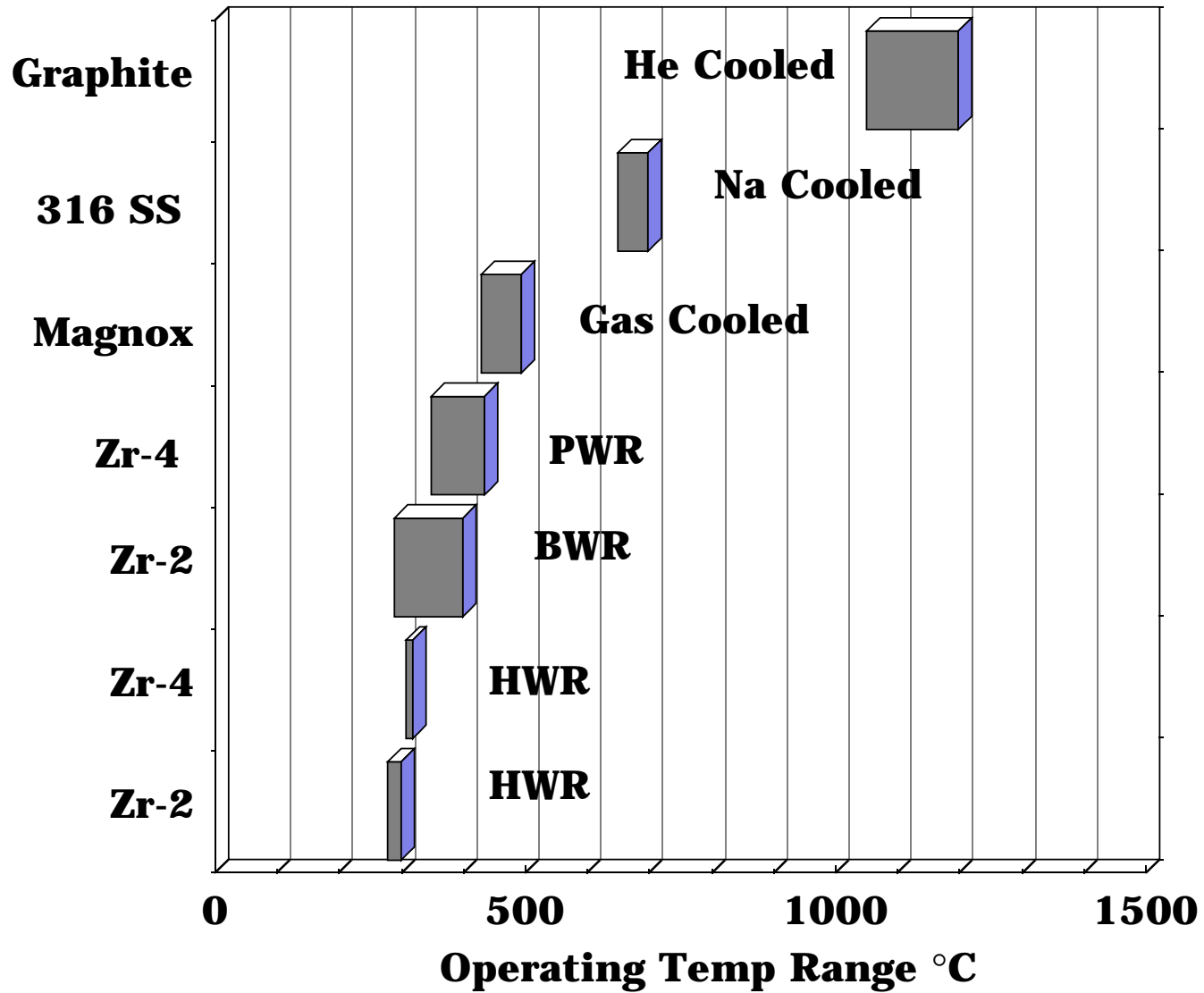
- 1.) Adequate  $\sigma_y$  at high T & during irradiation**
- 2.) Resist corrosion**
- 3.) Dimensionally stable**
- 4.) Predictable Mechanical Properties**
- 5.) High thermal conductivity**
- 6.) Good neutronic properties**
- 7.) Easy to fabricate and install**
- 8.) Easy to reprocess**
- 9.) Low Cost**
- 10.) Low demand on scarce resources**

**Nearly 90% of Today's Fission Reactors Used Zr Based Cladding Materials**



<b>Summary of Fission Reactor Operating Temperatures</b>			
<b>Cladding Material</b>	<b>T<sub>max</sub>, °C</b>	<b>Coolant</b>	<b>T<sub>out</sub> °C</b>
<b><u>Fast Reactors</u></b>			
<b>316 SS</b>	<b>650-700</b>	<b>Na</b>	<b>500-550</b>
<b><u>HWR</u></b>			
<b>Zircaloy-2</b>	<b>280-300</b>	<b>D<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>260-310</b>
<b>Zircaloy-4</b>	<b>310-330</b>	<b>D<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>260-310</b>
<b><u>Graphite</u></b>			
<b>Magnox</b>	<b>430-495</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>350-400</b>
<b>Mg-Zr</b>	<b>465-510</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>350-400</b>
<b>Graphite</b>	<b>1050-1200</b>	<b>He</b>	<b>750-850</b>
<b>Austenite</b>	<b>625-640</b>	<b>He</b>	<b>750-850</b>
<b><u>BWR</u></b>			
<b>Zircaloy-2</b>	<b>290-400</b>	<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>280-290</b>
<b><u>PWR</u></b>			
<b>Zircaloy-4</b>	<b>350-435</b>	<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>310-330</b>

**Operating Temperature Range for Cladding Material for Fission Reactors**

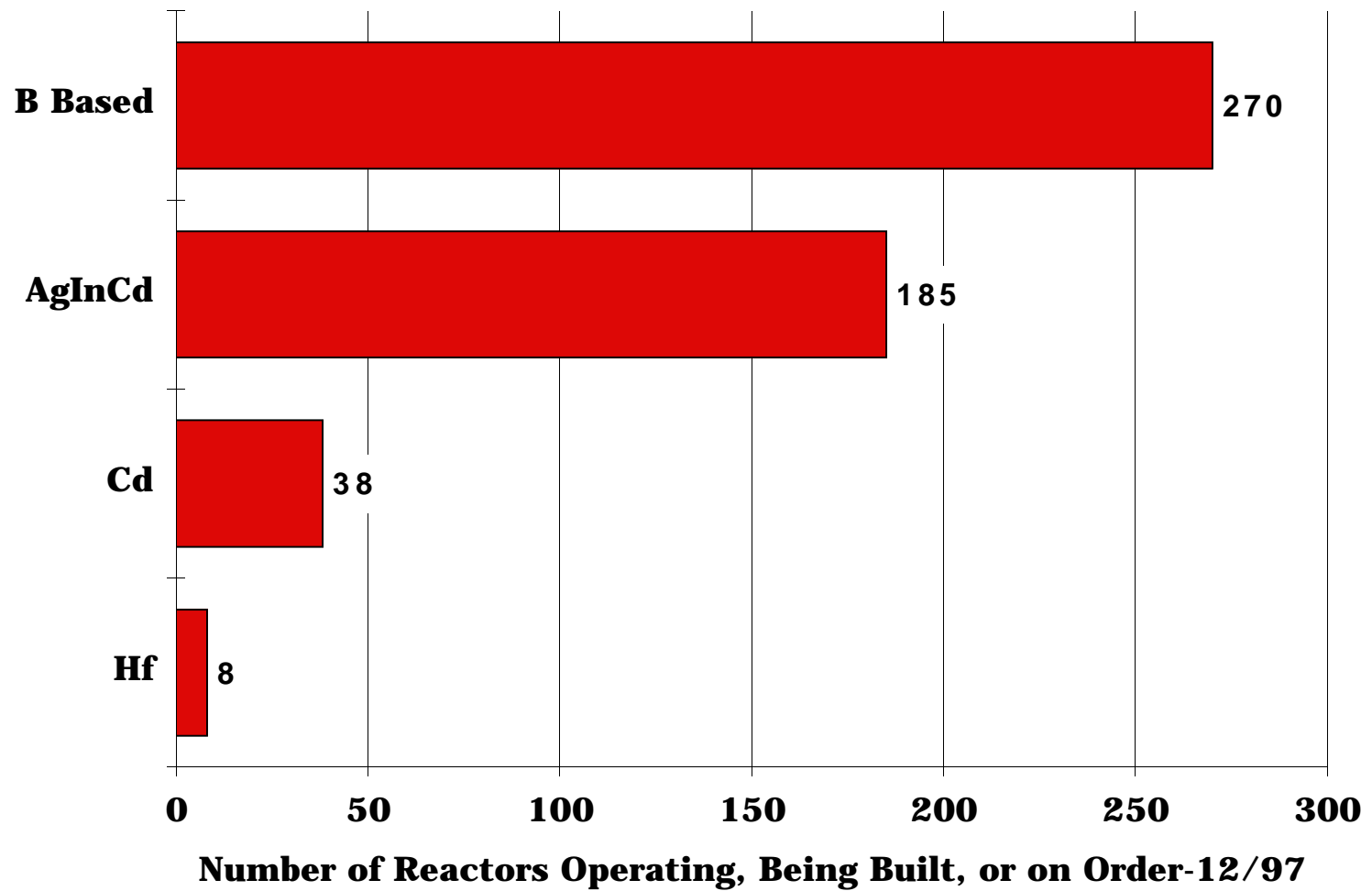


## **Attributes of Control Rod Materials**

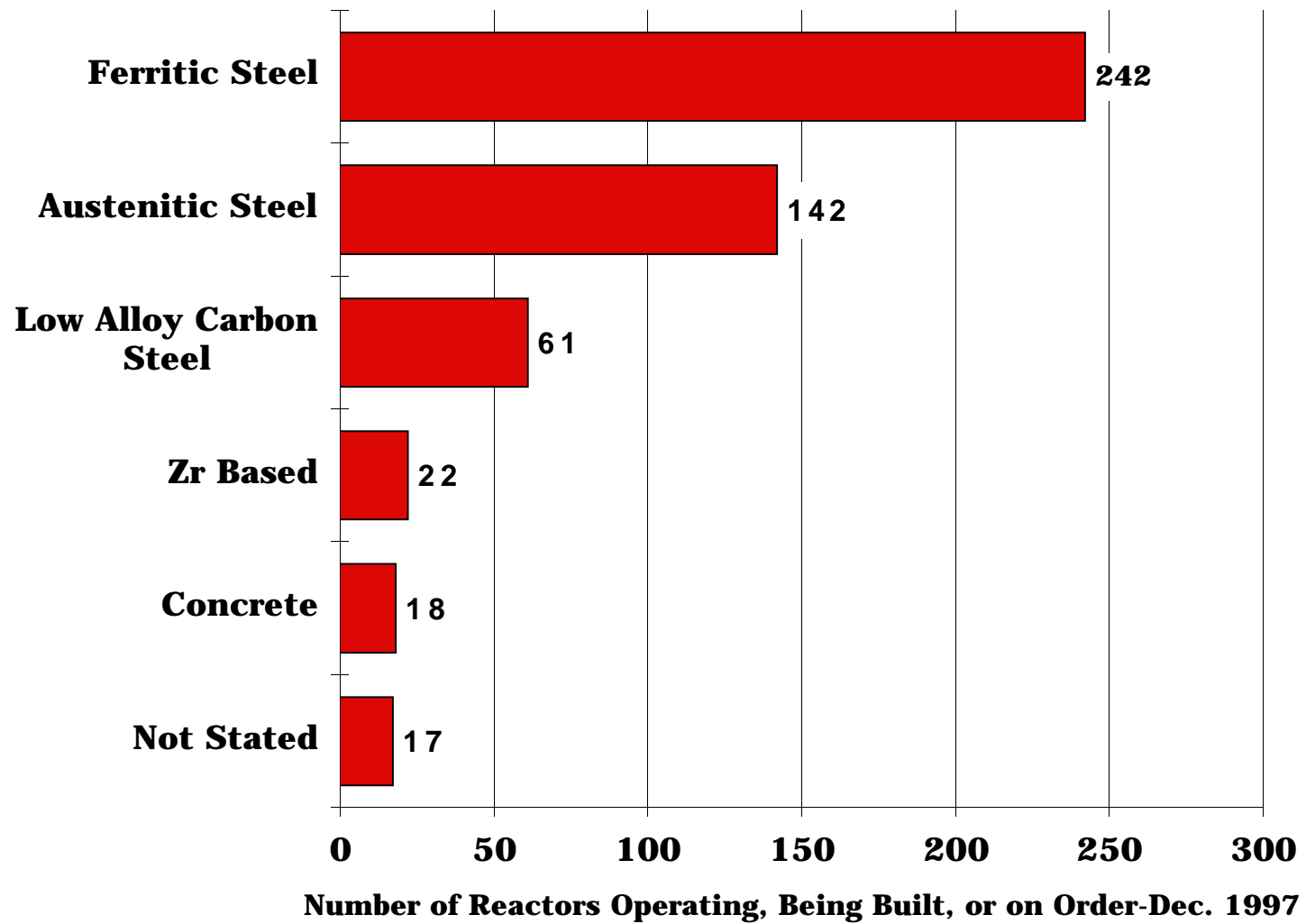
- 1.) High absorption cross section**
- 2.) Adequate strength for solid rods**
- 3.) Low mass to permit rapid movement**
- 4.) Corrosion resistance**
- 5.) Stability- Chemical and Dimensional**
- 6.) Low Cost**
- 7.) Good heat transfer capabilities**



**Nearly Half of Present Day Fission Reactors Use Boron Based Control Rods**



**Nearly 90% of Present Day Fission Reactors Use Steel for the Pressure Vessels**



## Attributes of Shield Material

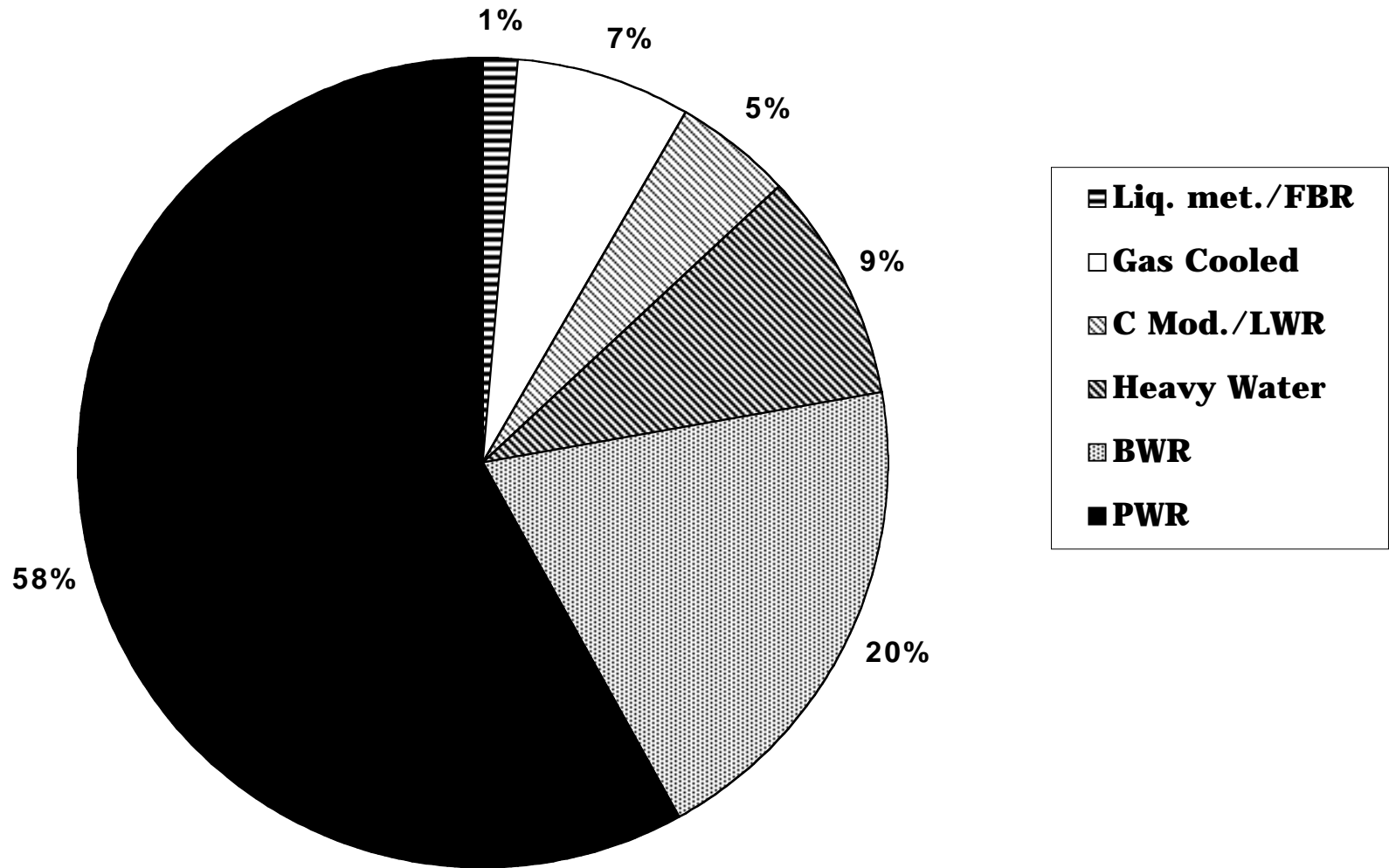
- 1.) **Good moderating material**
- 2.) **Good neutron absorber**
- 3.) **High density to attenuate gamma rays**

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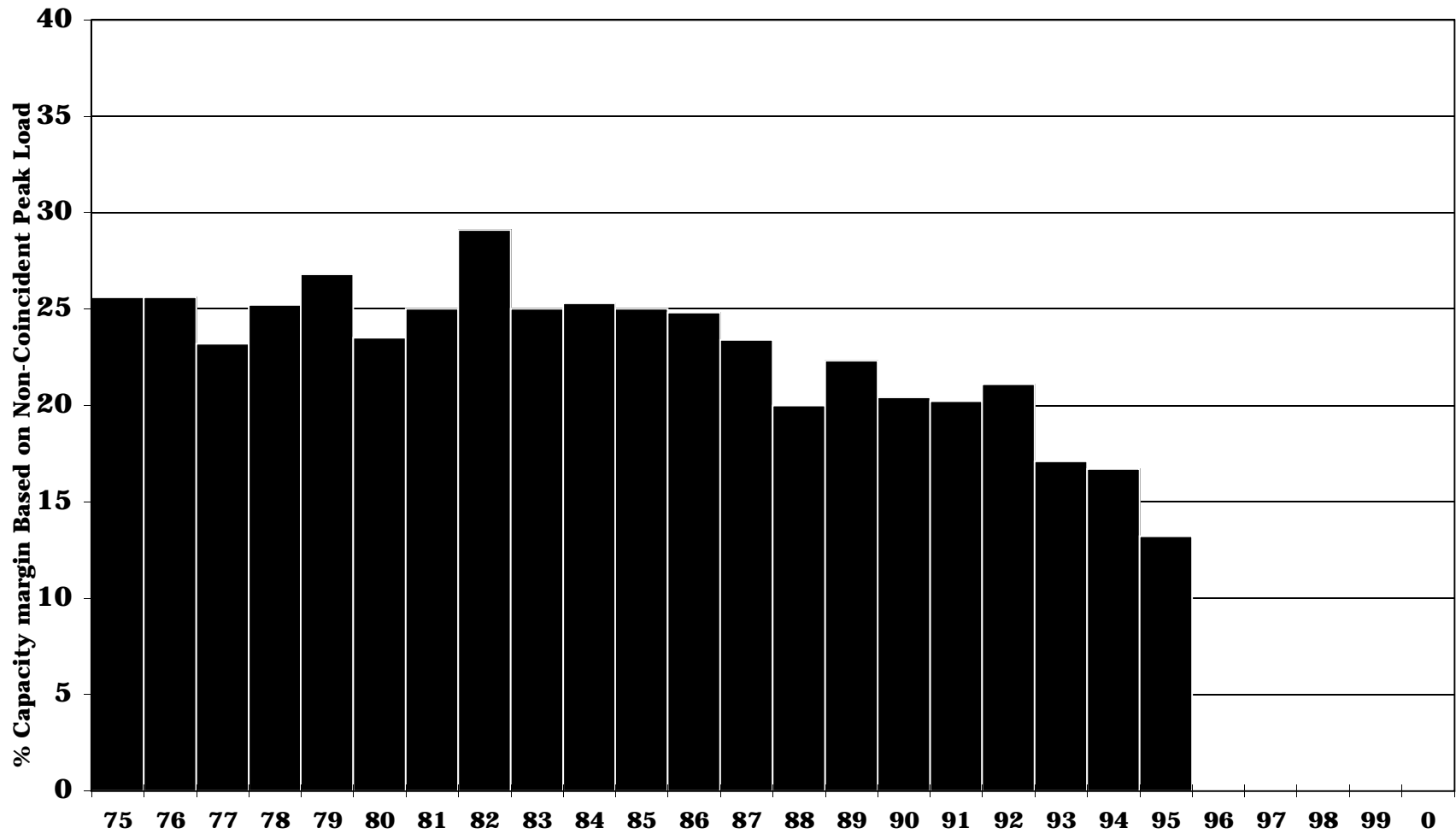
## Possible Shield materials

- A.) **Amalgams**
- B.) **Cements & concretes with special aggregates**
- C.) **Ceramics and cermets**
- D.) **Glasses and fused salts**
- E.) **Metal ores**
- F.) **Metal alloys and sintered powders**
- G.) **Organics such as plastics, metal esters, metal loaded resins, elastomers, and silicones**
- H.) **Silica and other gels precipitated from B loaded solutions**

**Over 90% of the Fission Power Reactors in the World are Cooled by Water**



**The U. S. Electric Utility Capacity Margin Has Fallen Below the Recommended 20% "Floor"**



Source: EEI Statistical Yearbook-1995