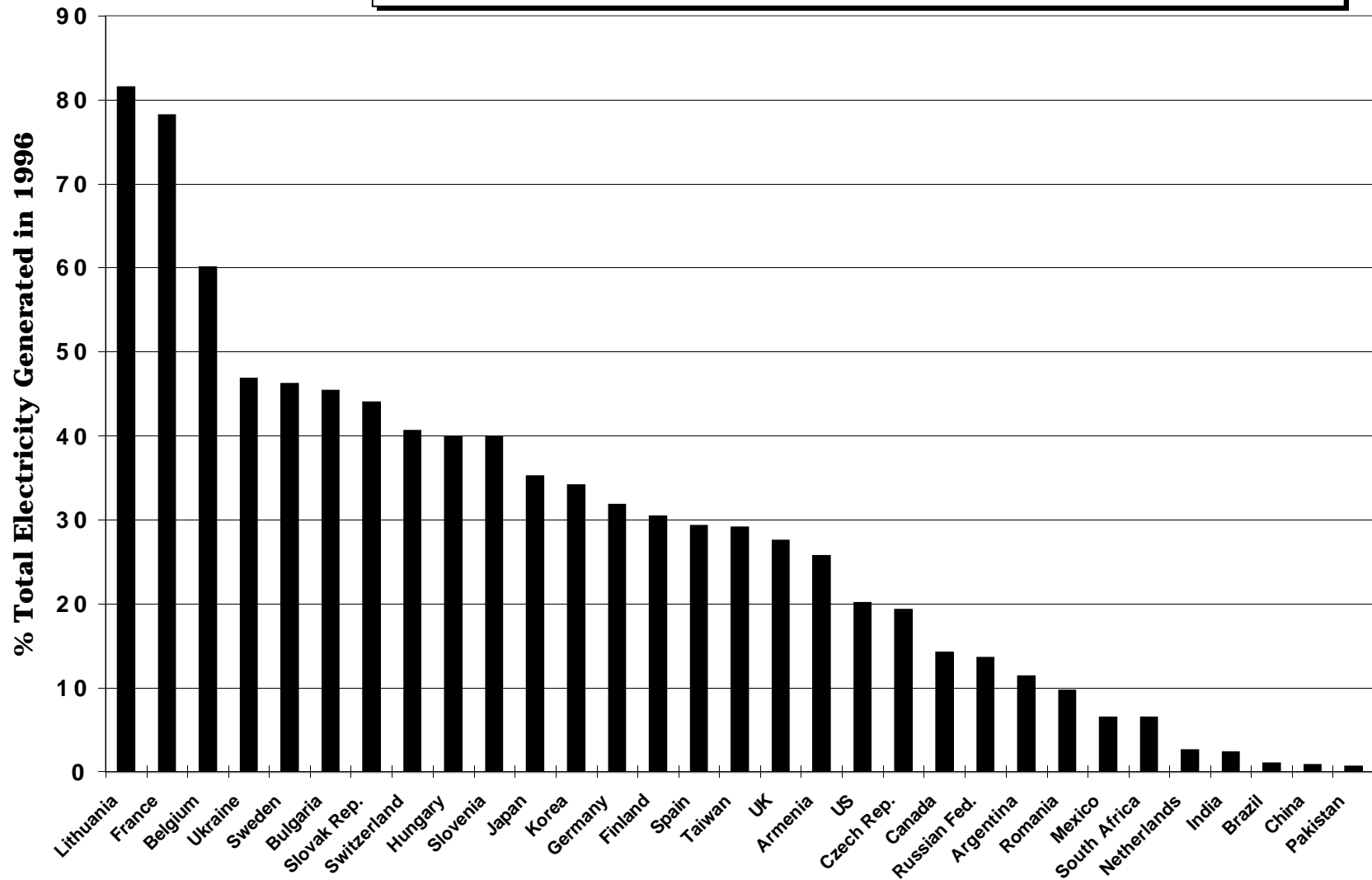


23 Countries Generated in Excess of 10% Of Their Electricity in 1998



1-2.) Nuclear Power 3/98

Nuclear Power Reactors in Operation and Under Construction, 3/98										
	Reactors in Operation in 3/98		Reactors Under Const. 3/98		Nuclear Elect. Supplied in 1996			Nuclear Elect. Supplied in 3/98		
Country	# of Units	Total MWe	# of Units	Total MWe	Billion kWhrs (1996)	% of Total	Country	Country	% of Total	
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	
Total	437	351,755	36	26,813	2,299					

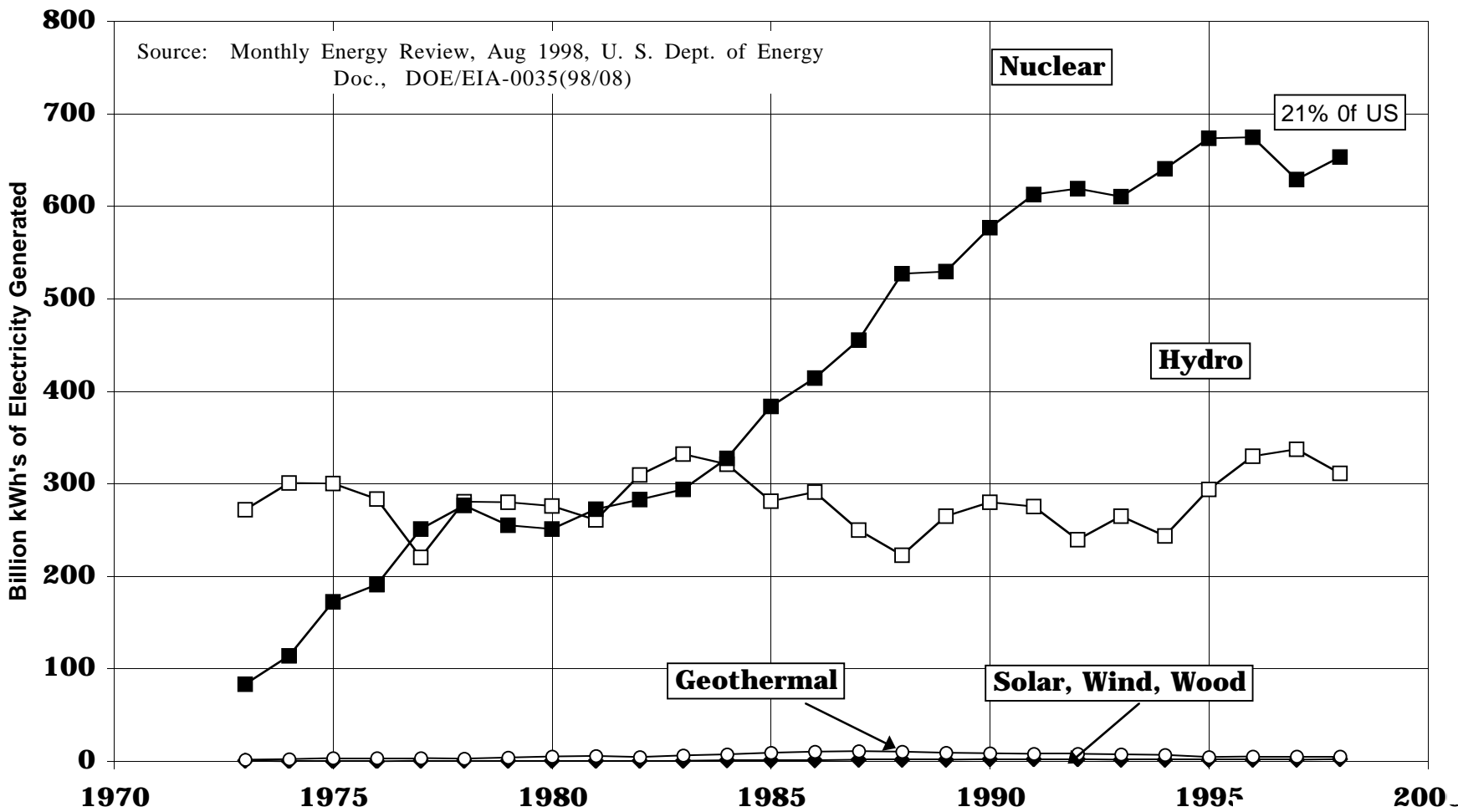
Worldwide Fission Power Reactor Status-March 31, 1998

	Operating	Under Construction	Total
# of Reactors	437	36	478
Capacity-MW_e	351,795	26,813	378,608
Experience Reactor-Years	8,570	-	8,135
Research Reactors	323 (1991)	-	323 (1991)

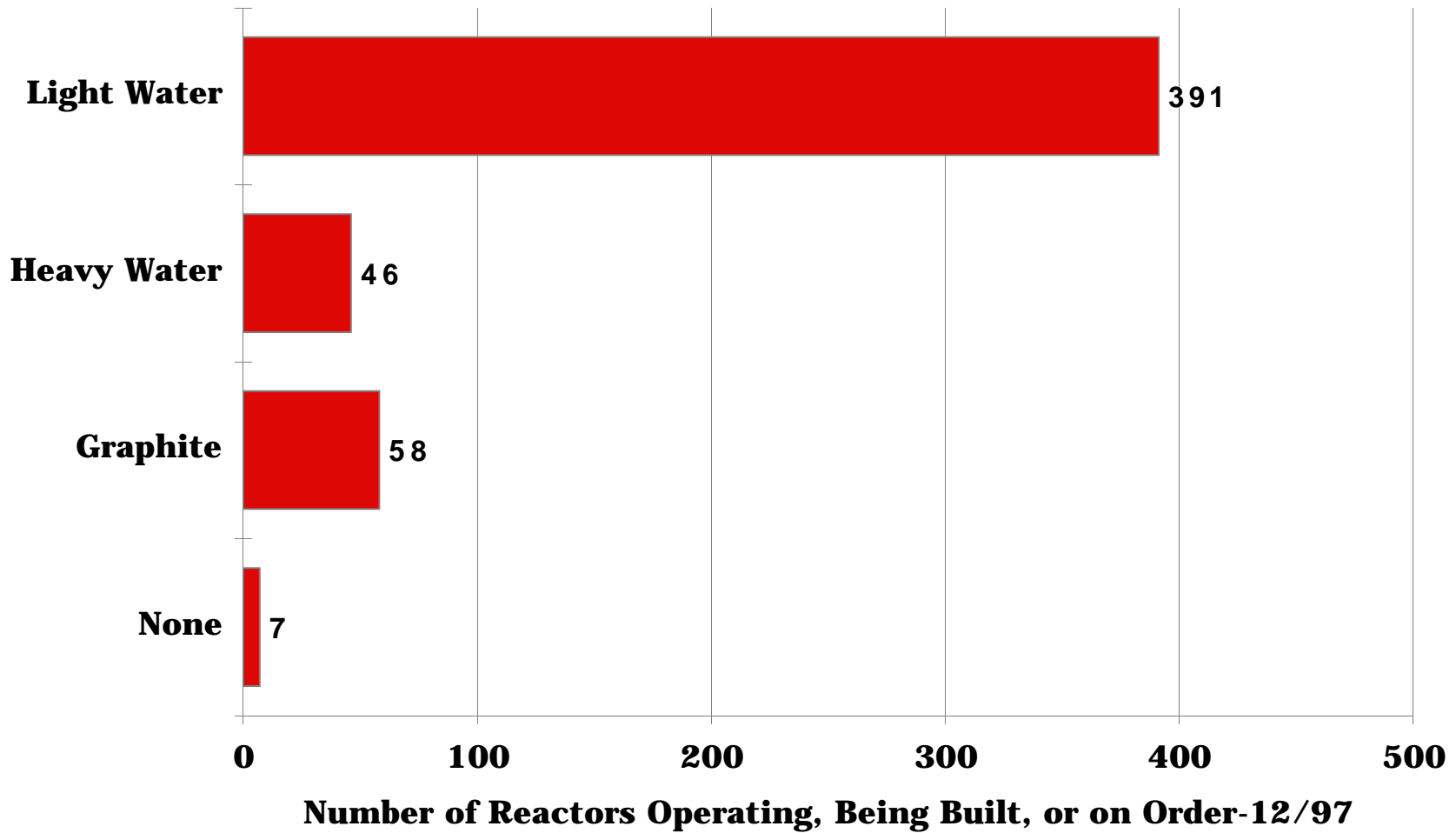
**Frequency of new nuclear power plant
connections to the grid around the world.**

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

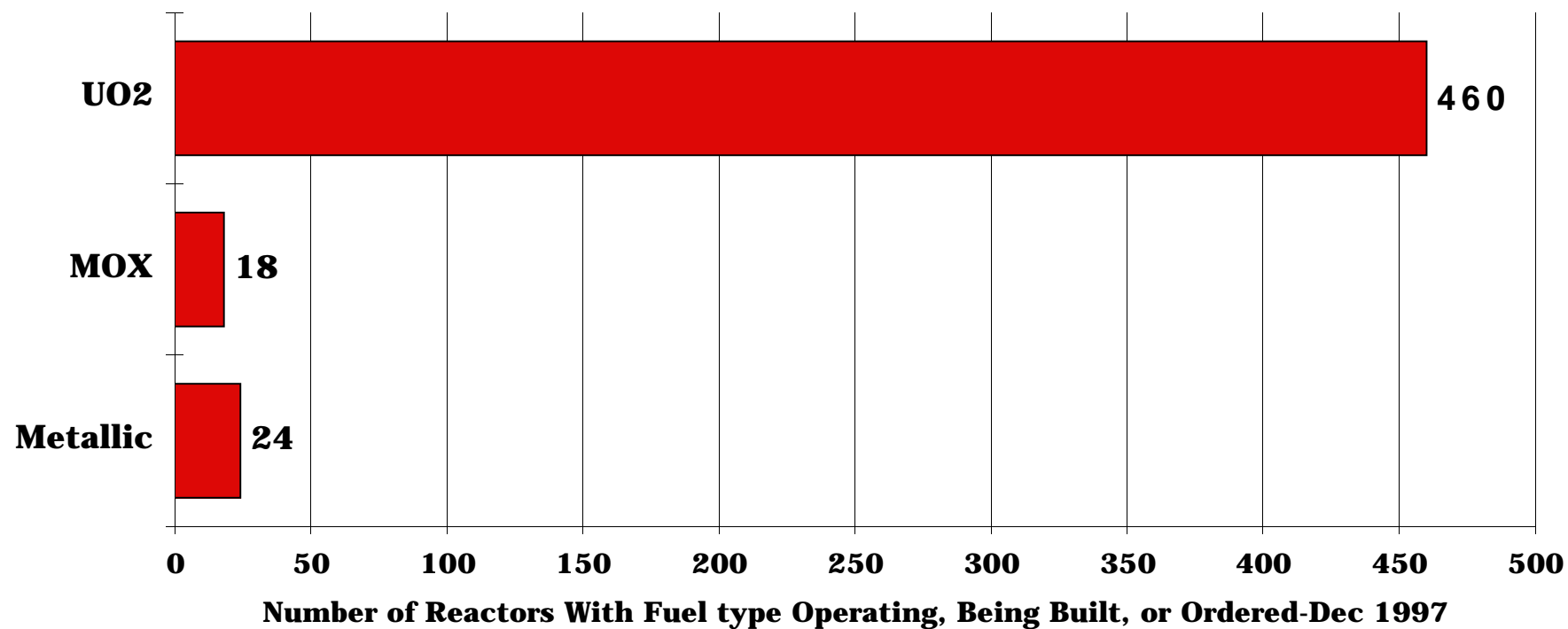
Nuclear Power Continues to Outstrip the Non-Fossil Fuels in Generation of Electricity in the United States



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

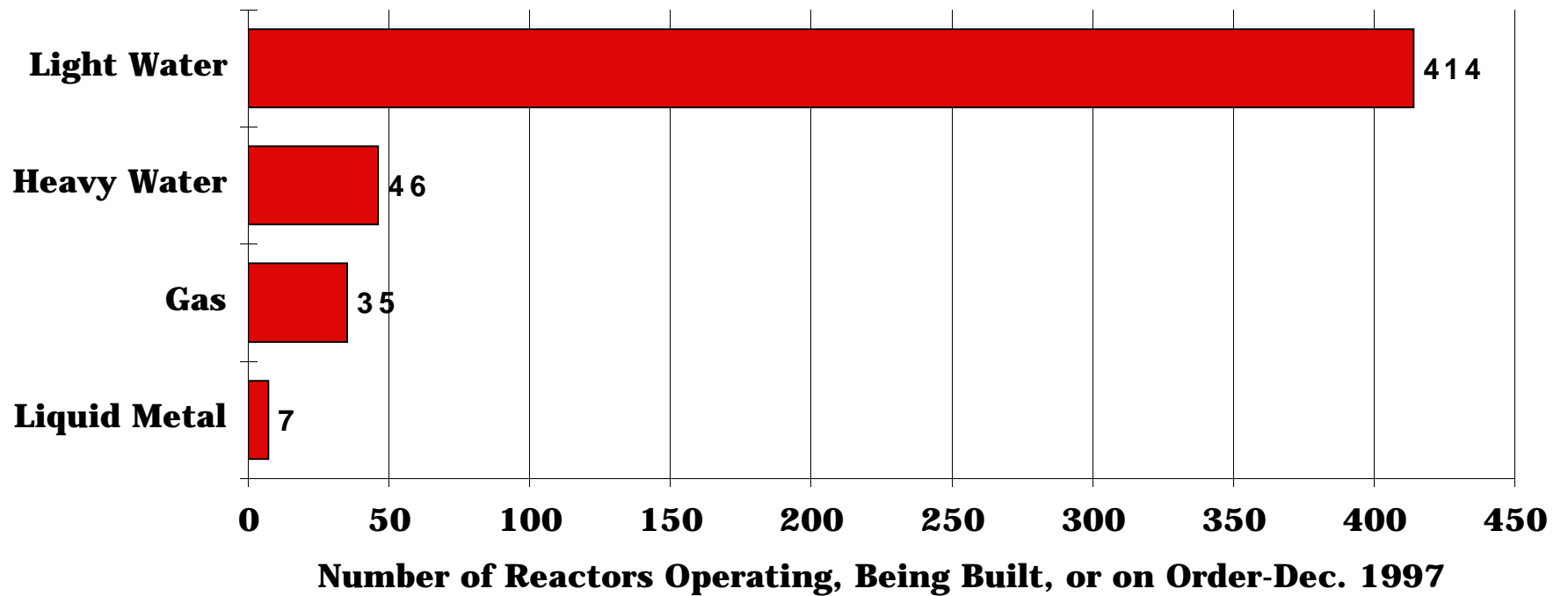


Coolant Attributes For Fission Reactors

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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**

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

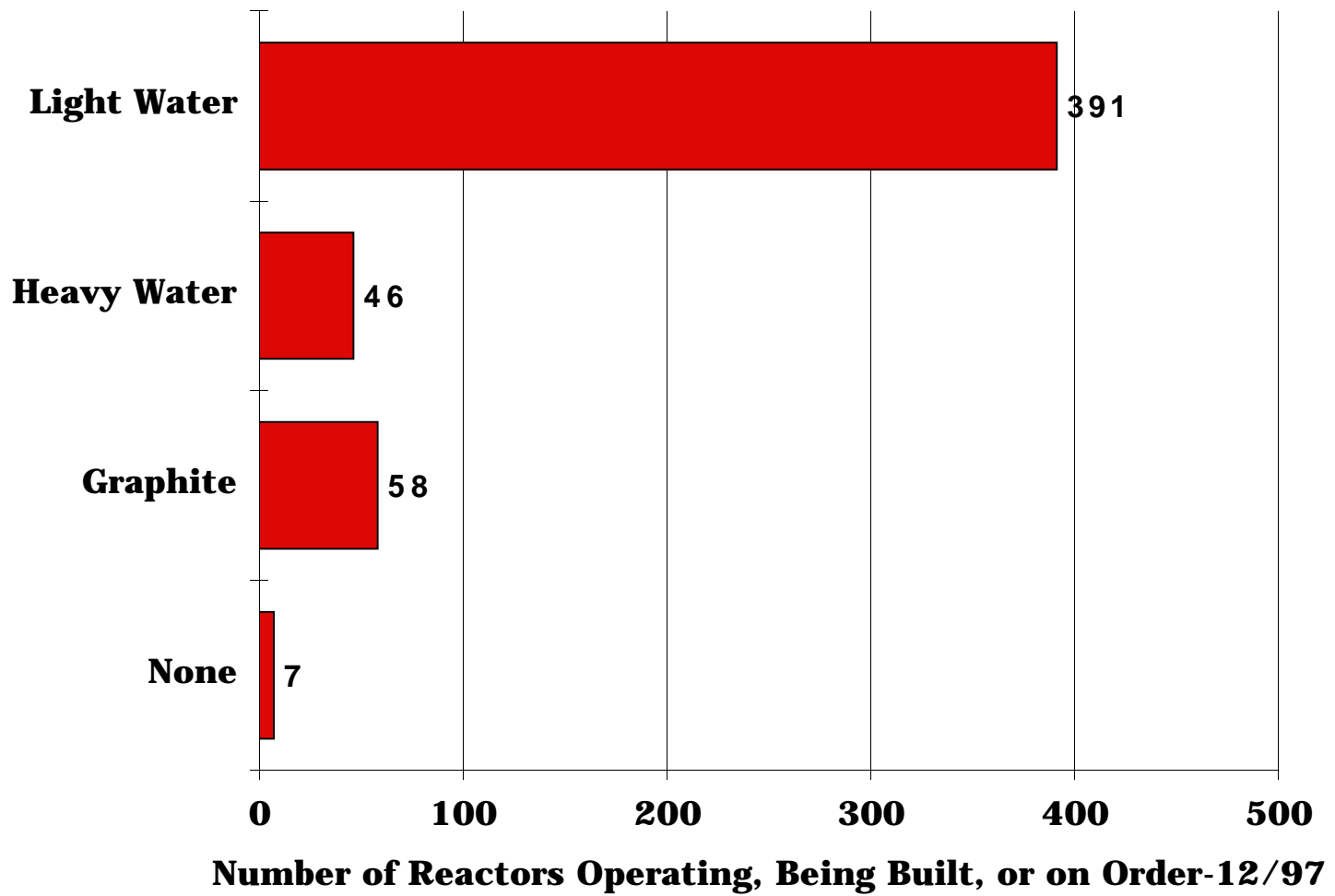
$$\xi \approx \frac{2}{A + \frac{2}{3}} \text{ for } A > 2$$

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

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

Moderator	SDP, cm⁻¹	Mod Ratio	Comments
H₂O	1.53	72.	
D₂O	0.37	12,000.	≈ 100 \$/kg
He (STP)	0.000016	83.	low ρ
Be	0.176	159.	≈ 200 \$/kg
C	0.64	170.	
ZrH_{1.79}	0.8	56.	

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General Characteristics of Fission Reactor Designs

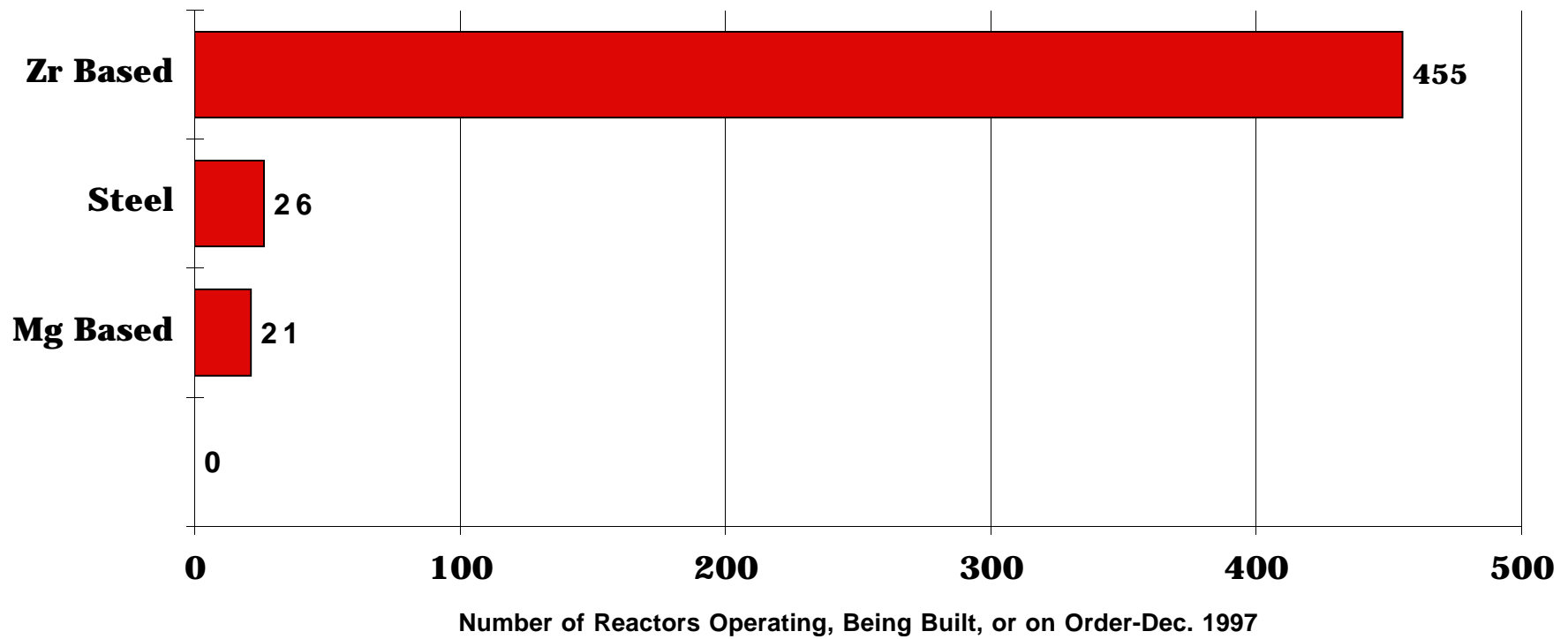
Type	Fuel (% ^{235}U)	Moderator	Coolant (atm)	Steam Generator
PWR	UO ₂ (3.2)	H ₂ O	H ₂ O (160)	Separate Circuit
BWR	UO ₂ (3.2)	H ₂ O	H ₂ O (70)	Direct
CANDU	UO ₂ (0.711)	D ₂ O	D ₂ O (90)	Separate Circuit
Magnox	U (0.711)	Graphite	CO ₂ (20)	Separate Circuit
AGR	UO ₂ (2.3)	Graphite	CO ₂ (40)	Separate Circuit
RBMK	UO ₂ (2.0-2.4)	Graphite	H ₂ O (70)	Direct
LMFBR	UO ₂ -PuO ₂ (15% ^{239}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

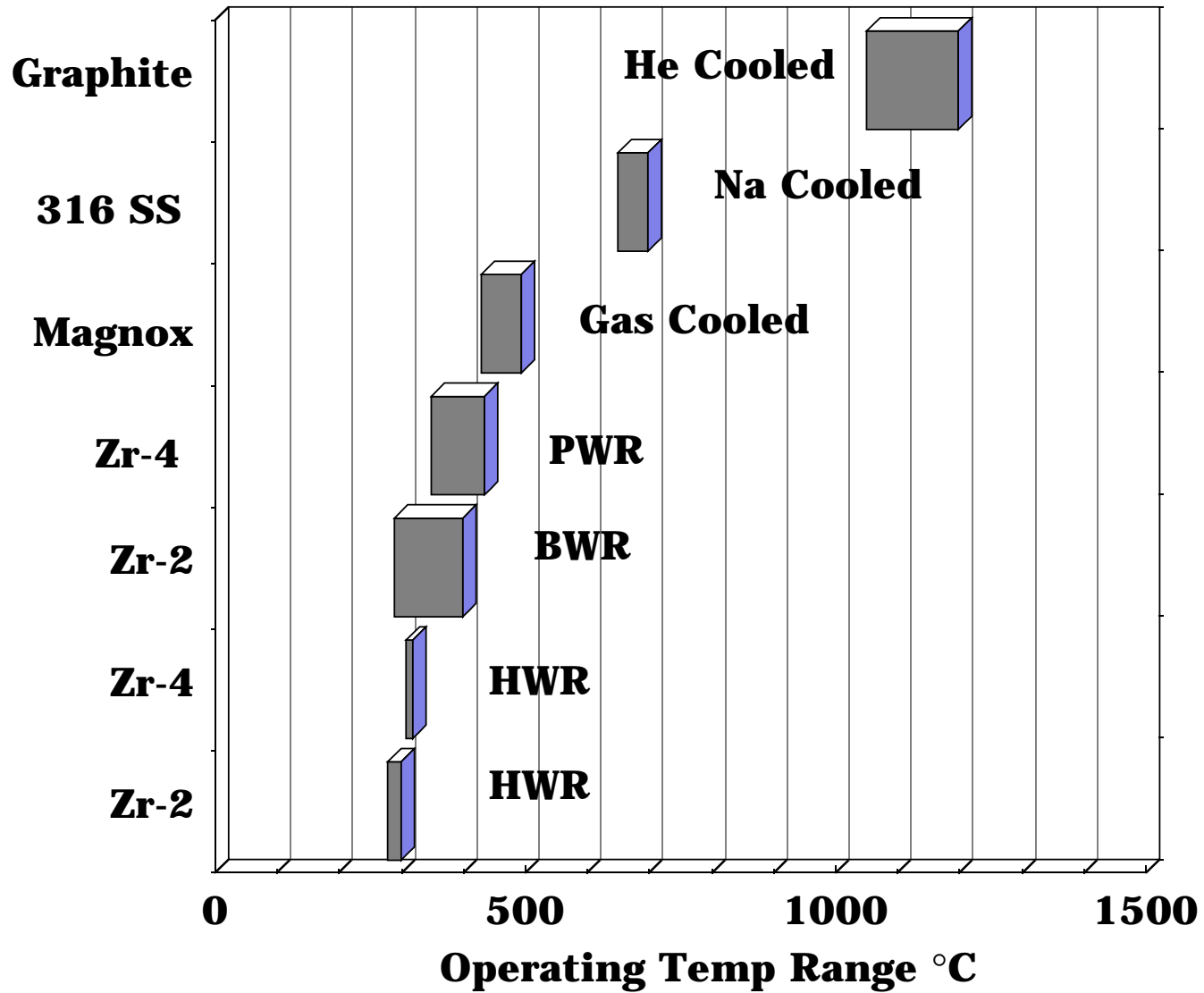
- 1.) Adequate σ_y at high T & during irradiation**
- 2.) Resist corrosion**
- 3.) Dimensionally stable**
- 4.) Predictable Mechanical Properties**
- 5.) High thermal conductivity**
- 6.) Good neutronic properties**
- 7.) Easy to fabricate and install**
- 8.) Easy to reprocess**
- 9.) Low Cost**
- 10.)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

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



Summary of Fission Reactor Operating Temperatures			
Cladding Material	T_{max}, °C	Coolant	T_{out} °C
<u>Fast Reactors</u>			
316 SS	650-700	Na	500-550
<u>HWR</u>			
Zircaloy-2	280-300	D₂O	260-310
Zircaloy-4	310-330	D₂O	260-310
<u>Graphite</u>			
Magnox	430-495	CO₂	350-400
Mg-Zr	465-510	CO₂	350-400
Graphite	1050-1200	He	750-850
Austenite	625-640	He	750-850
<u>BWR</u>			
Zircaloy-2	290-400	H₂O	280-290
<u>PWR</u>			
Zircaloy-4	350-435	H₂O	310-330

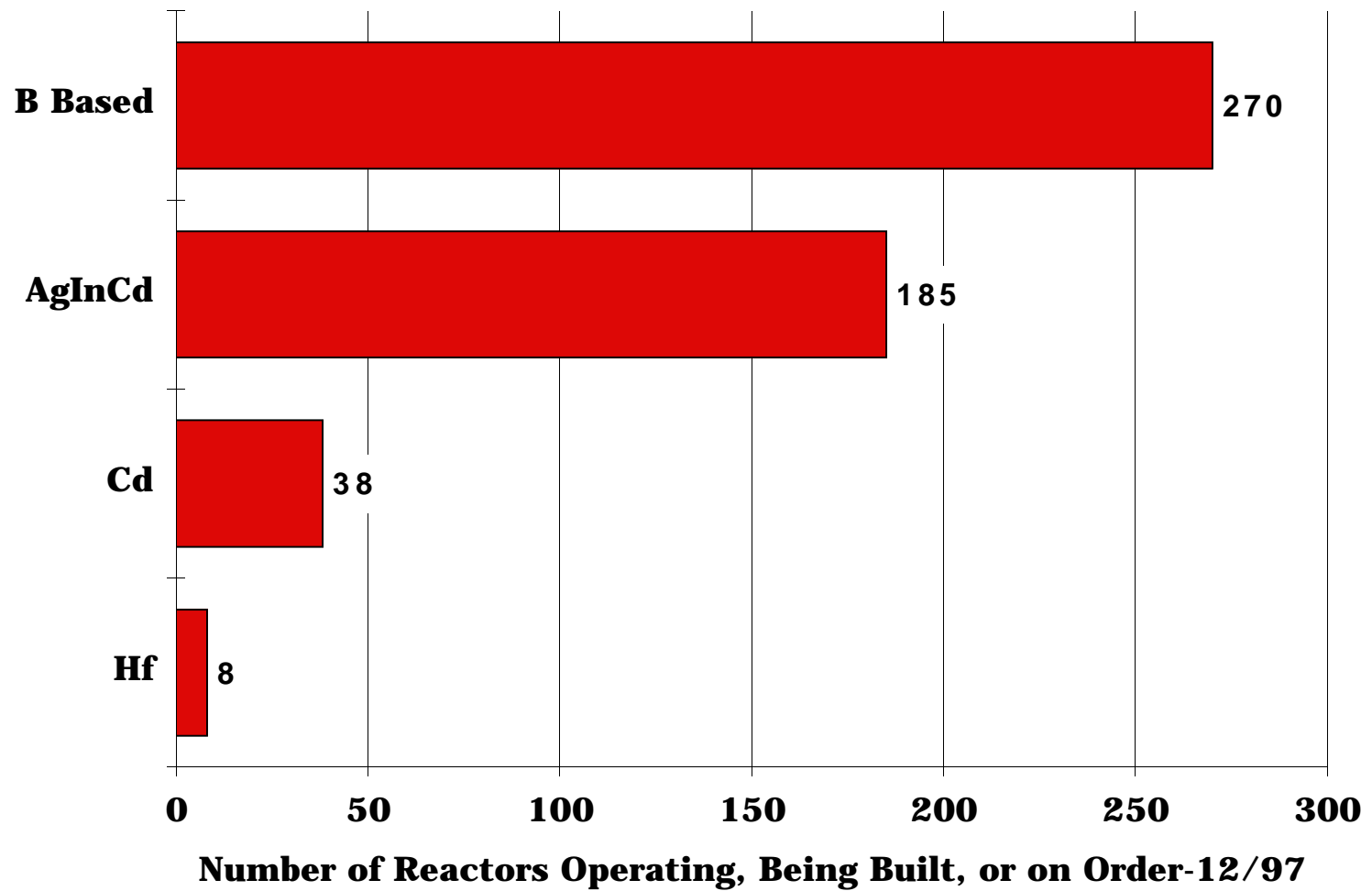
Operating Temperature Range for Cladding Material for Fission Reactors



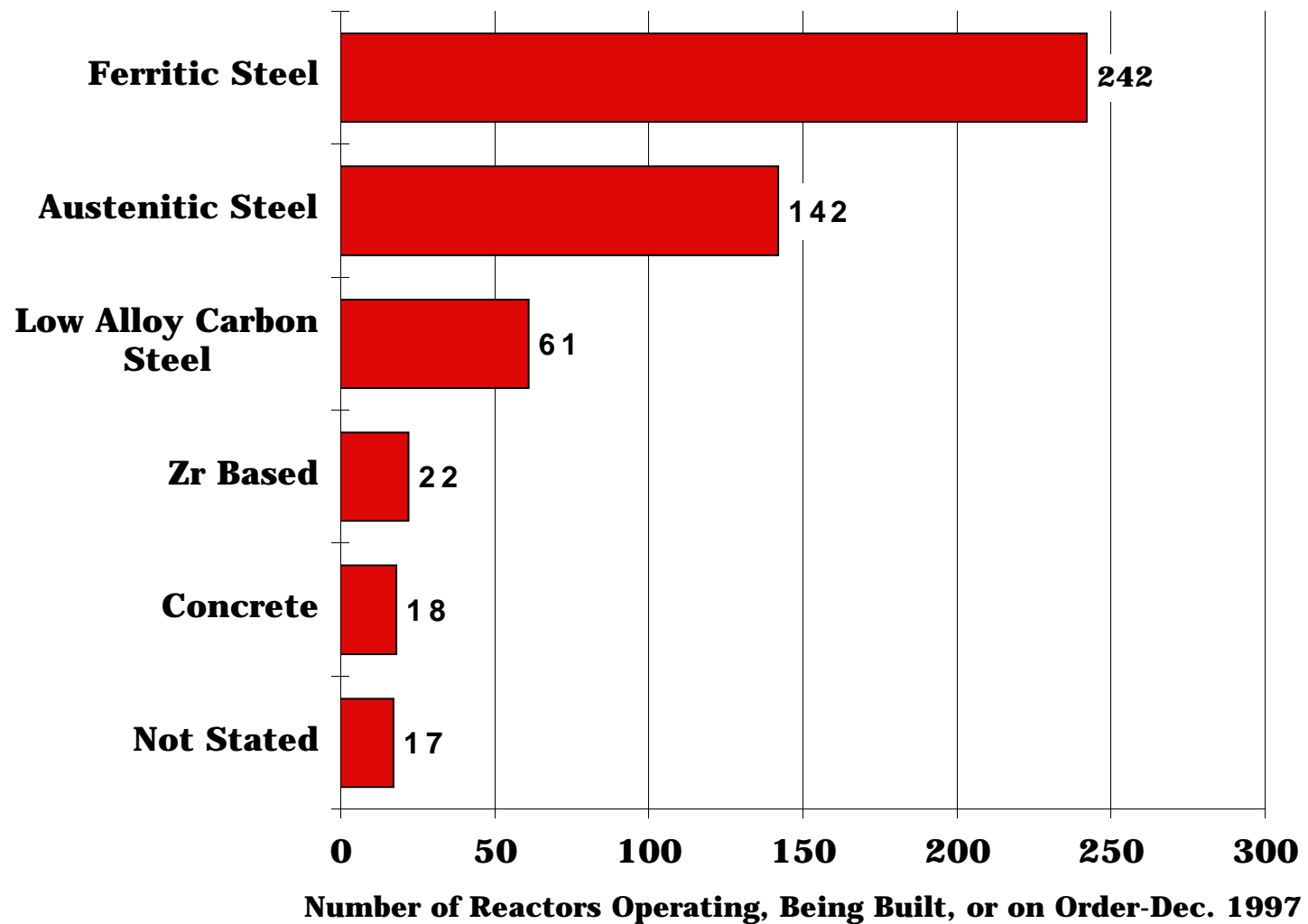
Attributes of Control Rod Materials

- 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

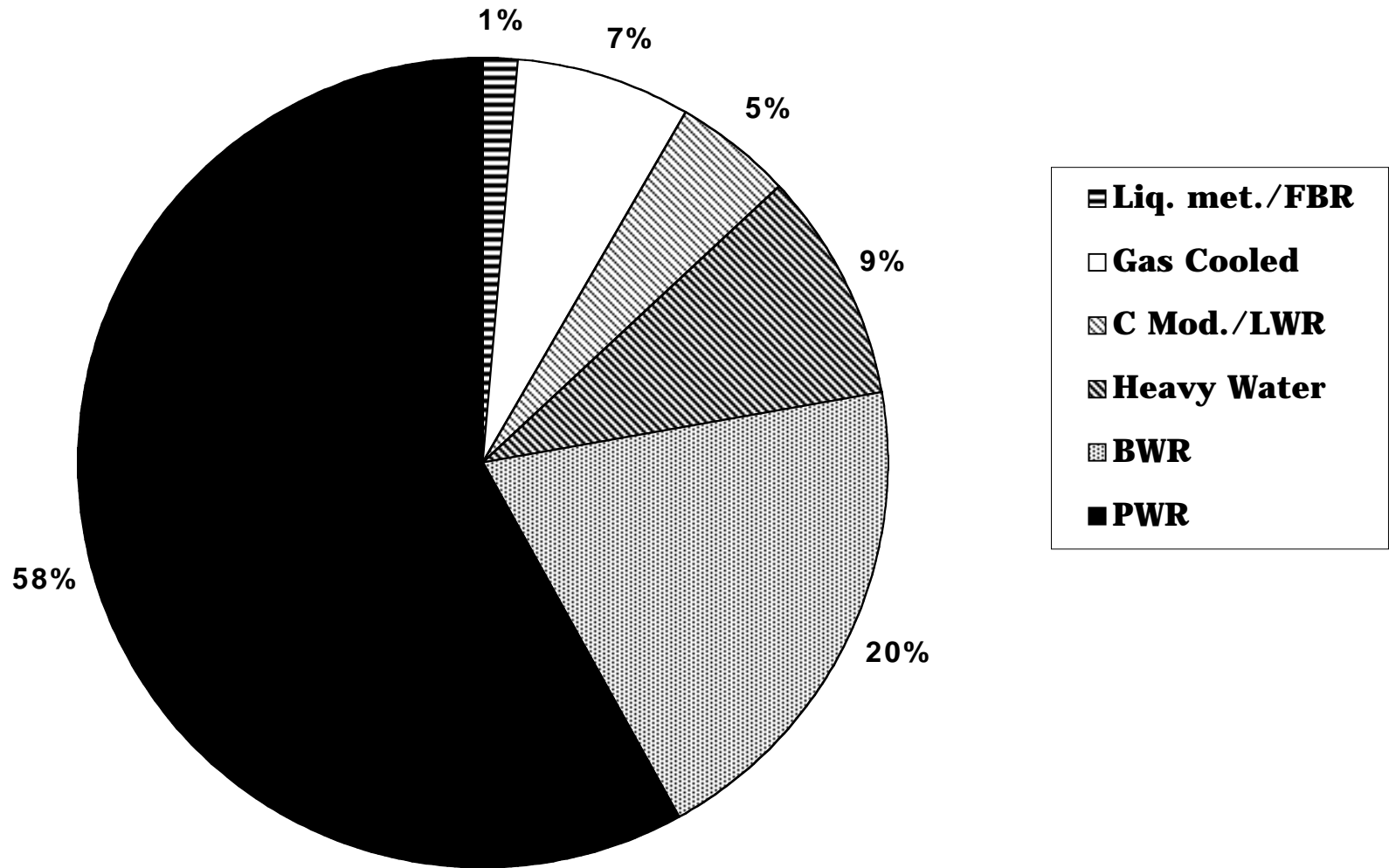
- 1.) **Good moderating material**
- 2.) **Good neutron absorber**
- 3.) **High density to attenuate gamma rays**

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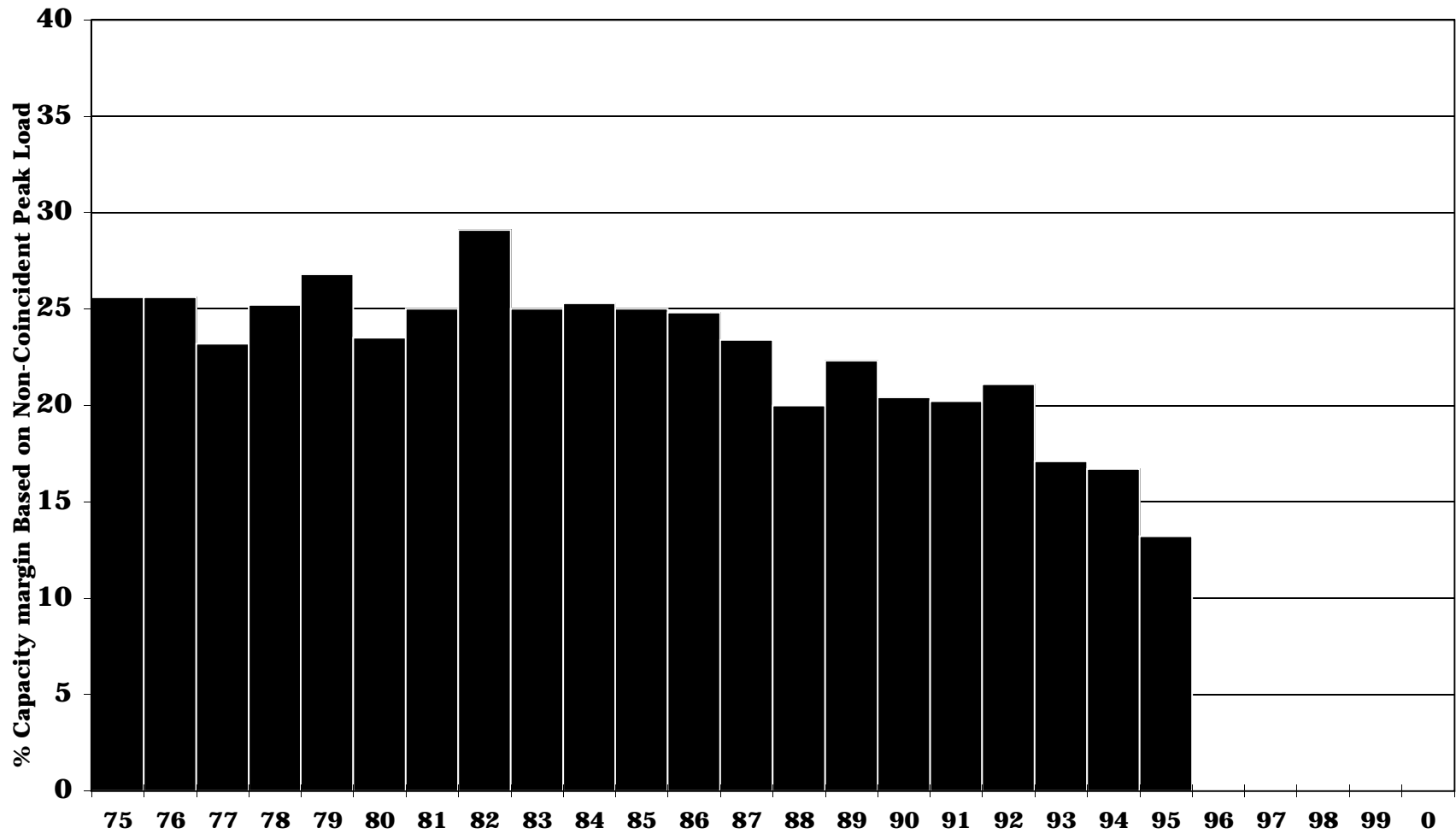
Possible Shield materials

- 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