

# The World Nuclear Industry Status Report 2019

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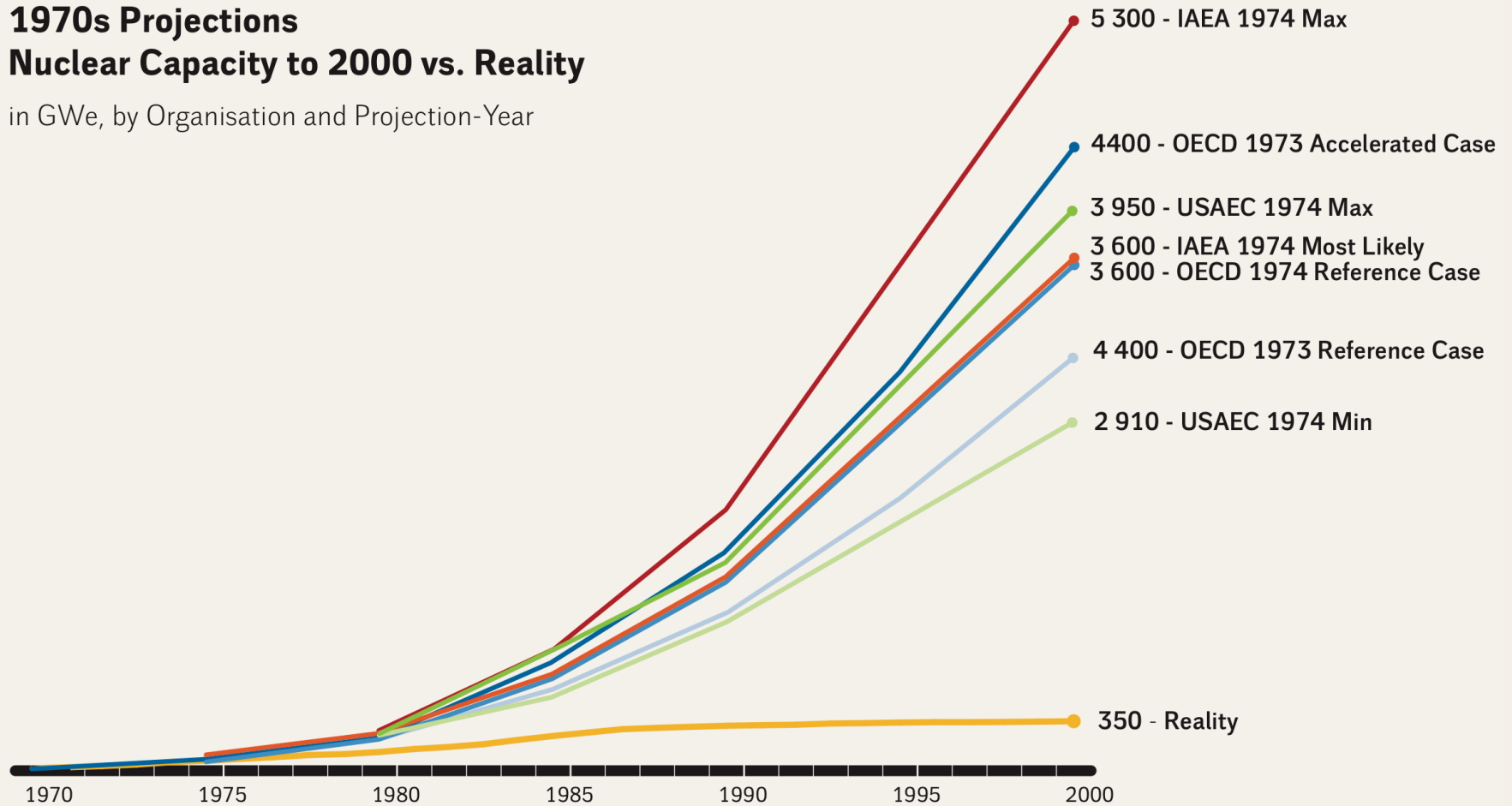
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## 1970s Projections Nuclear Capacity to 2000 vs. Reality

in GWe, by Organisation and Projection-Year

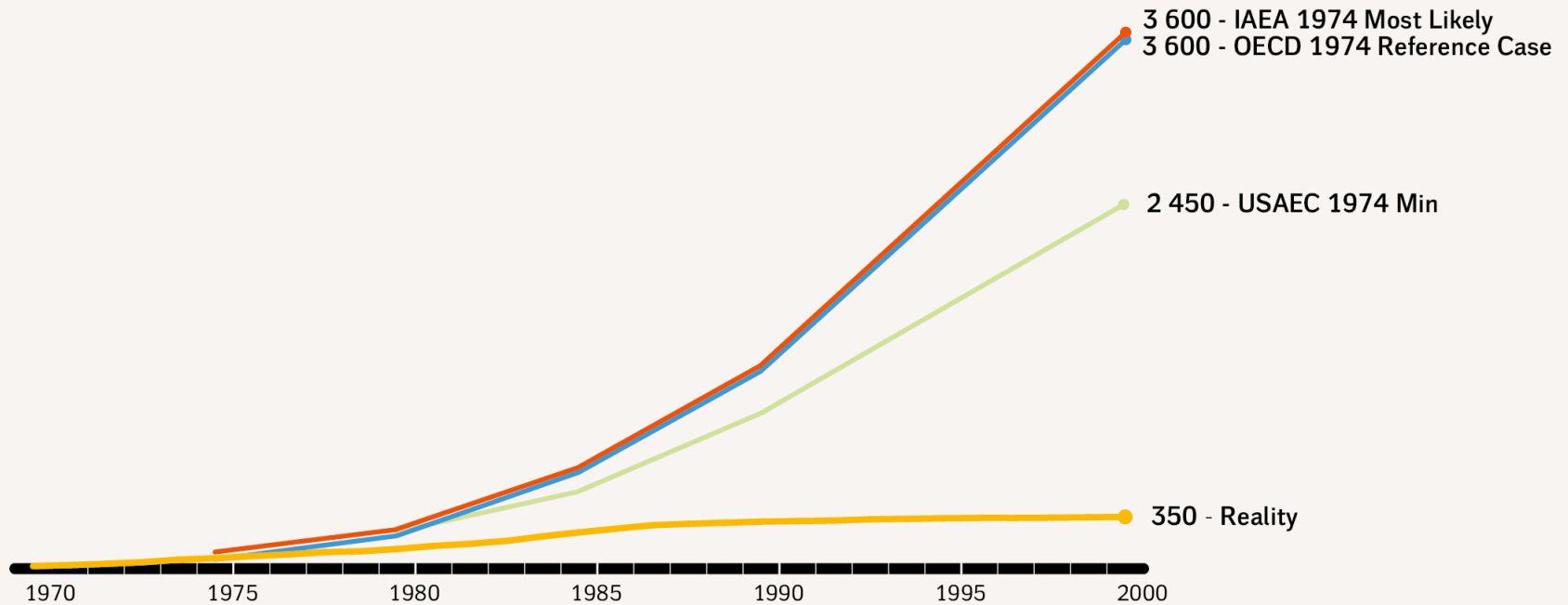


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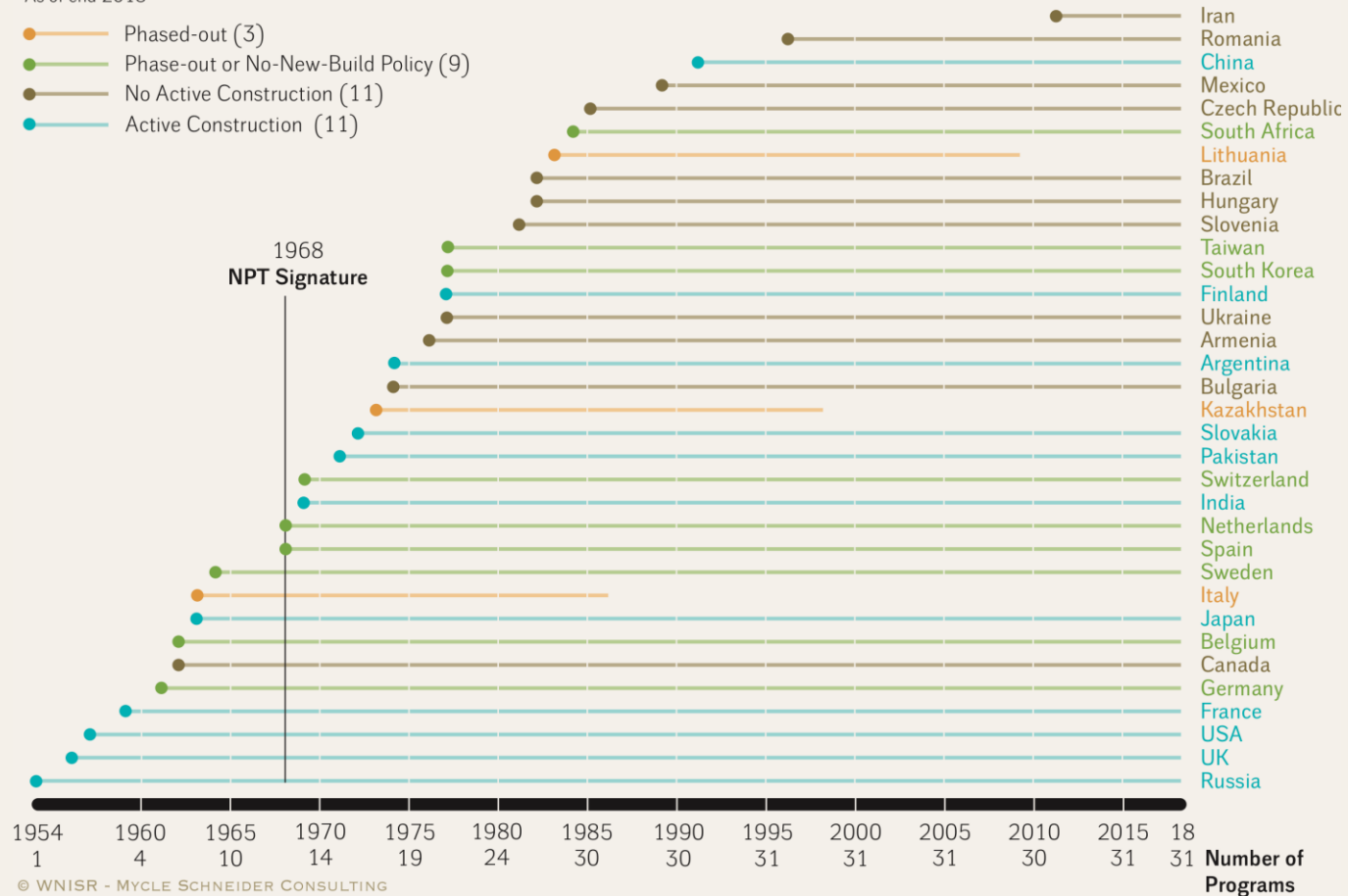
## National Nuclear Power Program Startup and Phase-out

Cumulated Number of National Programs, from 1954 to 2018

### Nuclear Power Program Status

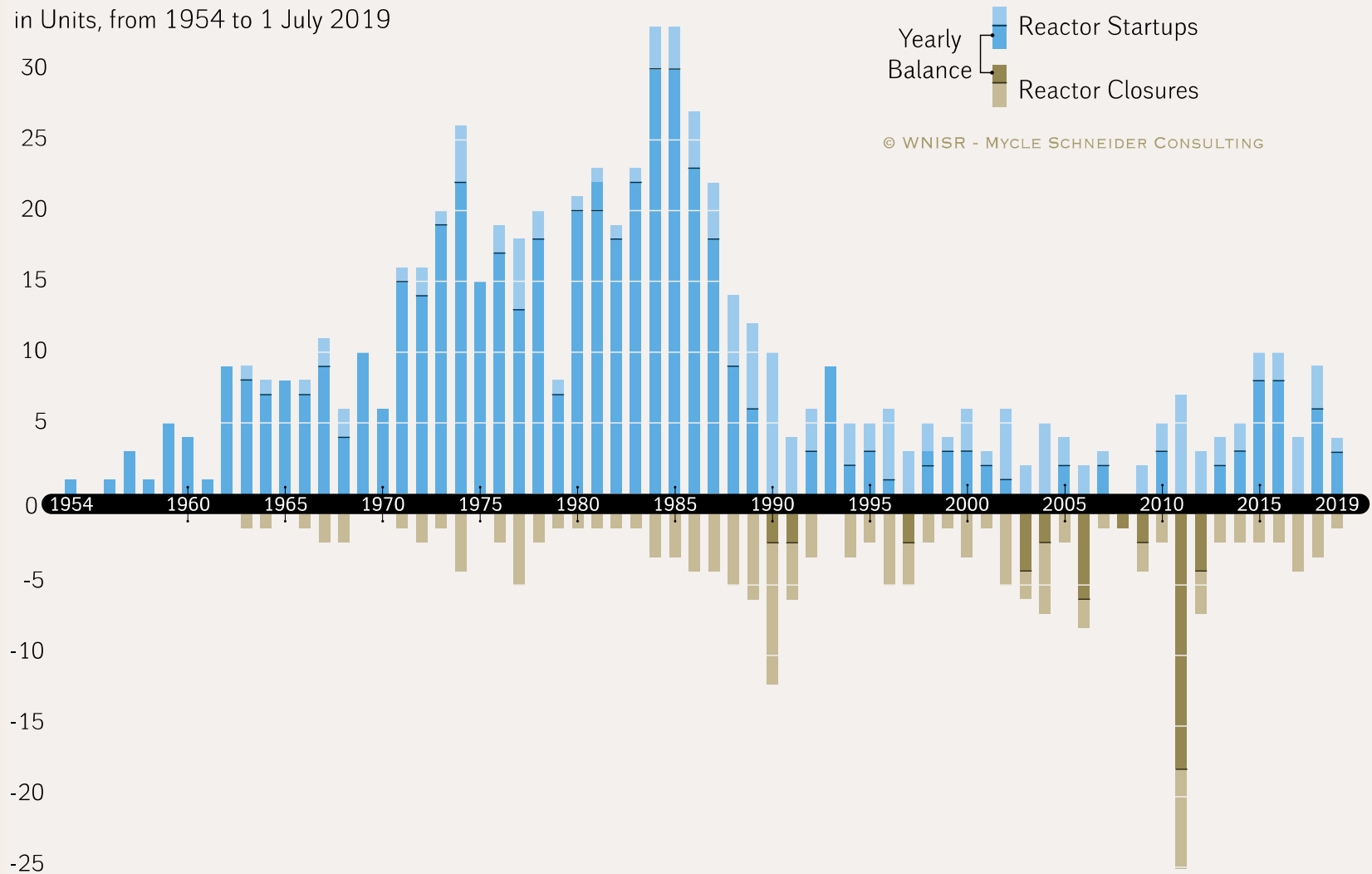
As of end 2018

- Phased-out (3)
- Phase-out or No-New-Build Policy (9)
- No Active Construction (11)
- Active Construction (11)



## Reactor Startups and Closures in the World

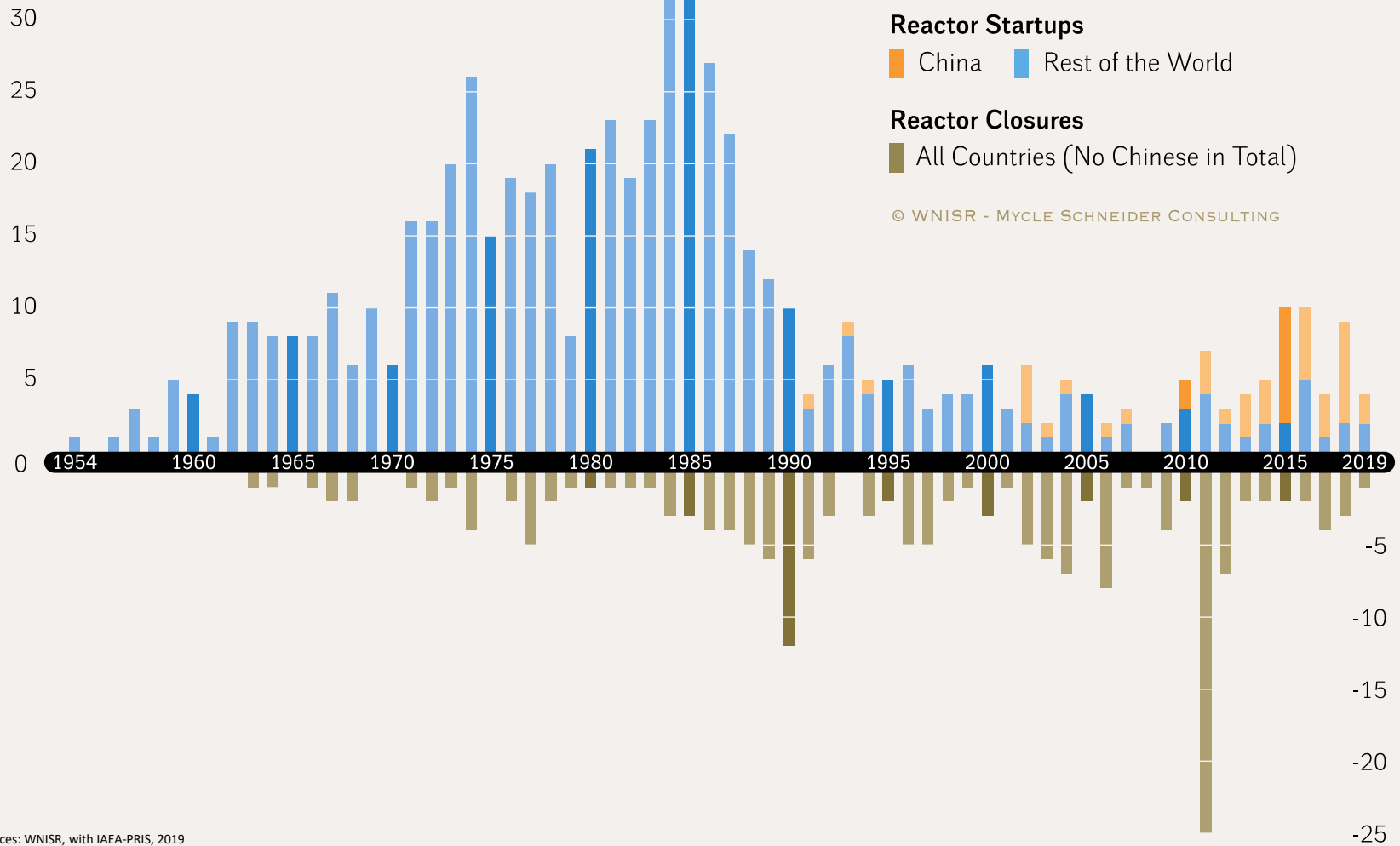
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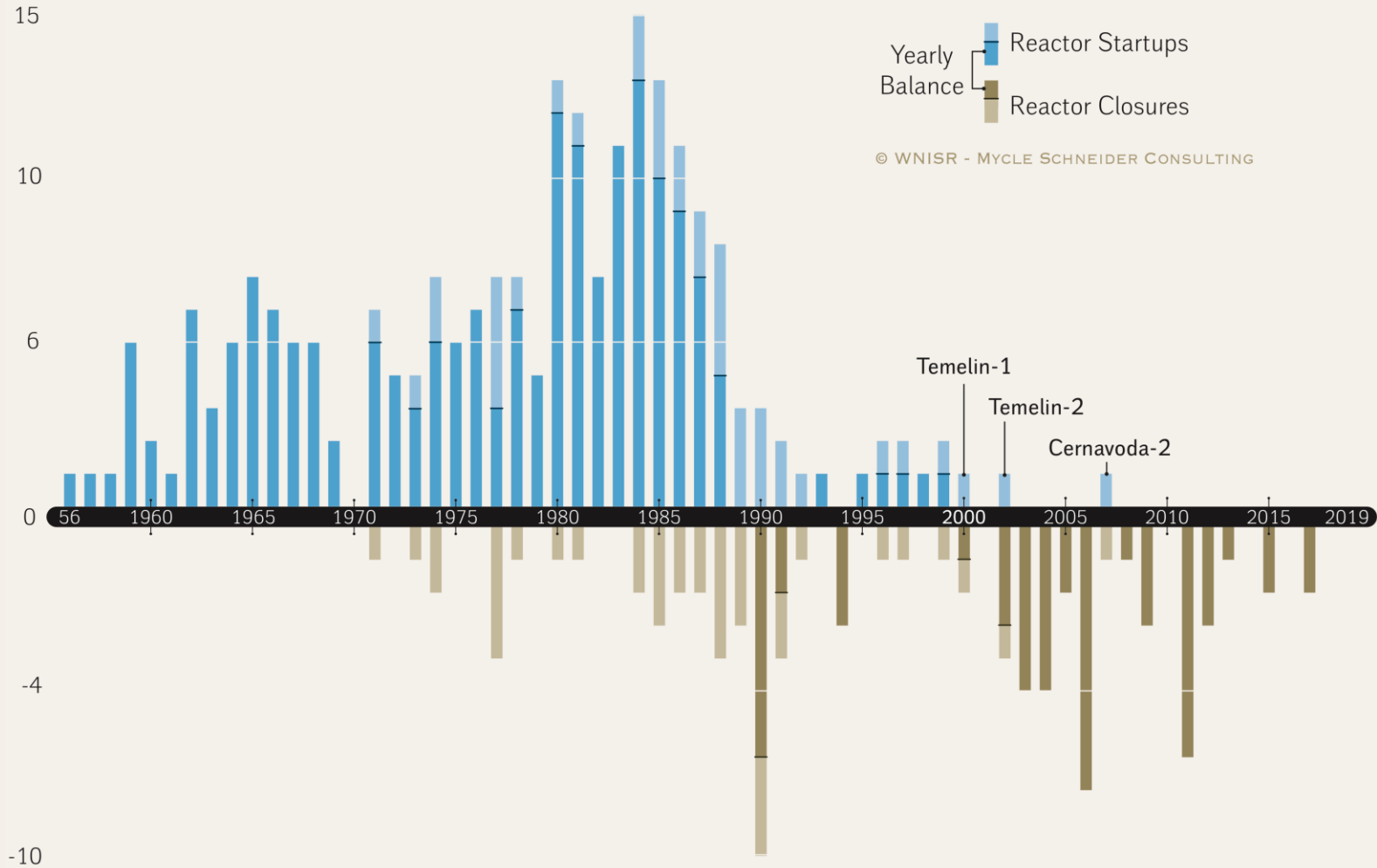
in Units, from 1954 to 1 July 2019



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## Reactor Startups and Closures in the EU28

in Units, from 1956 to 1 July 2019

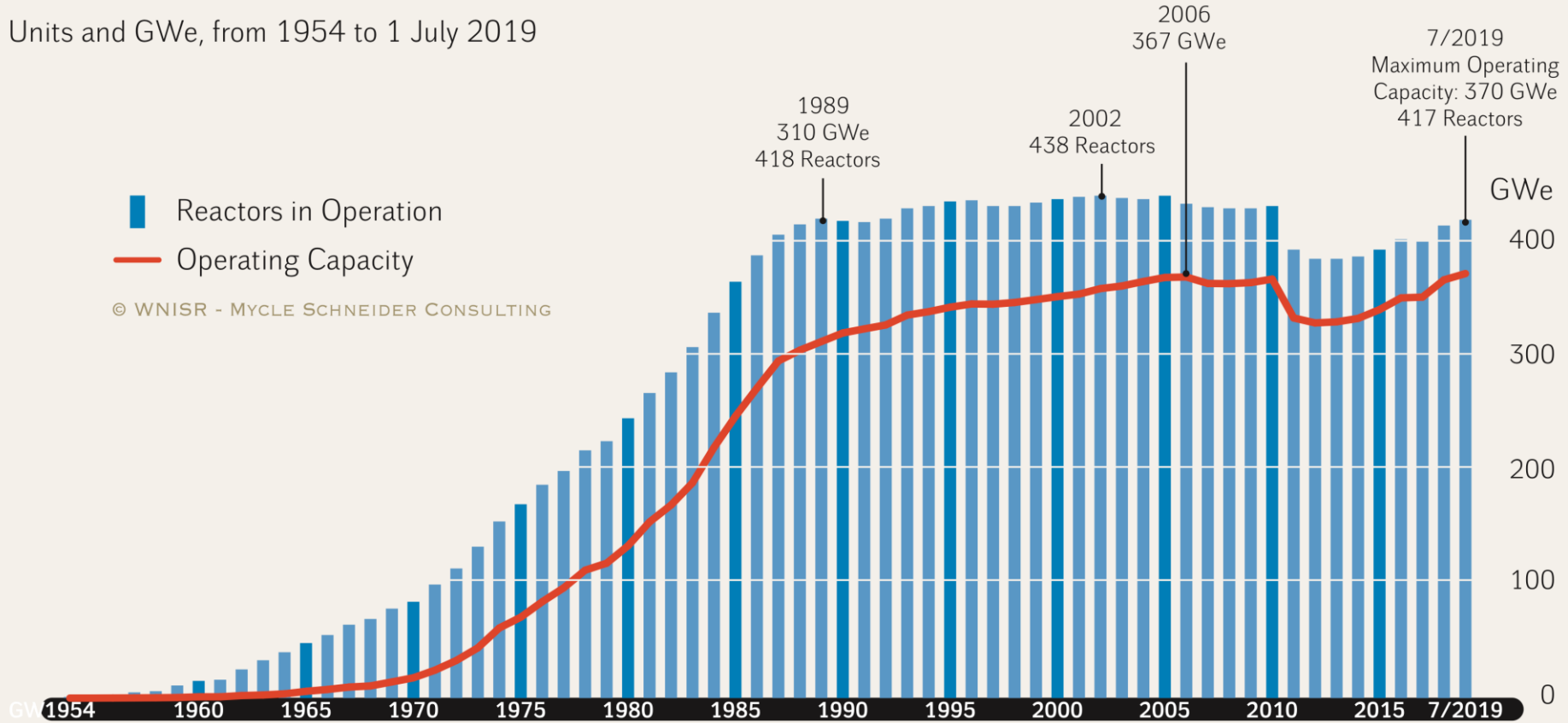


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## Nuclear Reactors and Net Operating Capacity in the World

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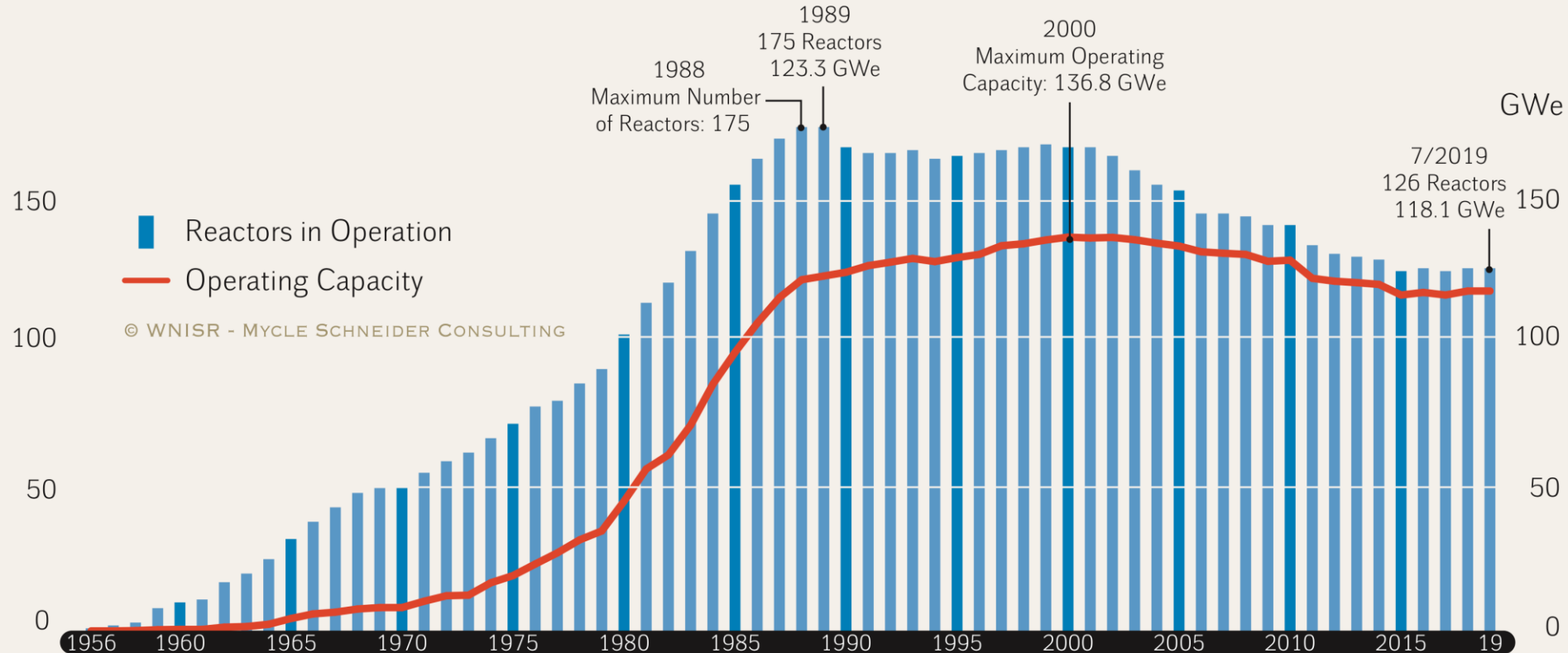


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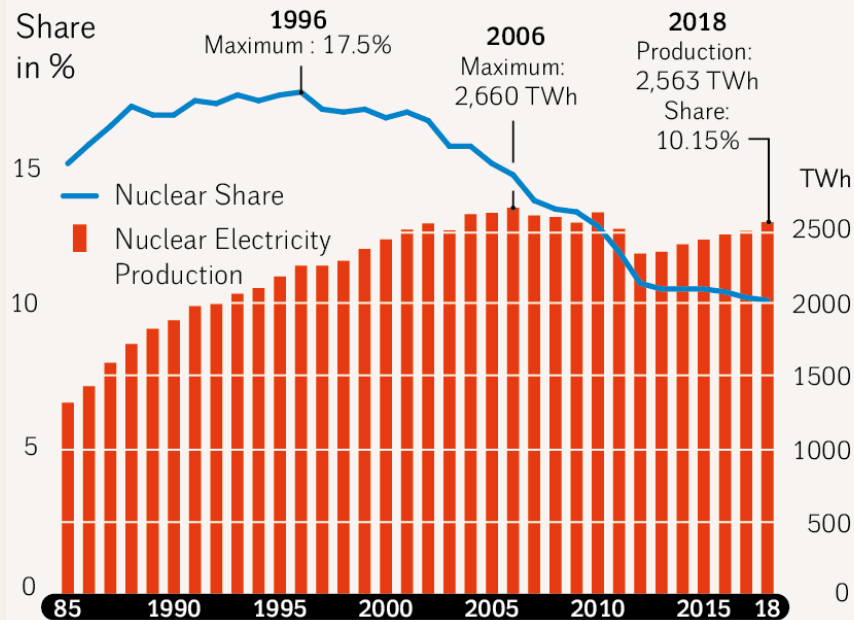
in Units and GWe, from 1956 to 1 July 2019



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## Nuclear Electricity Production 1985-2018 in the World...

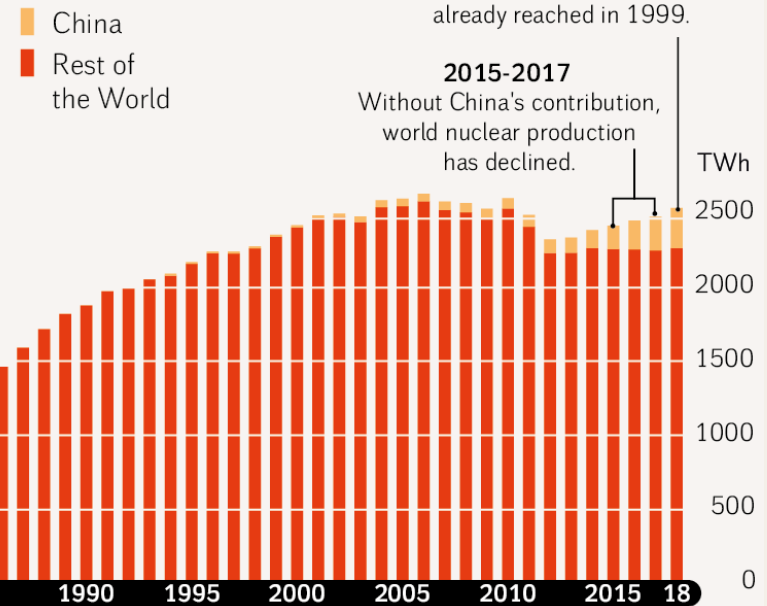
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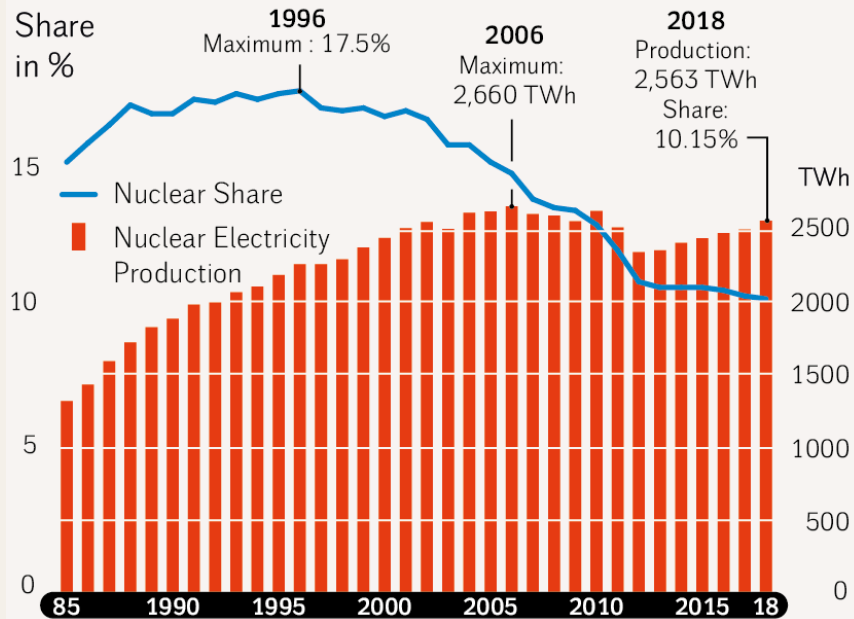


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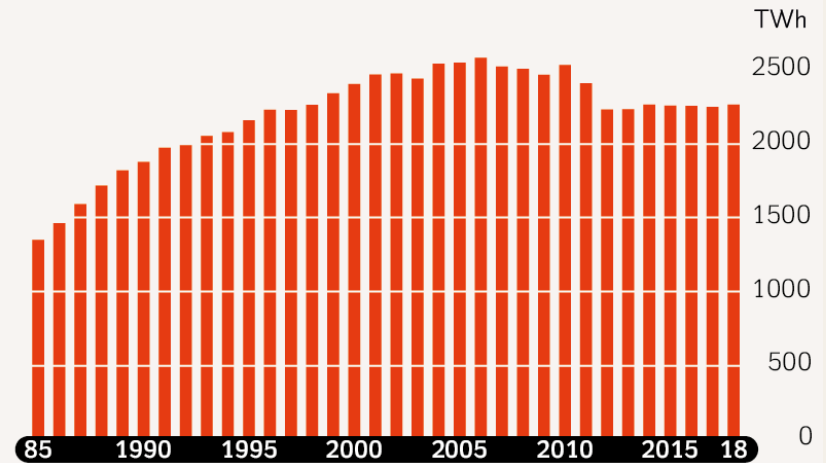
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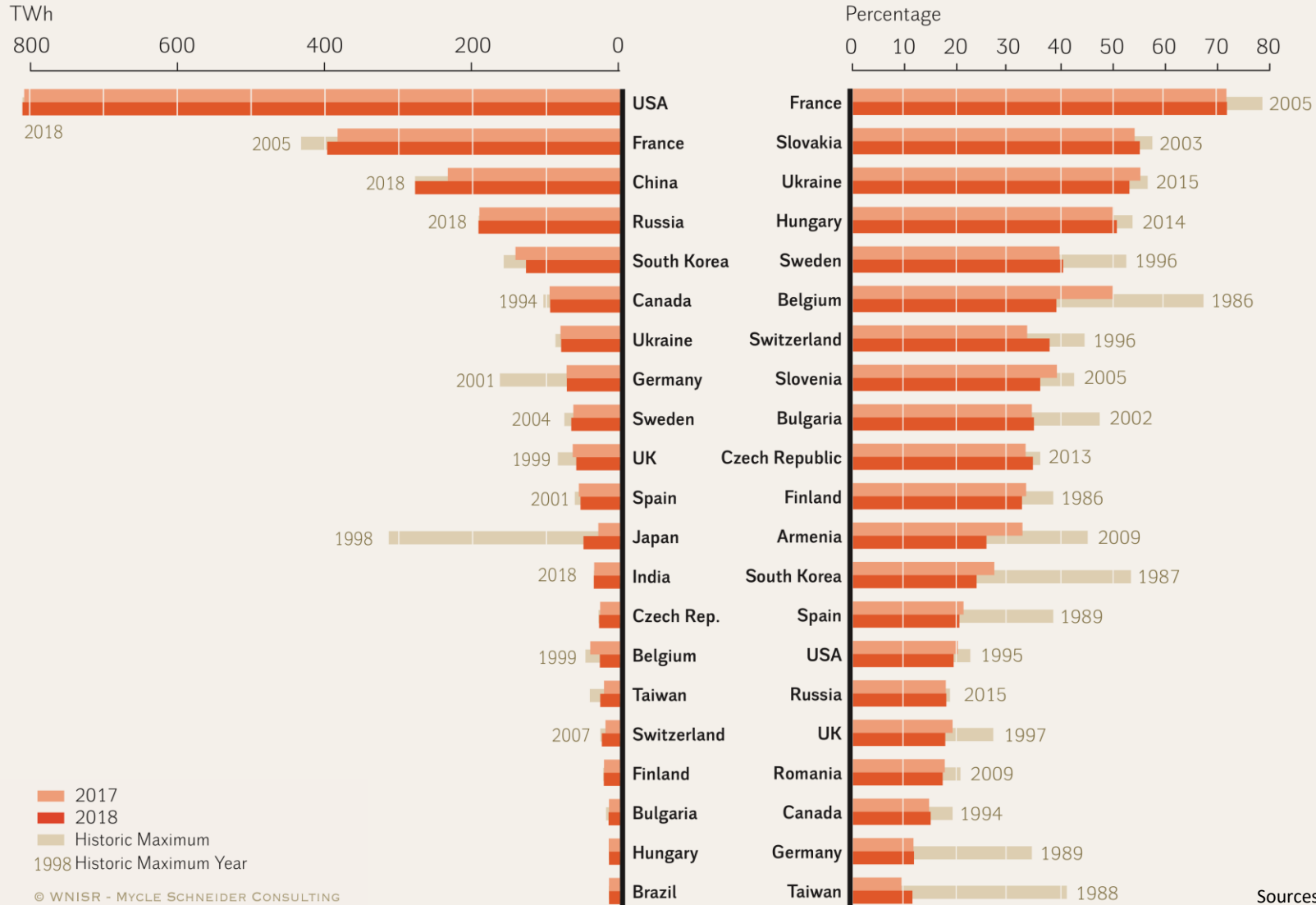
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# WNISR2019 GLOBAL OVERVIEW - NUCLEAR ELECTRICITY GENERATION

## Nuclear Production in 2017/2018 and Historic Maximum (Top 21)

in TWh and Share In Electricity Production



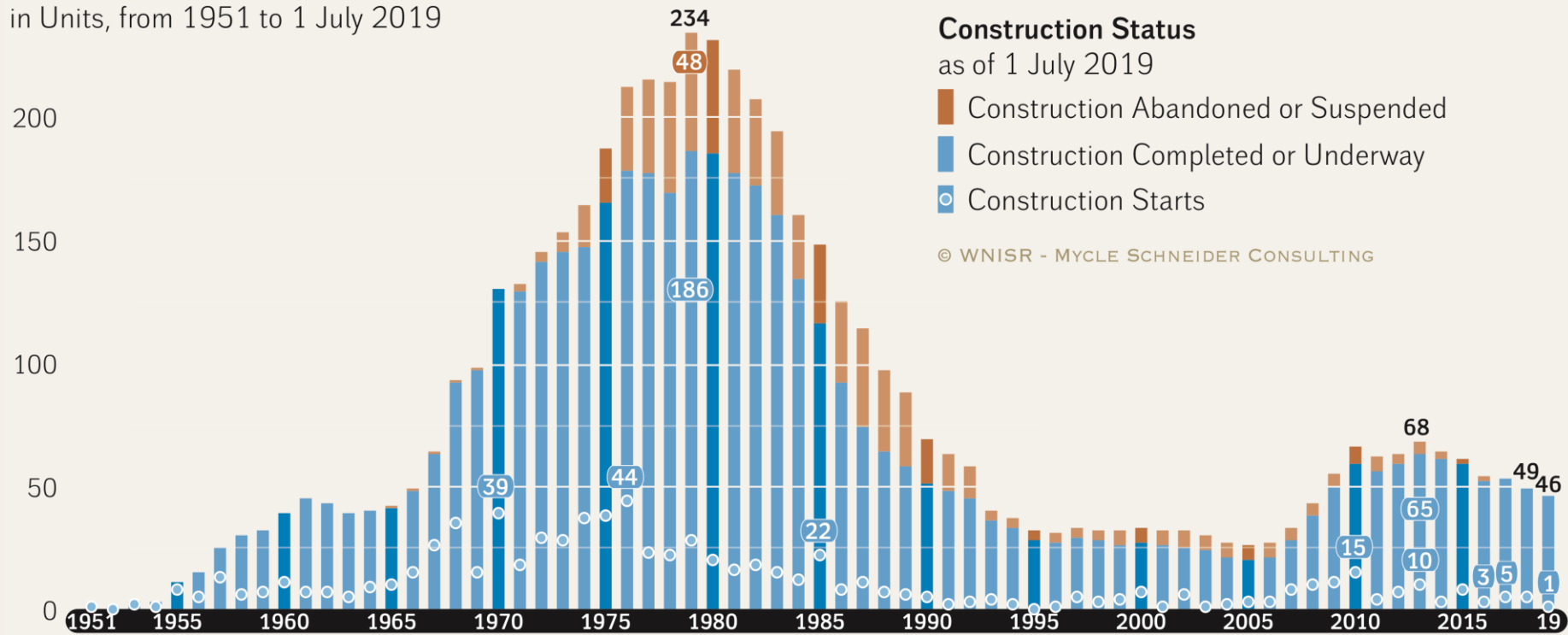
■ 2017  
■ 2018  
■ Historic Maximum  
 1998 Historic Maximum Year

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## Reactors Under Construction in the World

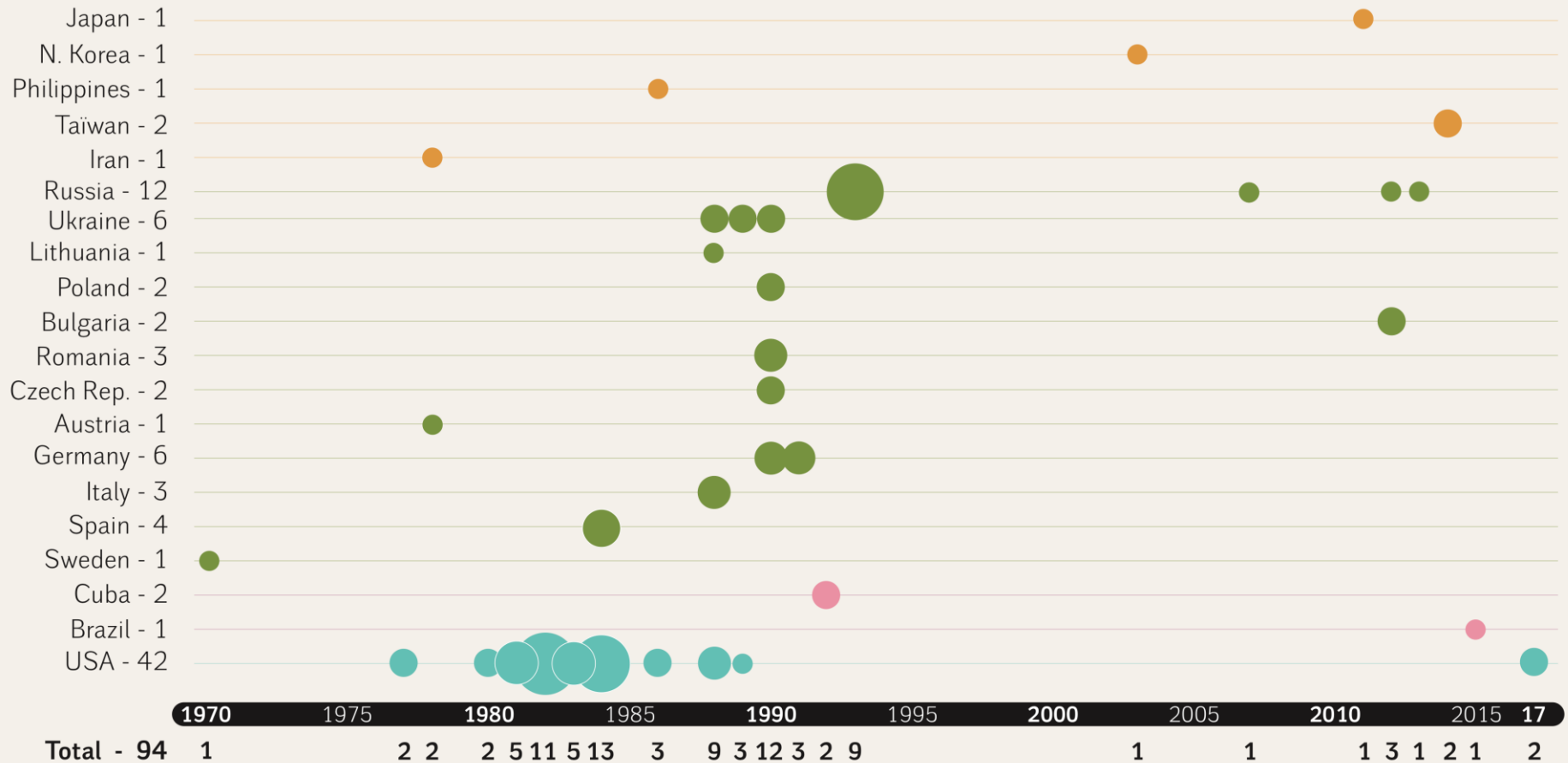
in Units, from 1951 to 1 July 2019



Sources: WNISR, with IAEA-PRIS, 2019

## Abandoned Reactor Constructions from 1970 to 1 July 2019

in Units by Cancellation Year and Country



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● North America ● Latin America ● Europe ● Asia and Middle East

Sources: WNISR, with IAEA, and various sources, 2019

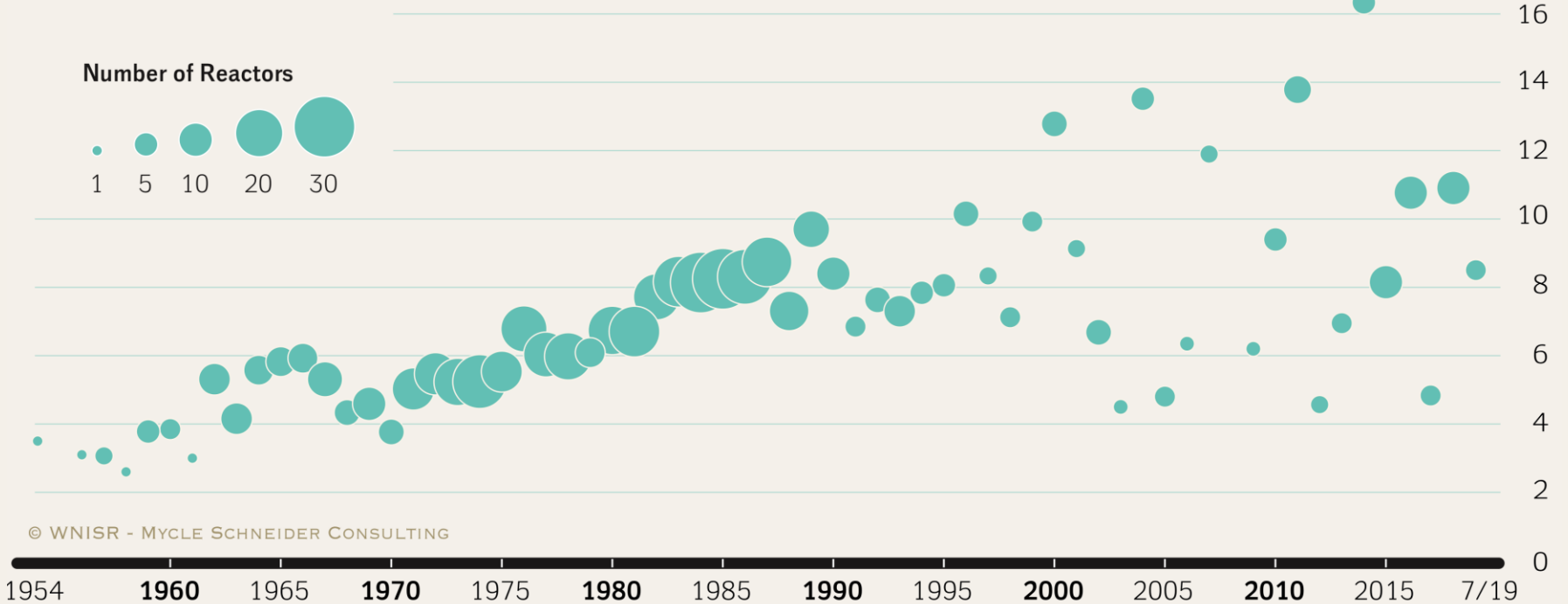
# WNISR2019 GENERAL OVERVIEW — CONSTRUCTIONS

Country	Units	Capacity (MW net)	Construction Starts	Grid Connection	Units Behind Schedule
China	10	8 800	2012 - 2017	2020 - 2023	2-3
India	7	4 824	2004 - 2017	2019 - 2023	5
Russia	5	3 379	2007 - 2019	2019 - 2023	3
UAE	4	5 380	2012 - 2015	2020 - 2023	4
South Korea	4	5 360	2012 - 2018	2019 - 2024	4
Belarus	2	2 218	2013 - 2014	2019 - 2020	1-2
Bangladesh	2	2 160	2017 - 2018	2023 - 2024	0
Slovakia	2	880	1985	2020 - 2021	2
USA	2	2 234	2013	2021 - 2022	2
Pakistan	2	2 028	2015 - 2016	2020 - 2021	0
Japan	1	1 325	2007	?	1
Argentina	1	25	2014	2021	1
UK	1	1 630	2018	2025	0
Finland	1	1 600	2005	2020	1
France	1	1 600	2007	2022	1
Turkey	1	1 114	2018	2024	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44 557</b>	<b>1985 - 2019</b>	<b>2019 - 2025</b>	<b>27-29</b>

Sources: Compiled by WNISR, 2019

## Average Annual Construction Times in the World from 1954 to 1 July 2019

by Grid Connection Date



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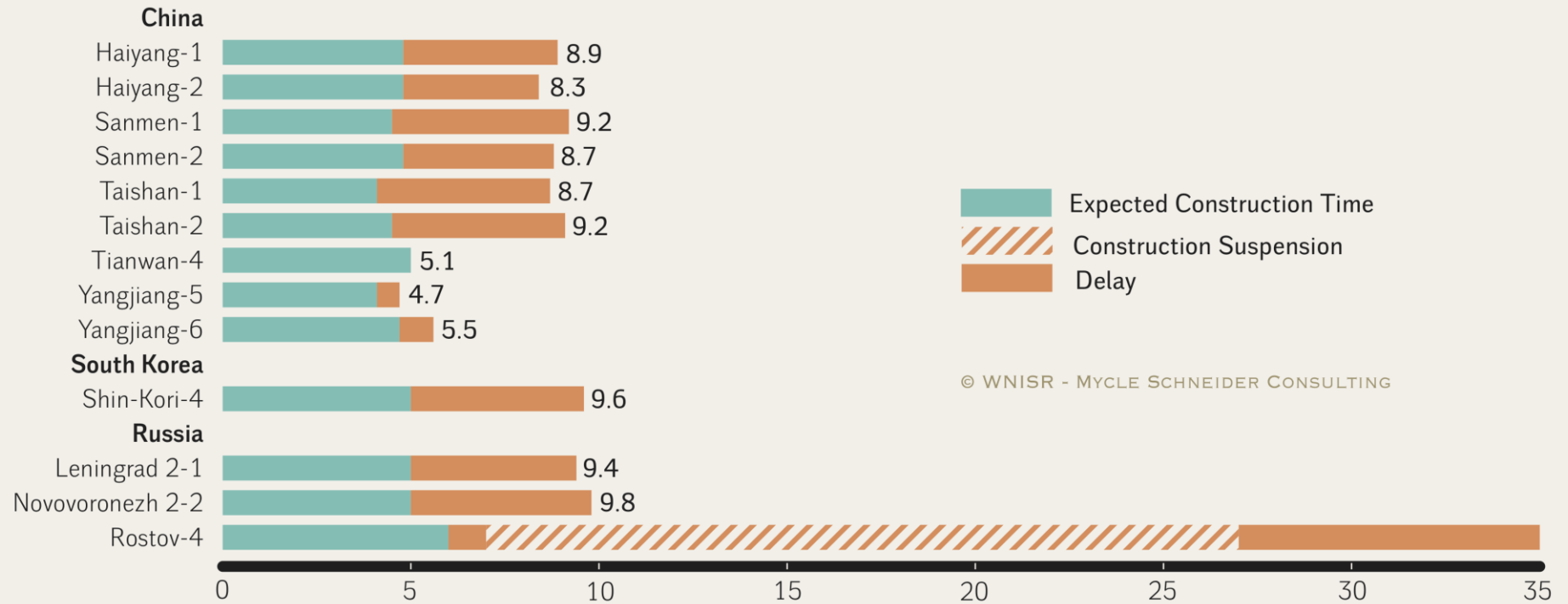
Construction Times of 63 Units Started-up 2009-7/2019				
Country	Units	Construction Time (in Years)		
		Mean Time	Minimum	Maximum
China	37	6.0	4.1	11.2
Russia	8	22.2	8.1	35.0
South Korea	6	6.0	4.1	9.6
India	5	9.8	7.2	14.2
Pakistan	3	5.4	5.2	5.6
Argentina	1	33.0	33.0	
Iran	1	36.3	36.3	
Japan	1	5.1	5.1	
USA	1	43.5	43.5	
World	63	9.8	4.1	43.5

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# WNISR2019 GLOBAL OVERVIEW – CONSTRUCTIONS & DELAYS

## Expected Construction Time vs. Real Construction Time for Startups 2018-2019

in Years

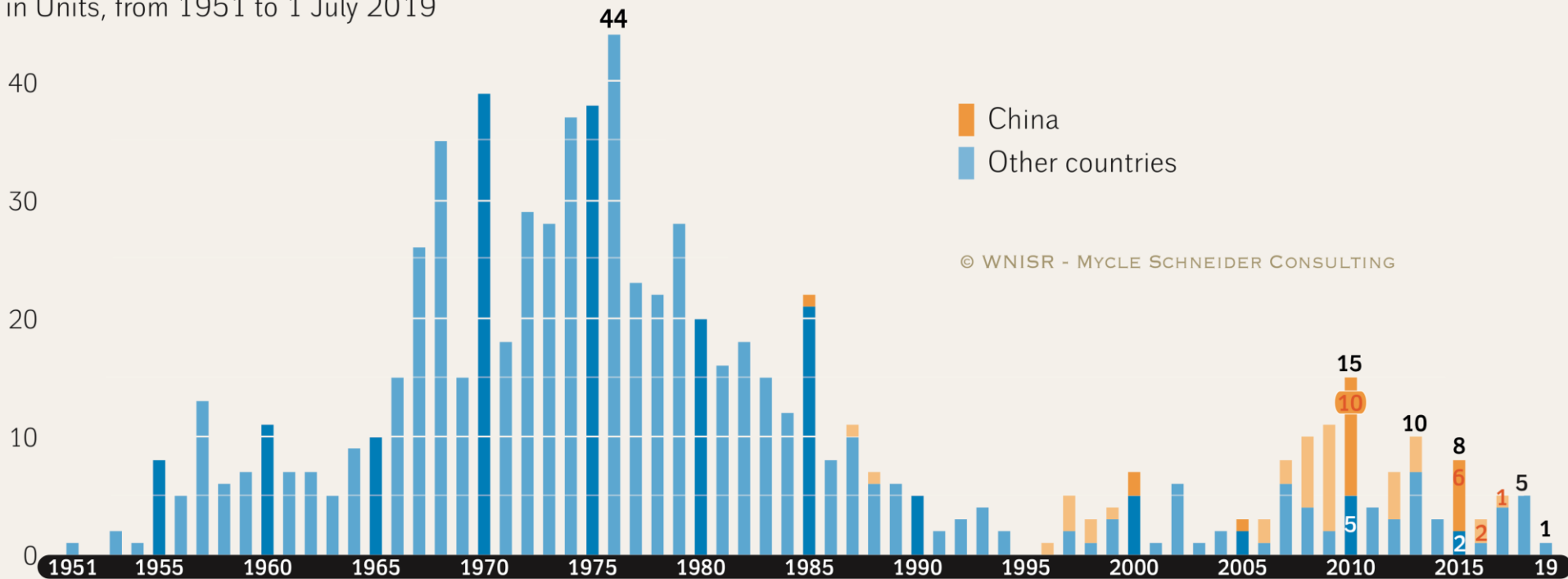


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## Construction Starts of Nuclear Reactors in the World

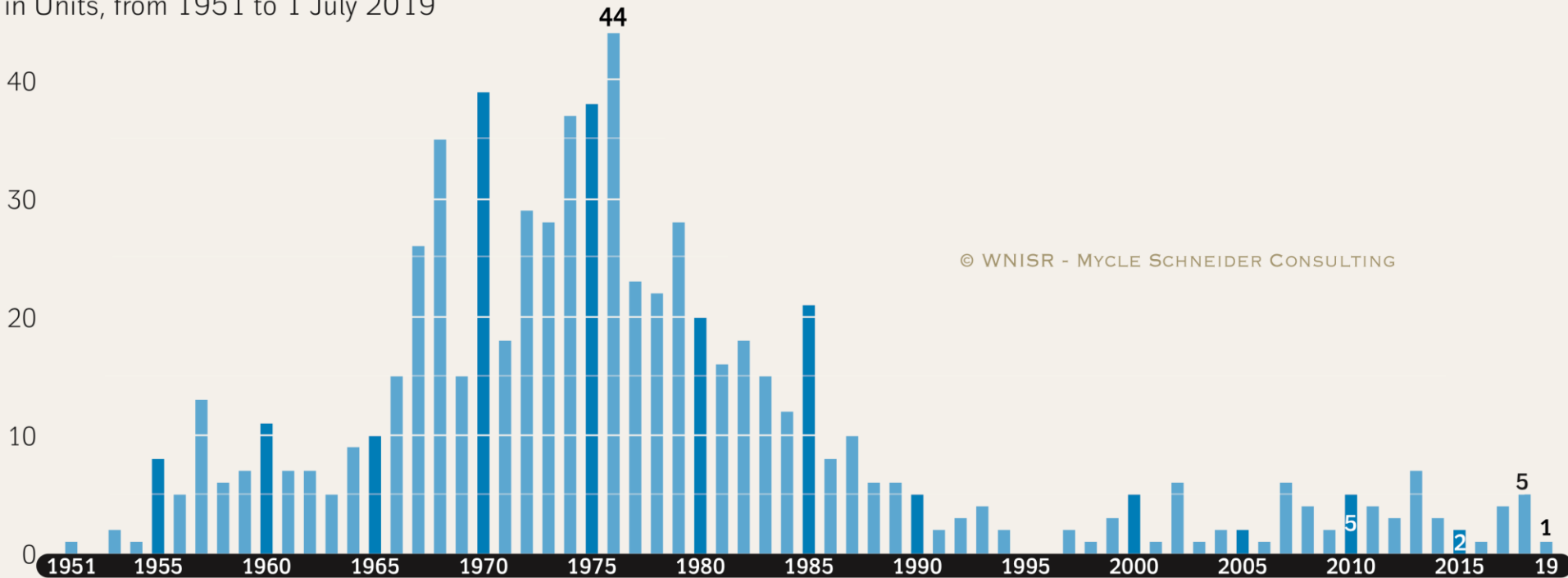
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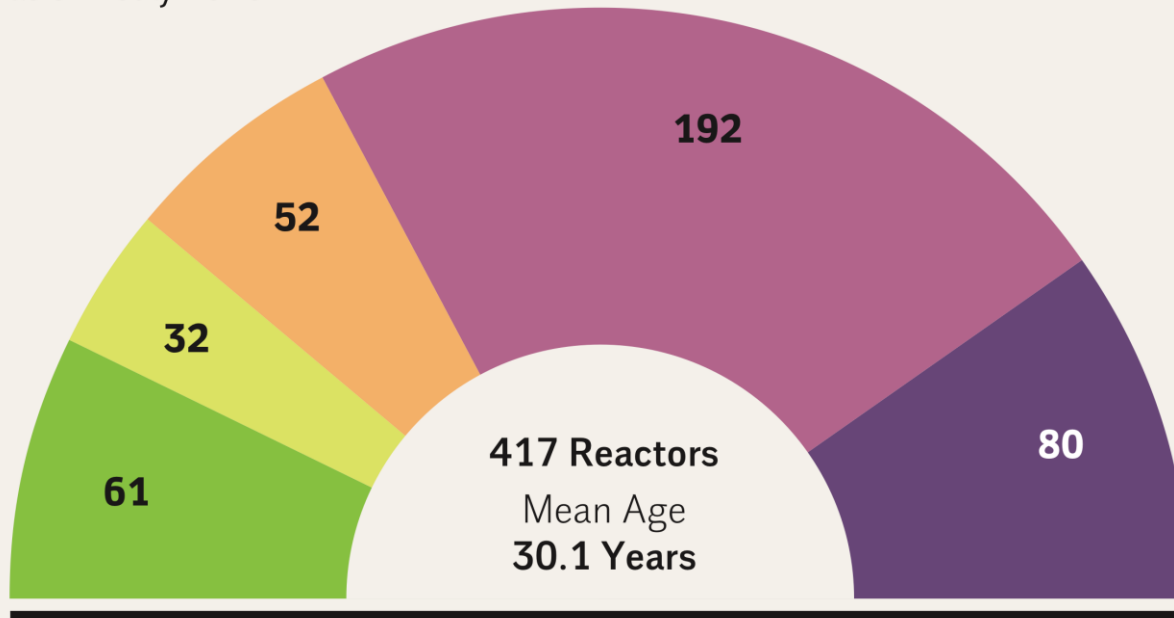
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## Age of World Nuclear Fleet

as of 1 July 2019



### Reactor Age

- 0–10 Years
  - 11–20 Years
  - 21–30 Years
  - 31–40 Years
  - 41 Years and Over
- 50** Number of Reactors by Age Class

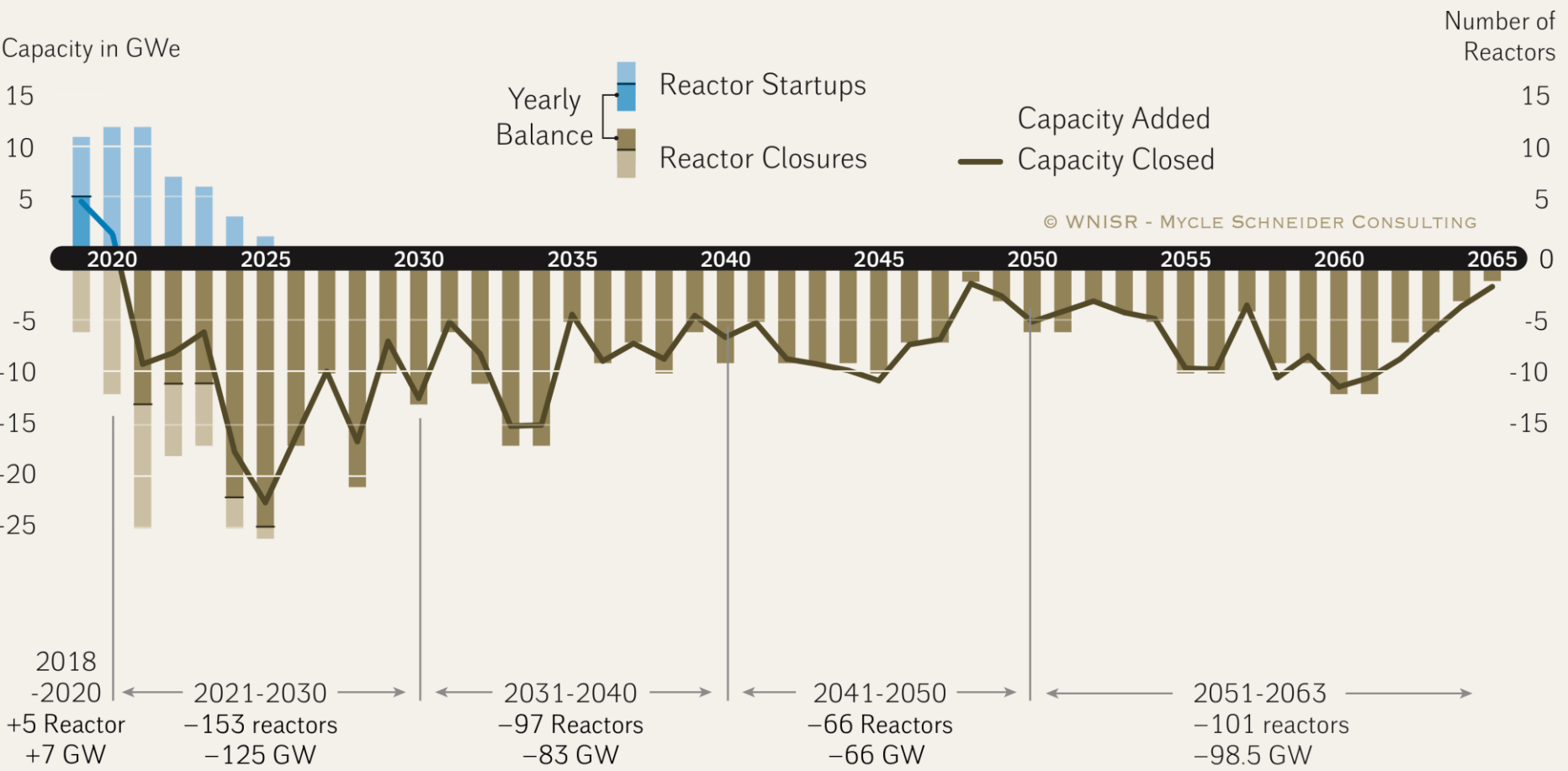
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## Projection 2019-2065 of Nuclear Reactor/Capacity in the World

General assumption of 40-year mean lifetime + Authorized Lifetime Extensions

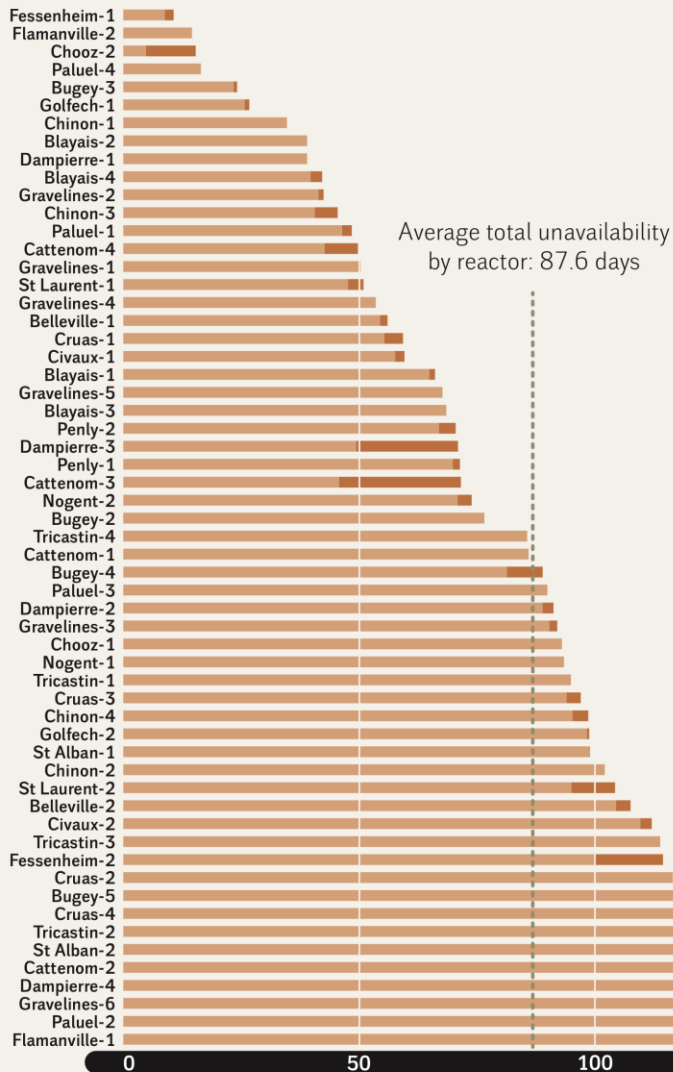
Operating and Under Construction as of 1 July 2019, in GWe and Units



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## Reactors



## Unavailability of French Nuclear Reactors in 2018

Cumulated Duration of Unavailability at Zero Power (in Days)

Planned Unavailability Forced Unavailability

In 2018, unavailabilities at zero power affecting the French nuclear fleet reached a total of 5,080 reactor-days, or an average of 87.6 days per reactor. All of the 58 reactors were affected, with cumulated outages between 11 and 289 days.

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Cumulated Duration of Unavailabilities (in Days)

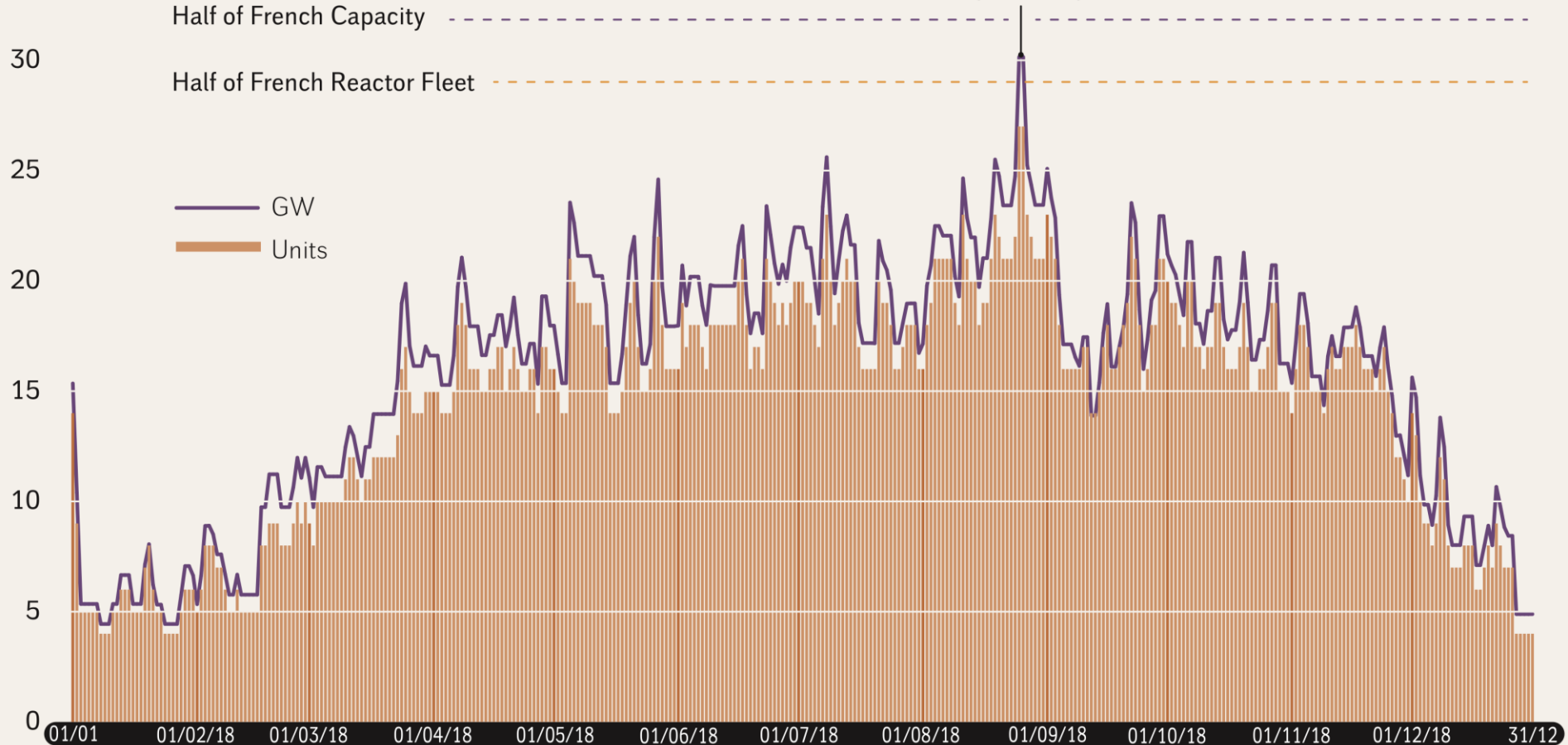
Sources: Compilation from RTE, 2019

## Unavailability of French Nuclear Reactors in 2018

### Reactors Offline the Same Day (Zero Output)

in Units and Capacity

**25-26 August 2018**  
27 of 58 Reactors  
Offline Simultaneously  
(17 hours)



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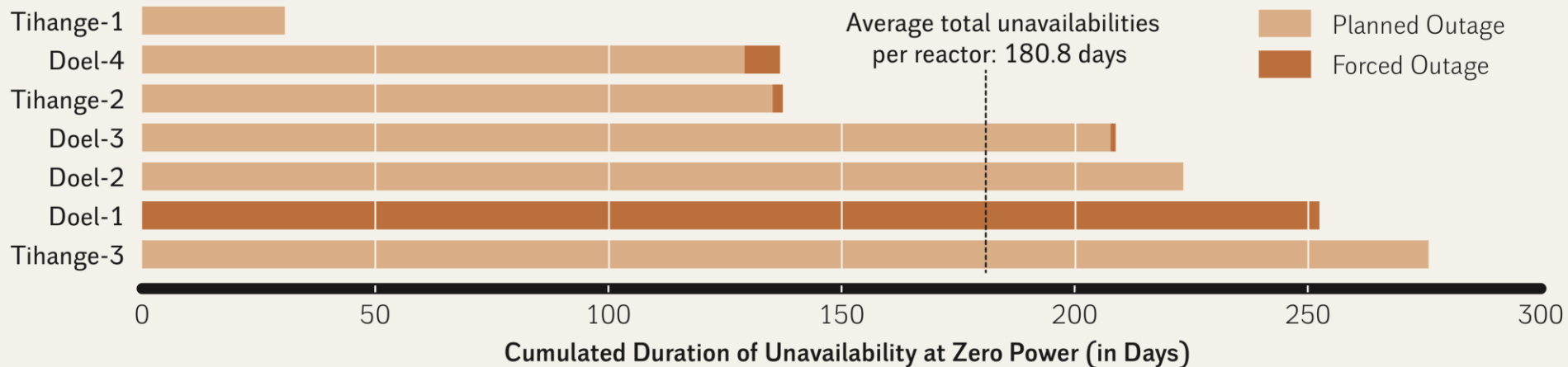


## Unavailability of Belgian Nuclear Reactors in 2018

Total Unavailabilities in Days per Reactor

In 2018, unavailabilities at zero power affecting the Belgian nuclear fleet reached a total of 1,265 reactor-days, or an average of 180.8 days per reactor.

All of the 7 reactors were affected, with cumulated outages between 31 and 276 days.



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Source: ENTSO-E and Engie Transparency Platforms, 2019

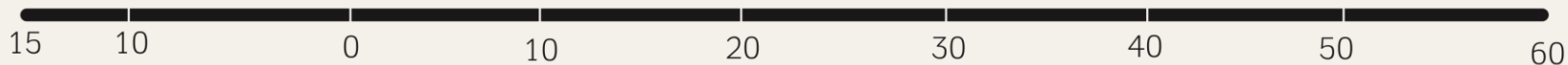
## Timelines of 18 U.S. Reactors Subject to Early-Retirement 2009–2025

as of 1 July 2019

### Closed Units



### Units Scheduled for Closure



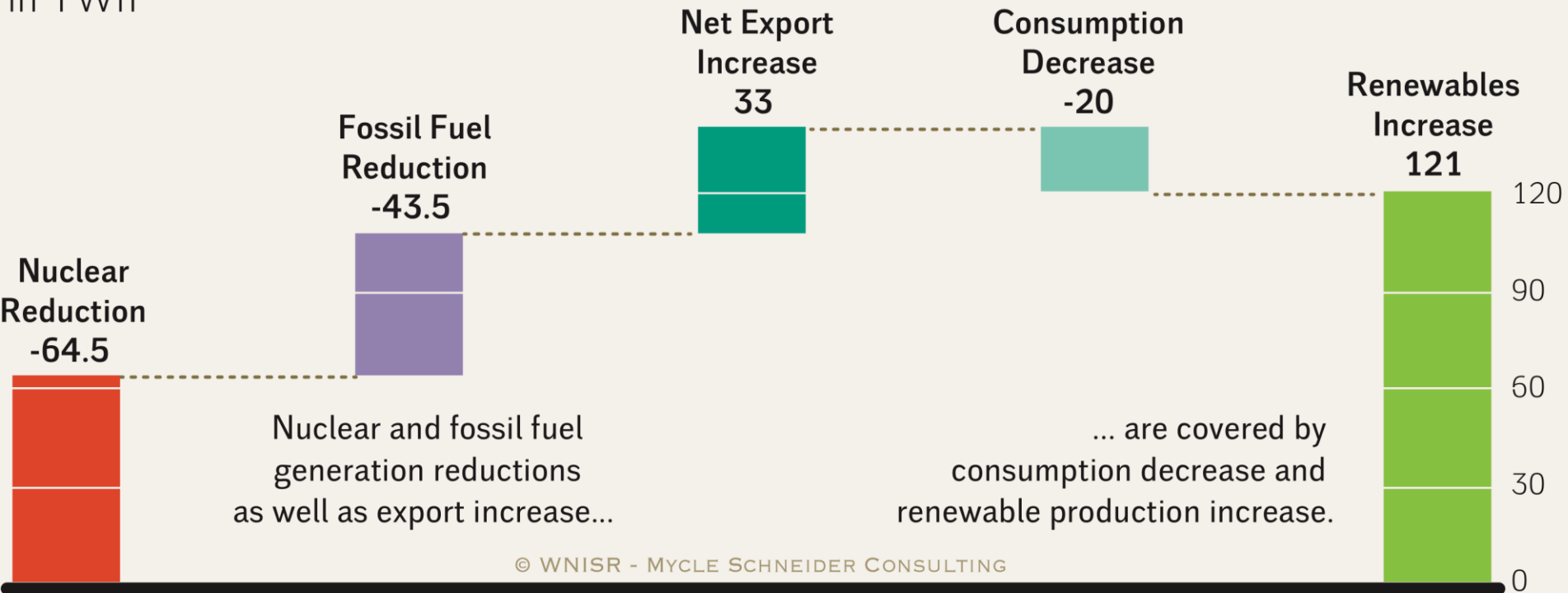
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## Main Evolution of the German Power System Between 2010 and 2018

in TWh



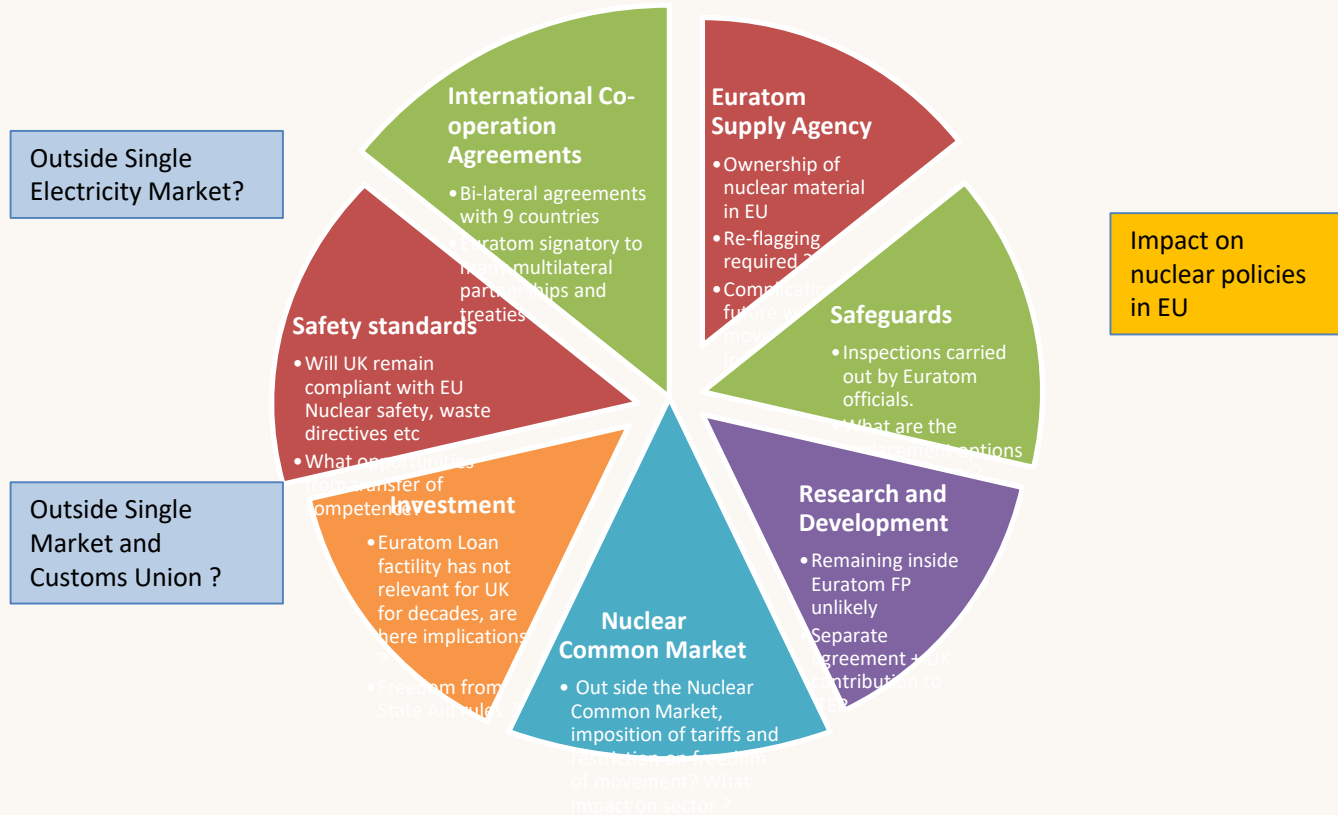
Sources WNISR, based on AGEb 2019

# Why does Brexit lead to Brexatom

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- **Legal:** Article 106a of the Euratom Treaty
  - “Within the framework of this Treaty, the references to the Union, to the ‘Treaty on European Union’, to the ‘Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union’ or to the ‘Treaties’ in the provisions referred to in paragraph 1 and those in the protocols annexed both to those Treaties and to this Treaty shall be taken, respectively, as references to the European Atomic Energy Community and to this Treaty”.
- **Regulatory:** Remaining in Euratom not compatible with ‘taking back control’
- **Political:** Precedent for those Member states that may want to be part of the EU but not Euratom. Currently, Member states need to be members of both.

# Brexatom Considerations



# Impact on the EU

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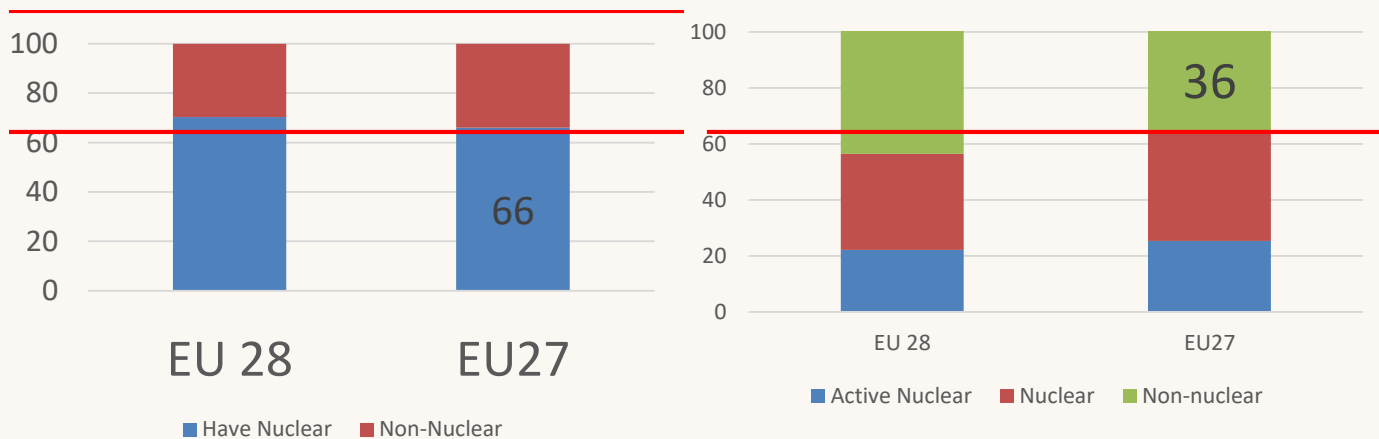
- Foratom: “if the UK leaves Euratom, the nuclear industry will lose a crucial advocate in the Council and especially at the Atomic Question Group” – June 2016.



# European Council Voting

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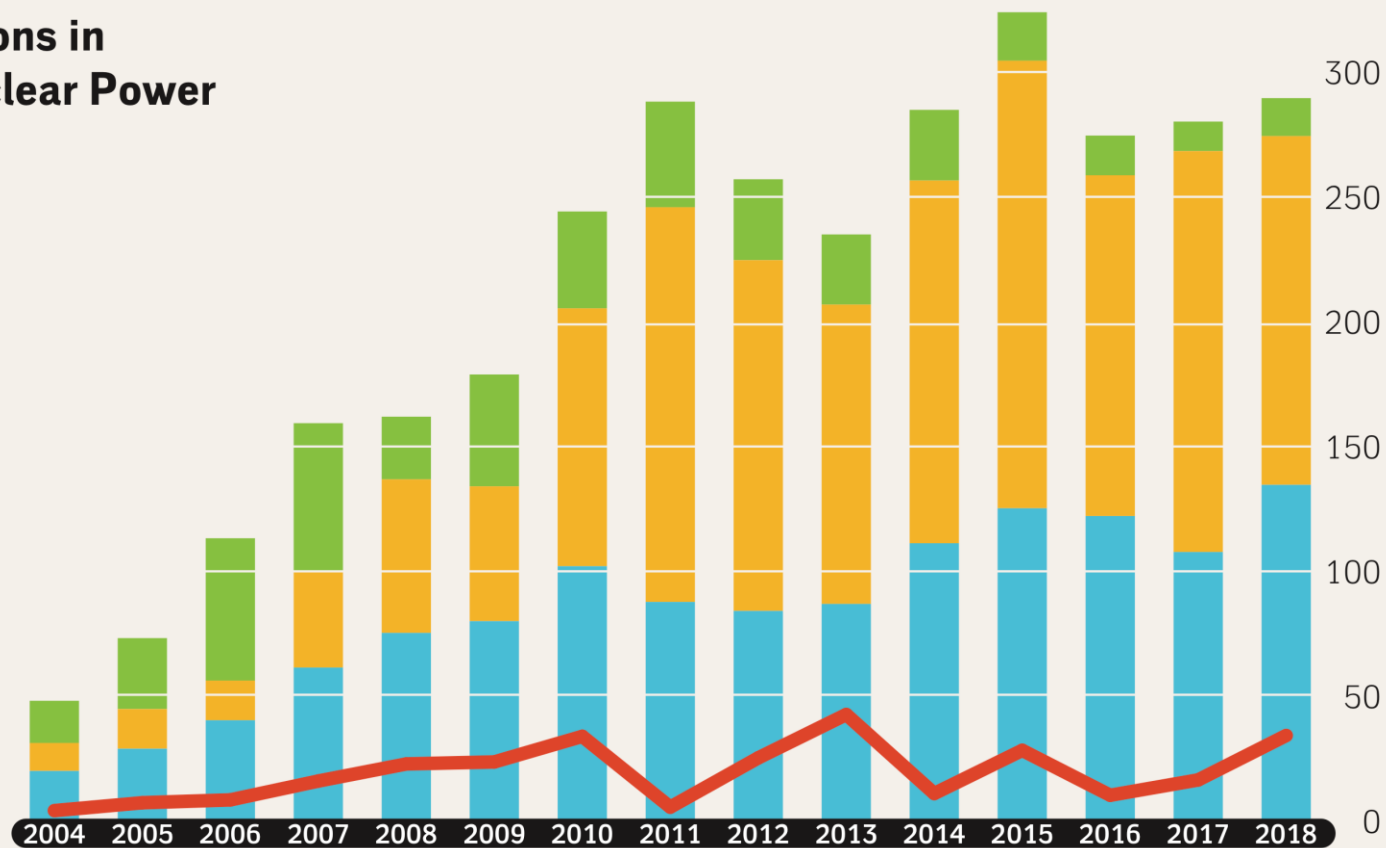
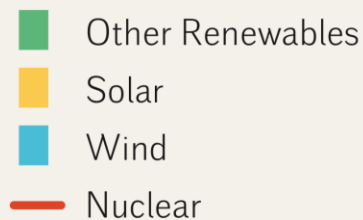
- Simple majority: - Requires the support of 15 countries
- Qualified majority – 55% of countries and 65% of population
- Unanimity



## Global Investment Decisions in New Renewables and Nuclear Power

in US\$ billion, 2004-2018

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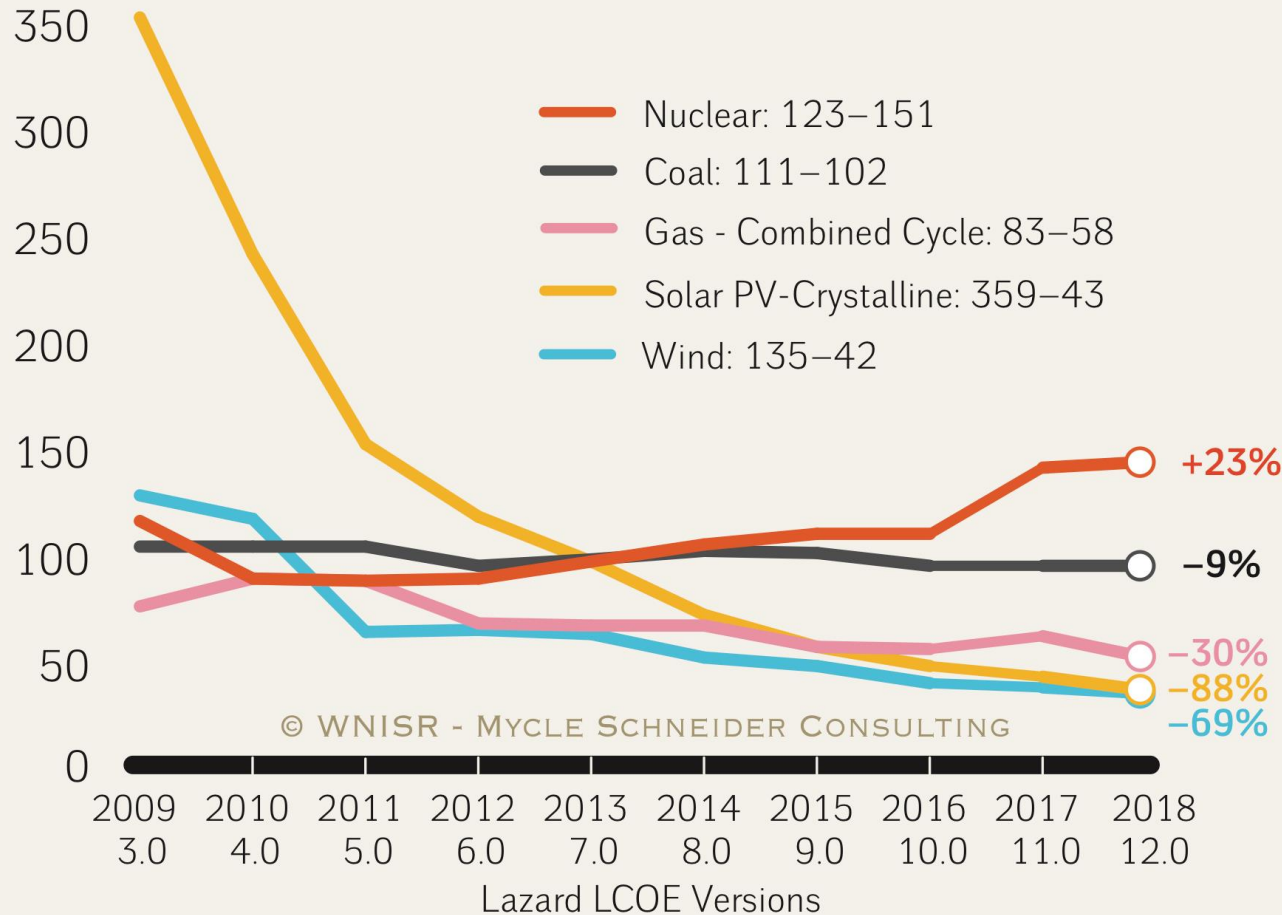


Sources: FS-UNEP/BNEF 2019 and WNISR Original Research



## Selected Historical Mean Costs by Technology

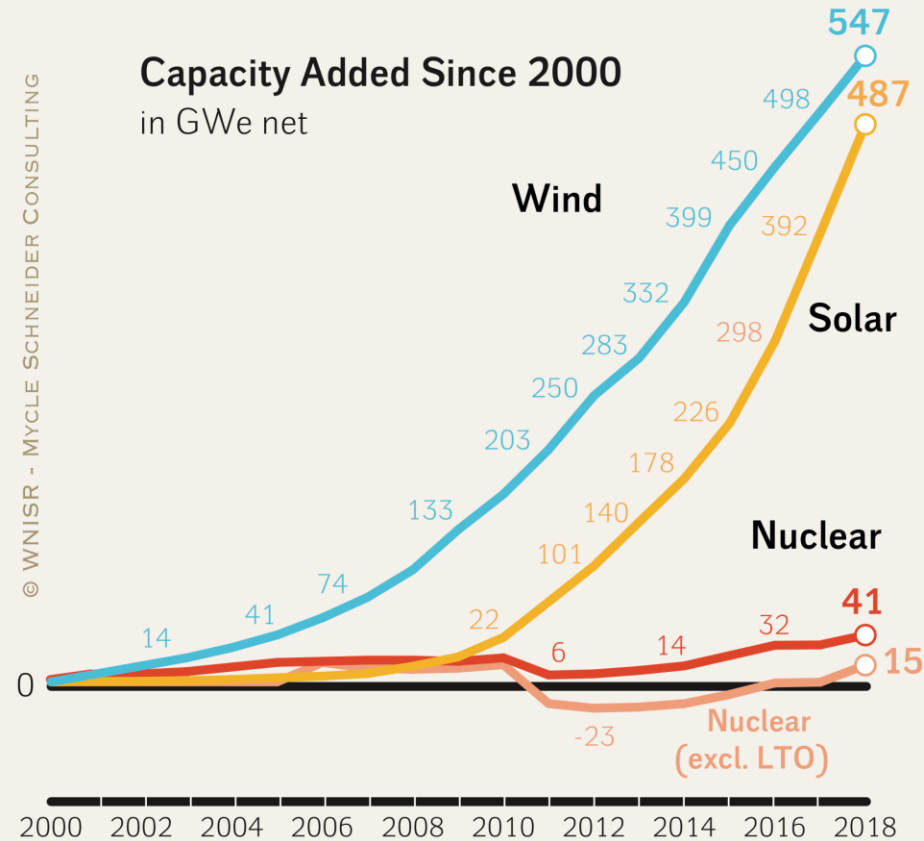
LCOE values in US\$/MWh <sup>(1)</sup>



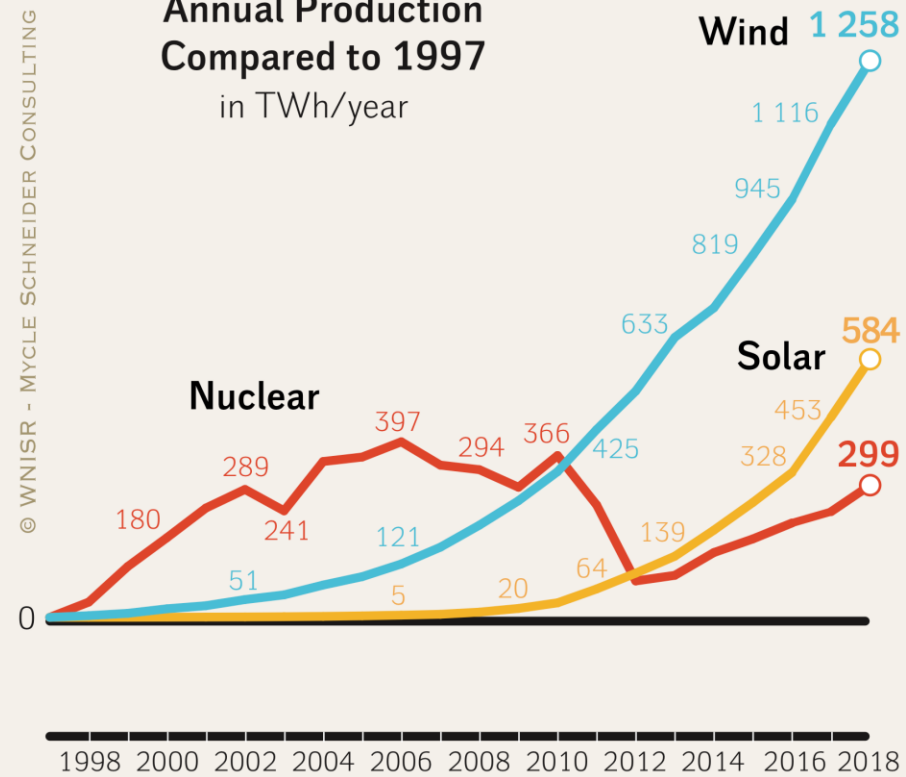
Sources: Lazard Estimates, 2018

## Wind, Solar and Nuclear Developments: Installed Capacity and Electricity Production in the World

**Capacity Added Since 2000**  
in GWe net



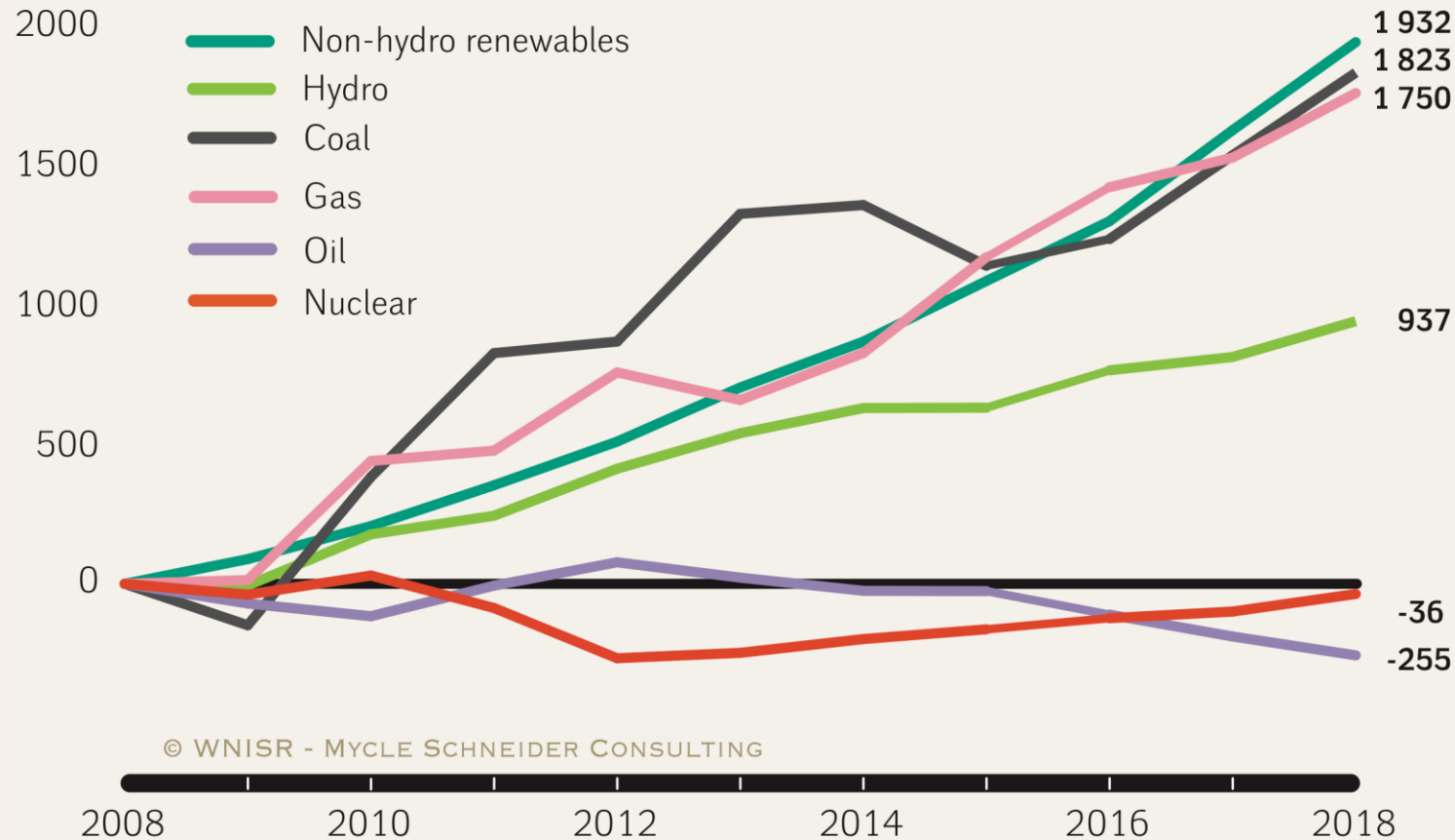
**Annual Production Compared to 1997**  
in TWh/year



Sources: WNISR, IAEA-PRIS, BP Statistical Review 2019

## Power Generation in the World Annual Production Compared to 2008

in added TWh by Source



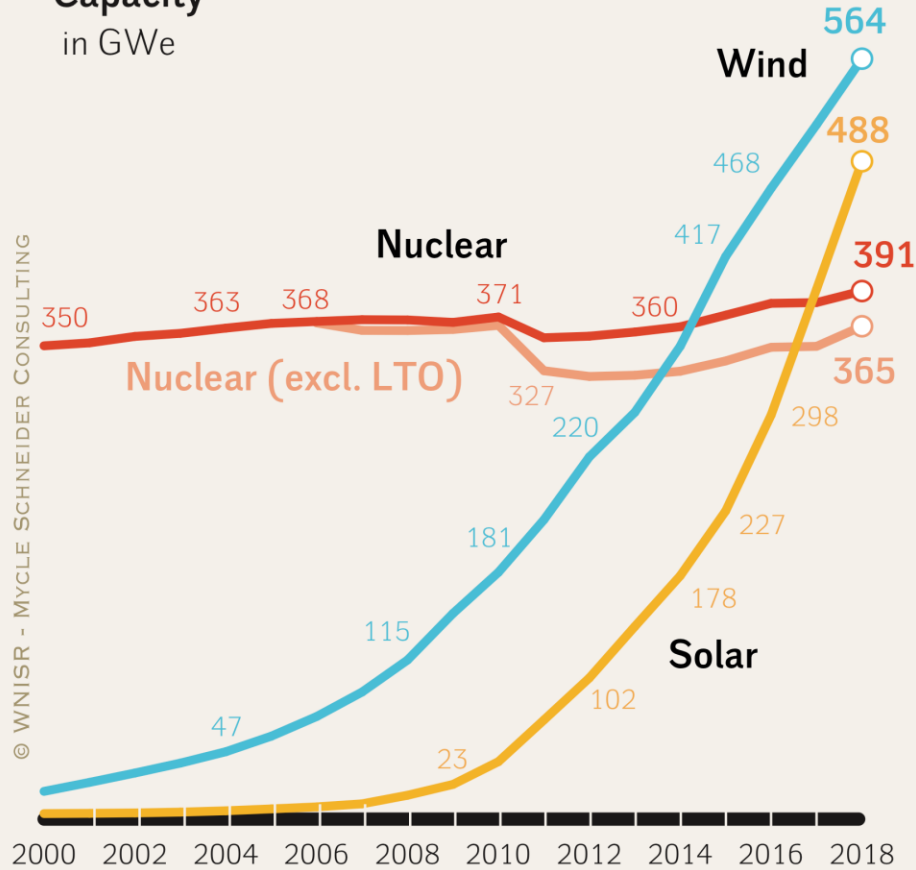
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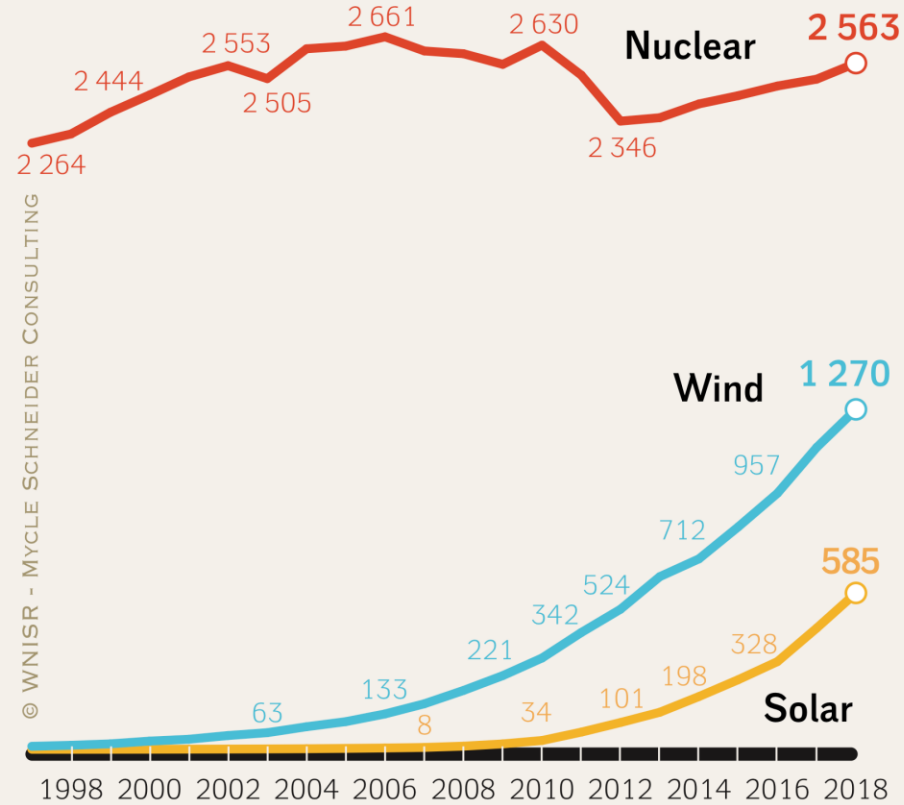
# WNISR2019 NUCLEAR POWER VS. RENEWABLES DEPLOYMENT

## Wind, Solar and Nuclear Installed Capacity and Electricity Production in the World

**Capacity**  
in GWe



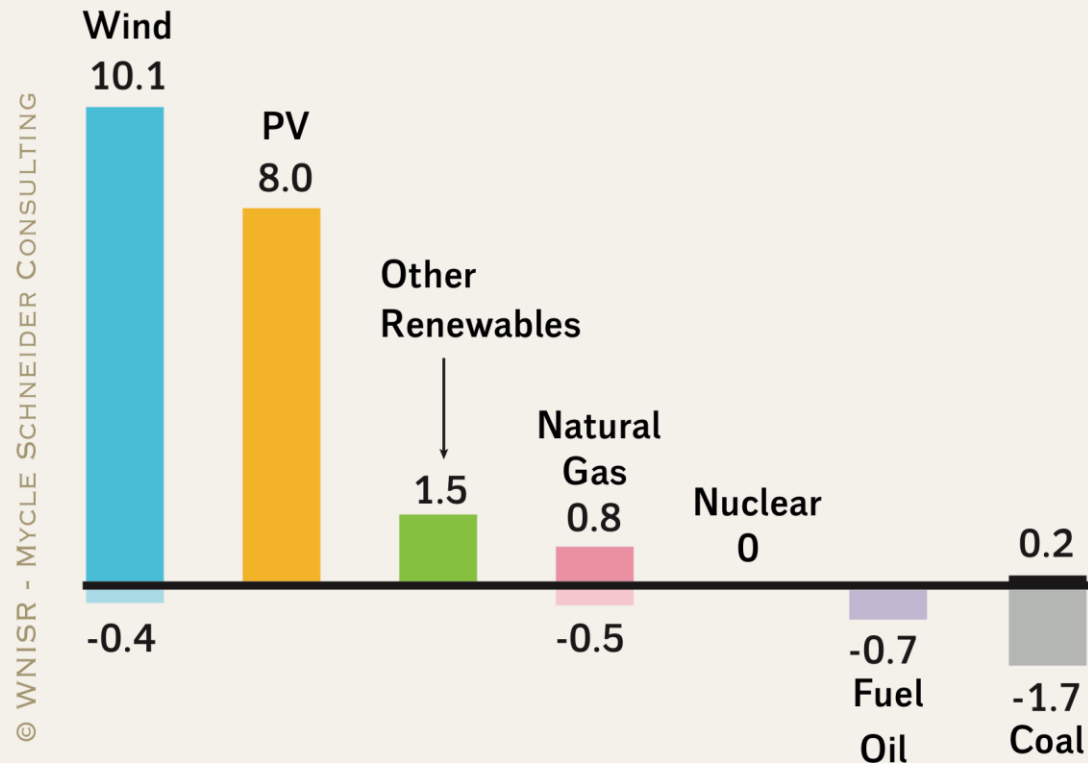
**Electricity Production**  
in TWh/year



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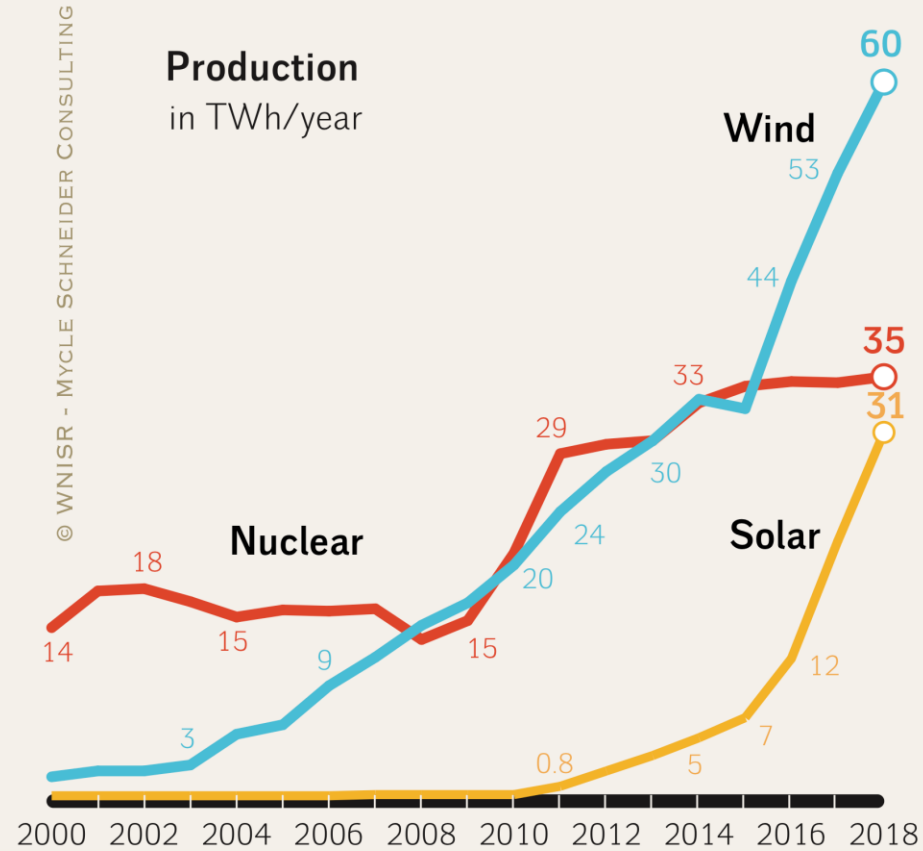
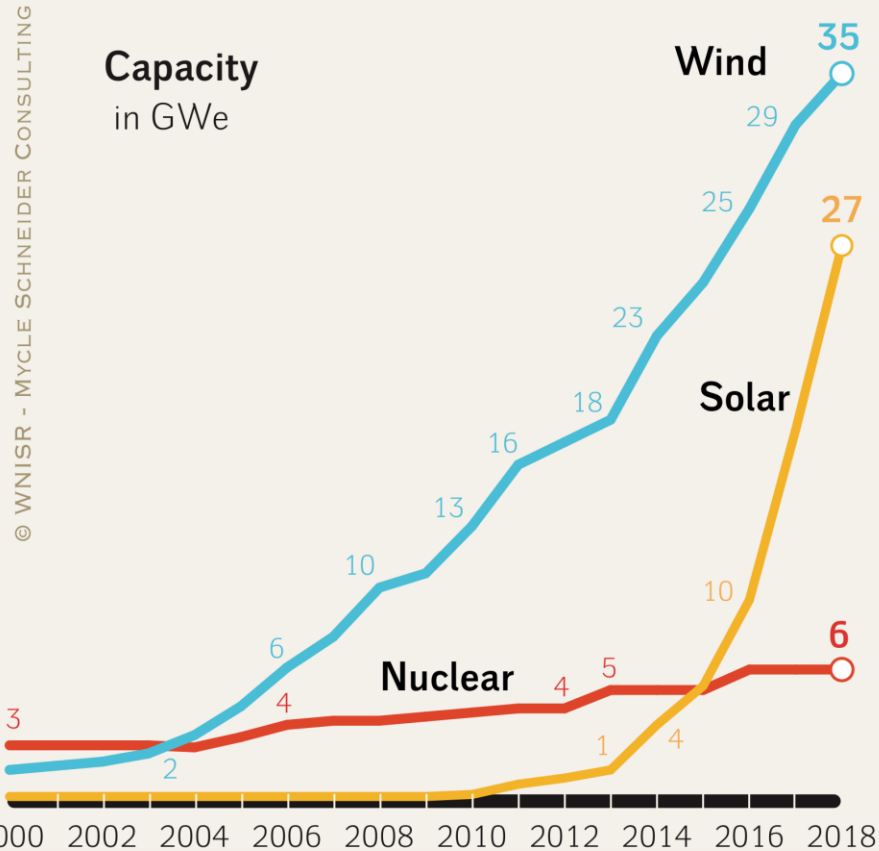
## Startup and Closure of Electricity Generating Capacity in the EU in 2018

by Energy Source in GWe



Sources: WindEurope, WNISR, 2019

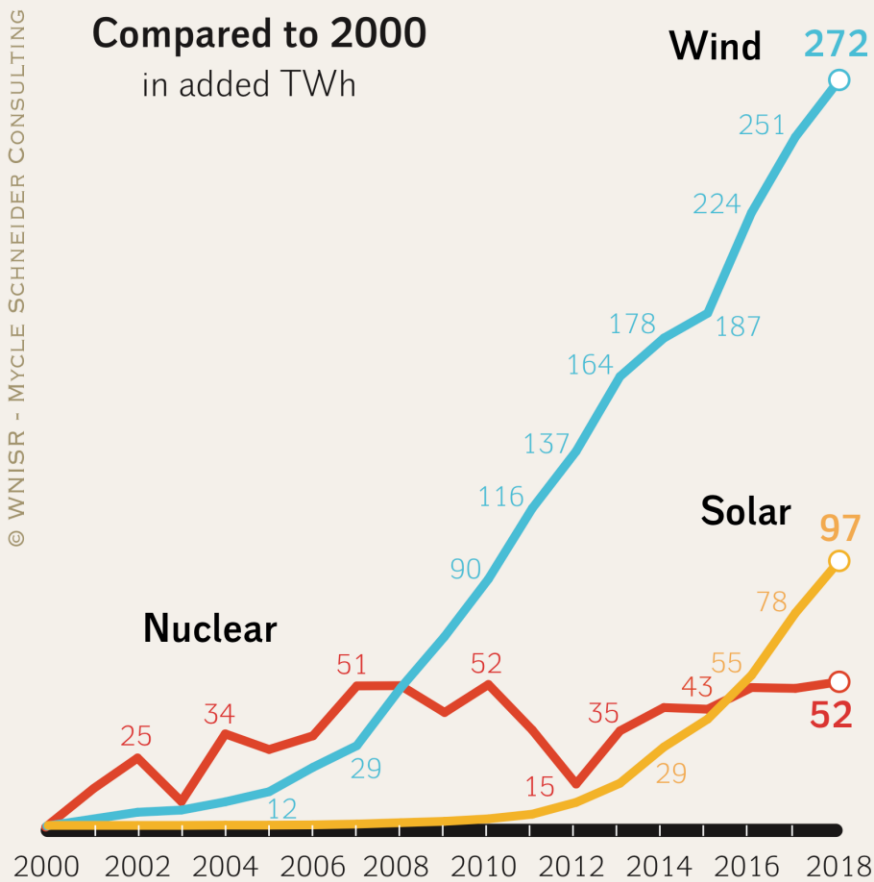
## Installed Wind, Solar and Nuclear Capacity and Production in India 2000-2018



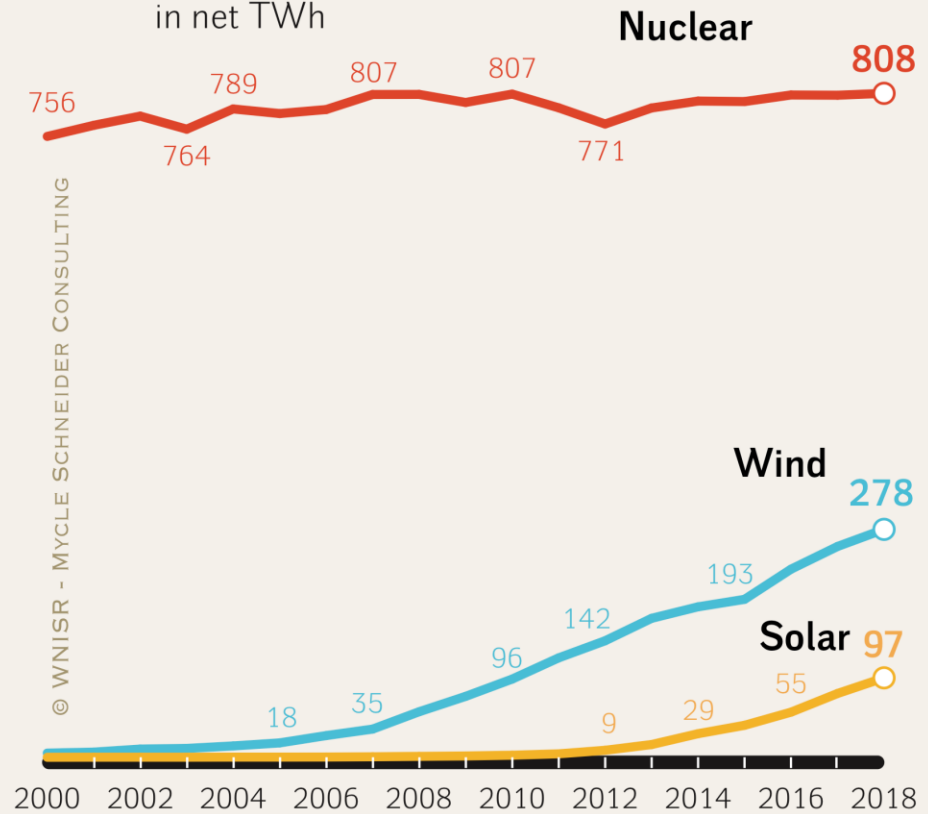
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## Wind, Solar and Nuclear Developments in the United States 2000-2018

Annual Production Compared to 2000 in added TWh



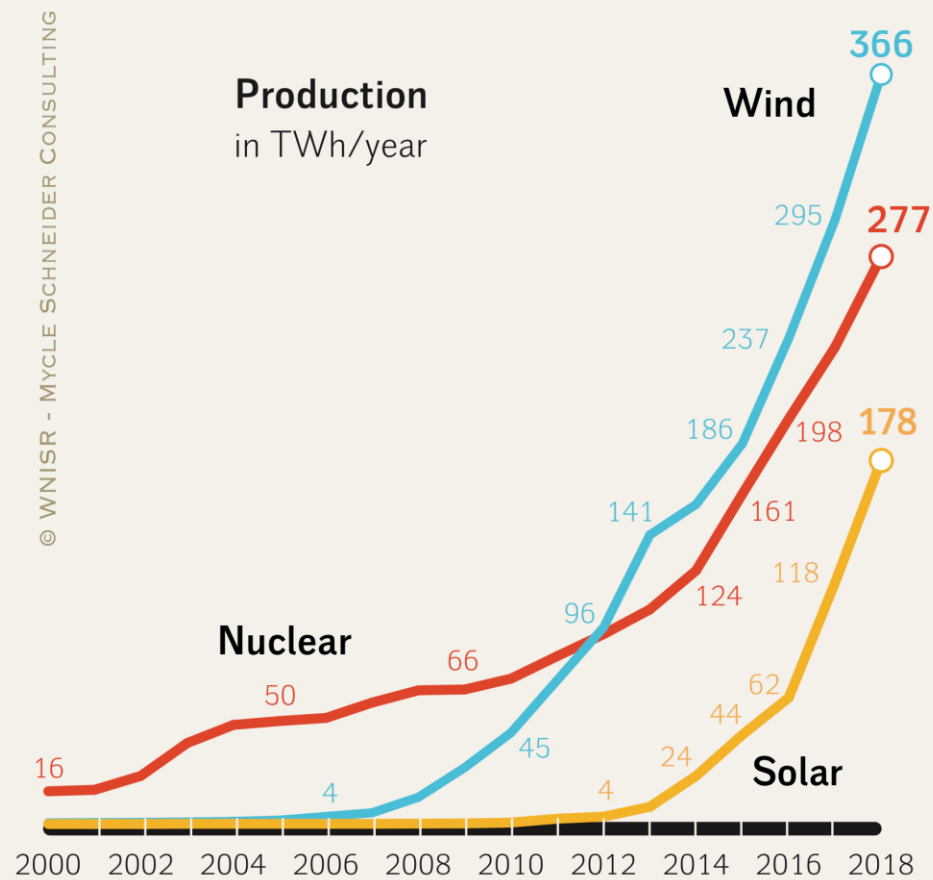
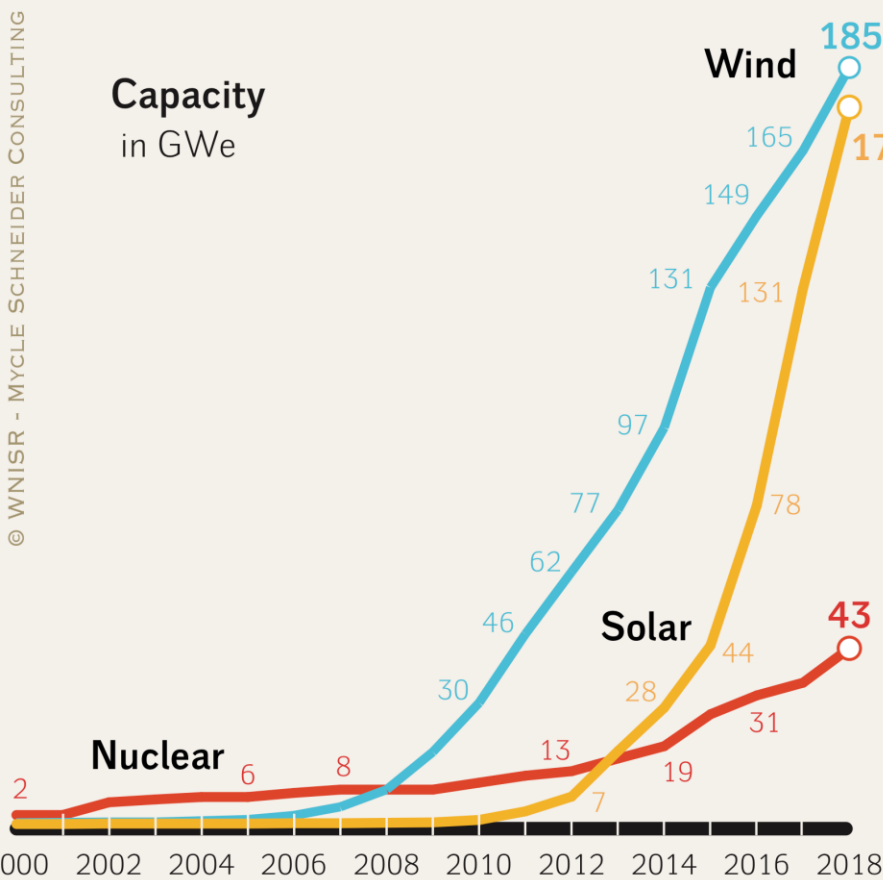
Annual Production 2000-2018 in net TWh



Sources: BP, 2019

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## Installed Wind, Solar and Nuclear Capacity and Production in China 2000-2018



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## What do these developments mean for the fight against Climate Change?

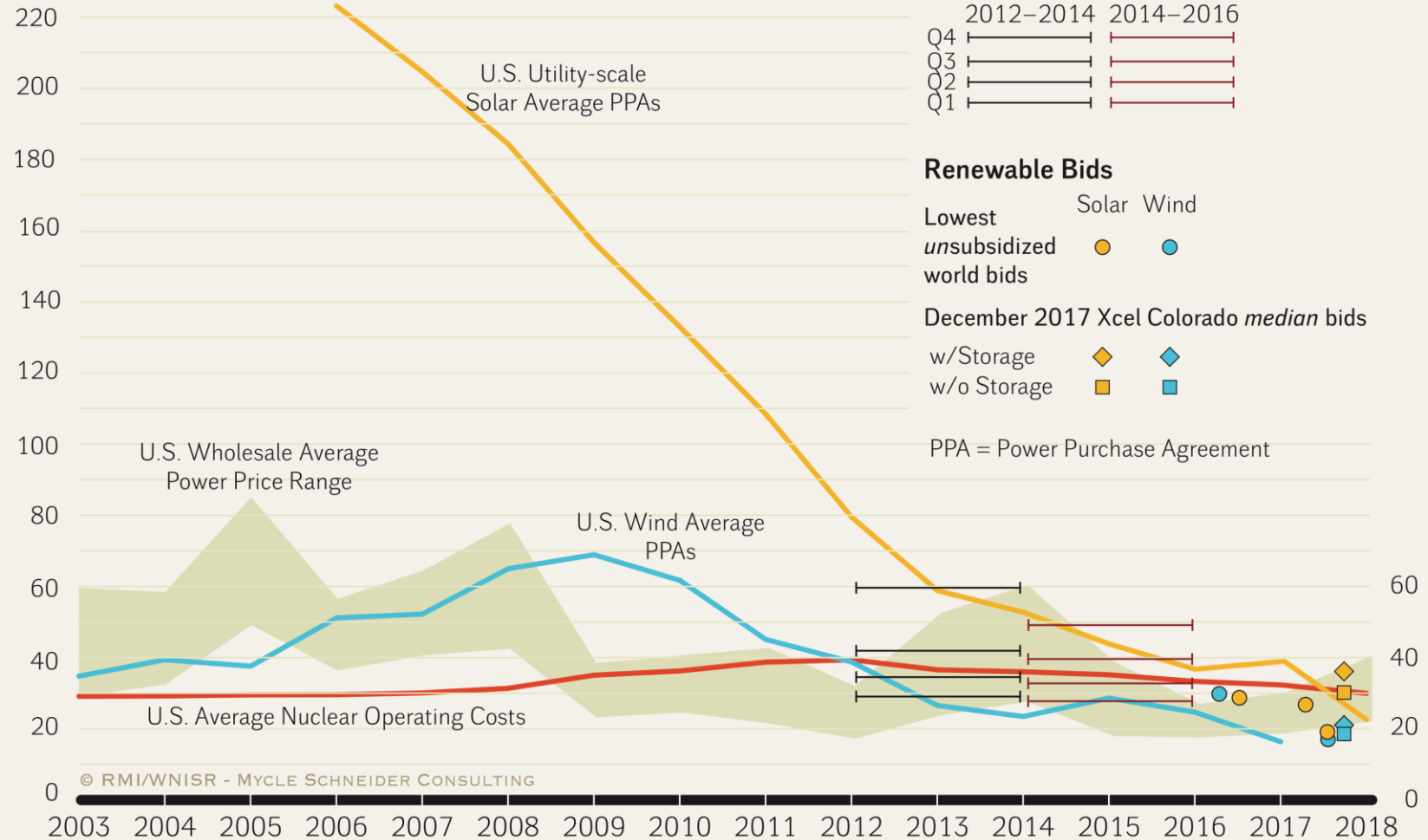
- The generation of electricity is only about 20% of final energy but emits 38% of CO<sub>2</sub> (2016). Therefore, decarbonizing the power sector is crucial.
- The challenge: per invested dollar, euro or forint reducing greenhouse gas emissions **as much as possible as fast as possible**.
- Over the past decade, **new nuclear power** plants took 10 years to build while their average costs increased to levels exceeding any other electricity generating option.
- **Existing nuclear power plants** are increasing outpaced by unsubsidized new renewables.

# WNISR2019 NUCLEAR POWER VS. CLIMATE CHANGE

## Renewable Electricity vs. Nuclear Operating Costs U.S./World

in US\$/MWh

Levelized US\$<sub>2014</sub>/MWh



- For the first time the average age of world nuclear fleet exceeds 30 years.

In 2018,

- nuclear power added 9 GW to the world's power grids to reach a record 370 GW, while renewables added a record 165 GW (wind and solar cumulate >1,000 GW total);
  - nuclear power generation increased by 2.4%, wind by 29%, solar by 13%;
  - nuclear construction down to a trickle with 5 starts vs. 15 in 2010 (1 so far in 2019);
  - 10 of 31 nuclear countries generate more power with renewables than with nuclear.
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- Average construction times average 10 years over the past decade.
  - The costs of new nuclear have *increased* by 23%, while solar costs *decreased* by 88% and wind by 69%.
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- Fighting the climate emergency requires to invest into effective strategies combining *speed* and *competitive cost* to drastically reduce emissions. Nuclear power turns out not only the most expensive, but the slowest option to generate “low-carbon” electricity and to provide essential energy services.

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From 2000 to 2010 he was an occasional advisor to the German Environment Ministry. 1998-2003 he was an advisor to the French Environment Minister's Office and to the Belgian Minister for Energy and Sustainable Development. Mycle Schneider has given evidence or held briefings at national Parliaments in 15 countries and at the European Parliament. He has advised Members of the European Parliament from four different groups over the past 30 years. He has given lectures or had teaching appointments at over 20 universities and engineering schools in more than 10 countries.

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In 1997 he was honoured with the [Right Livelihood Award](#) ("Alternative Nobel Prize").

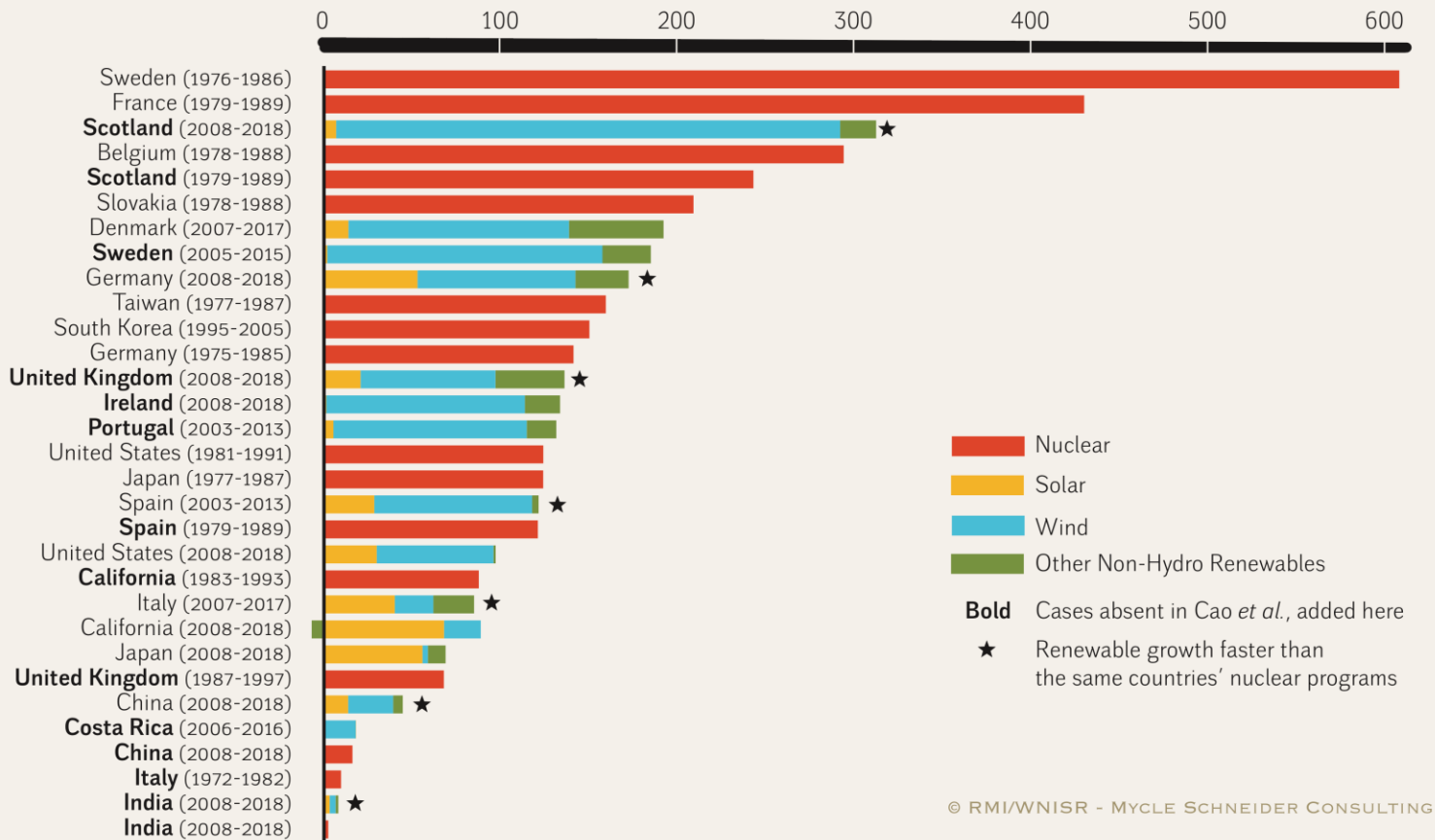
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## Average Annual Increase in Low-Carbon Net Electricity Generation per Capita During Decade of Peak Scale-up

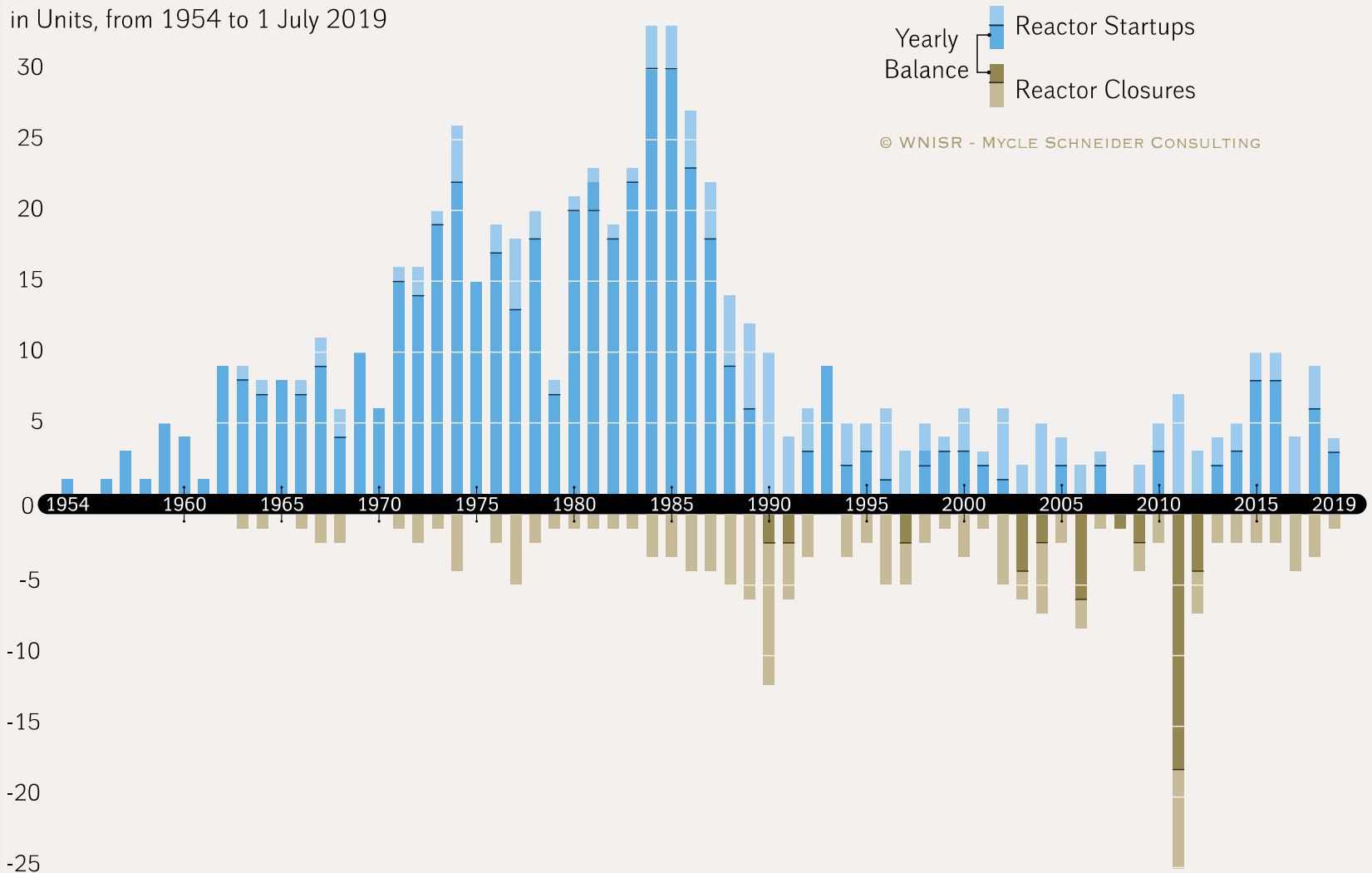
in added kWh per capita per year



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in Units, from 1954 to 1 July 2019



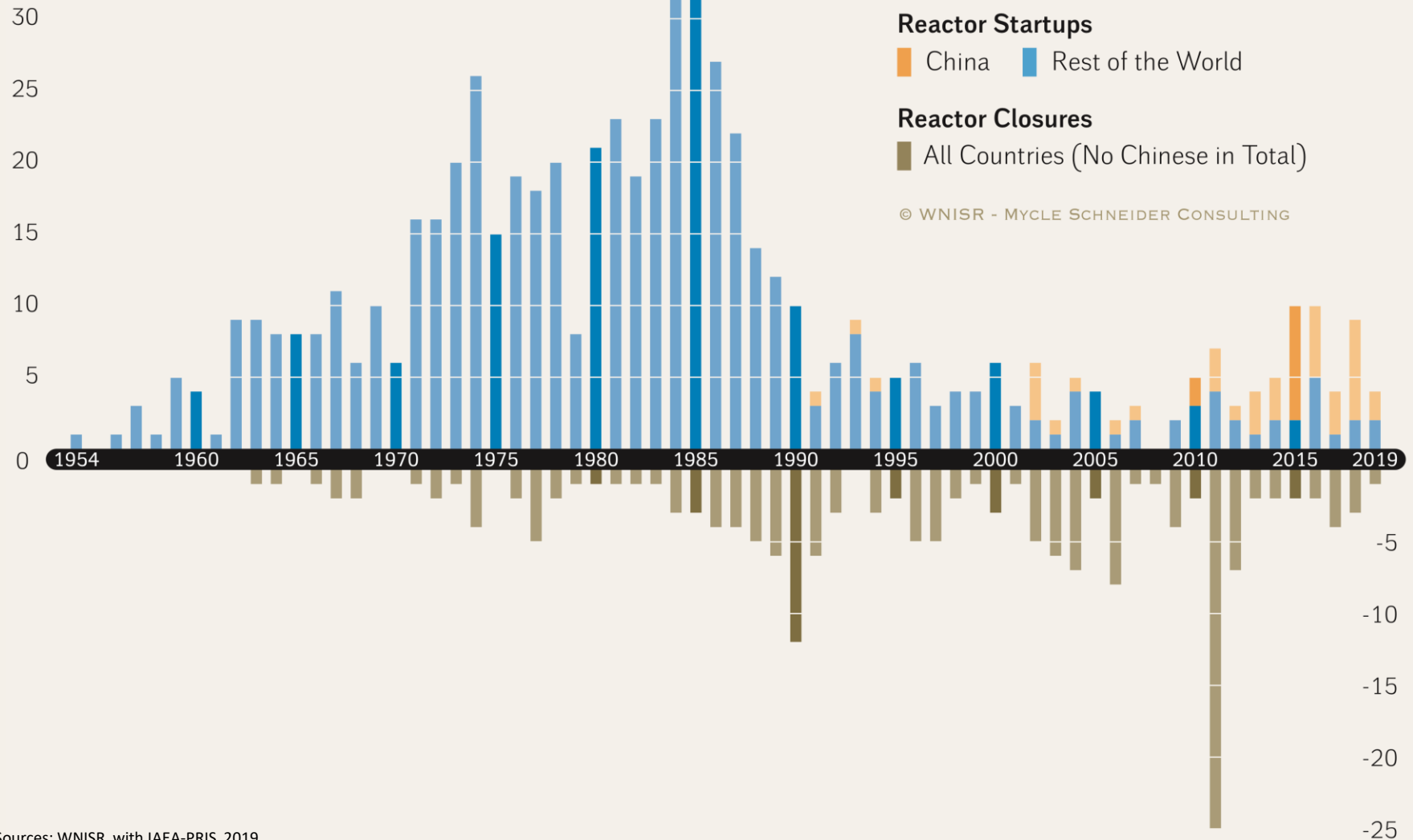
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# WNISR2019 GLOBAL OVERVIEW – STARTUPS AND CLOSURES

## Reactor Startups and Closures in the World

in Units, from 1954 to 1 July 2019



Sources: WNISR, with IAEA-PRIS, 2019



# WNISR2019 MISLEADING IAEA STATISTICS

COUNTRIES

- Argentina
- Armenia
- Bangladesh
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- China
- Czech Republic
- Finland
- France
- Germany

 **Japan**



SUMMARY

Nuclear Power Reactors

Under Construction	Operational	Long-Term Shutdown	Permanent Shutdown
<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>

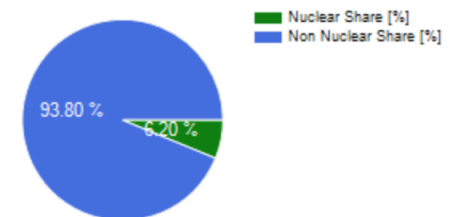
Annual Electrical Power Production

Total Electricity Production (including Nuclear)  
**793681.00 GW.h**  
(Net, 2018)

Nuclear Electricity Production  
**49199.00 GW.h**  
(Net, 2018)

Electricity Production Share in 2018

Trend



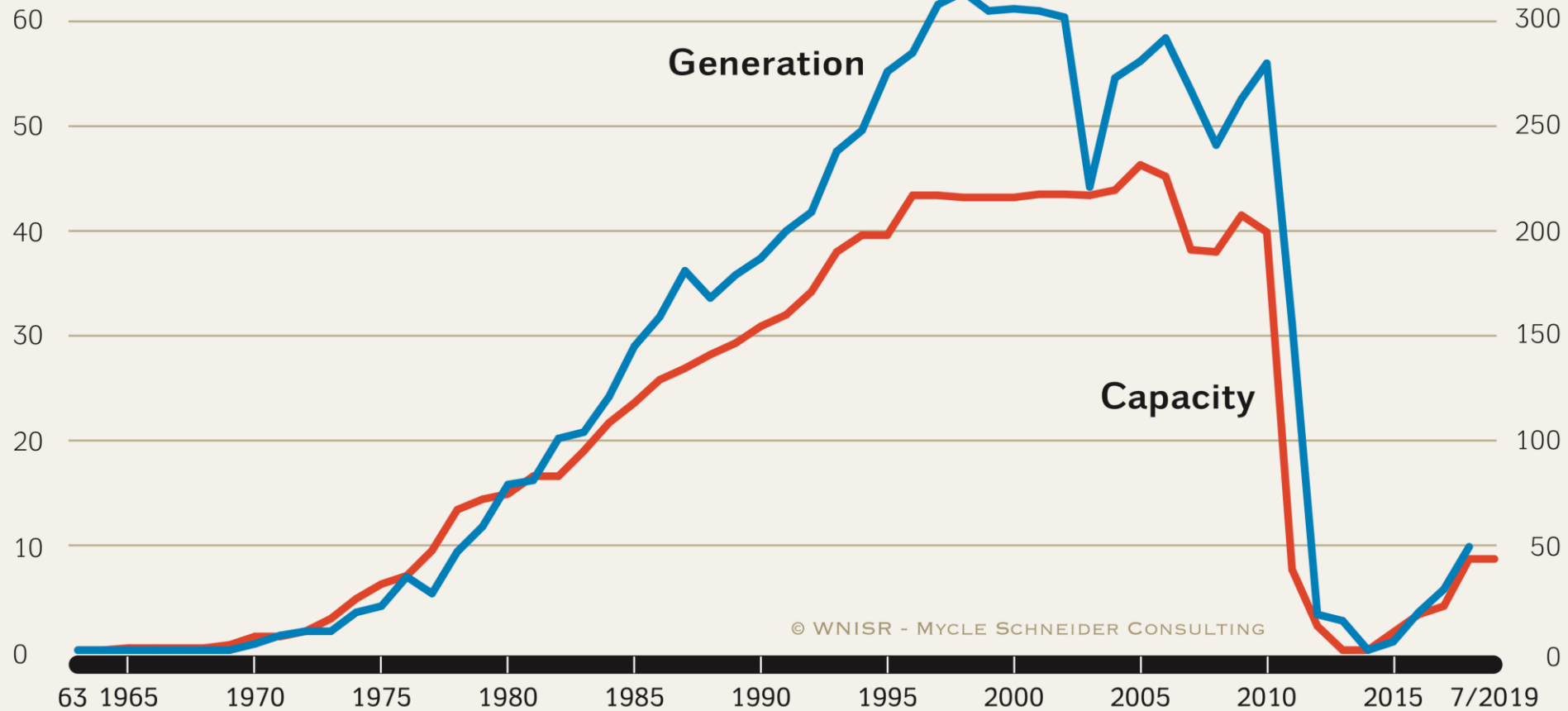
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## Rise and Fall of the Japanese Nuclear Program - 1963 to July 2019

Fleet (in GW) and Electricity Generation (in TWh)

**Nuclear Fleet in GW**

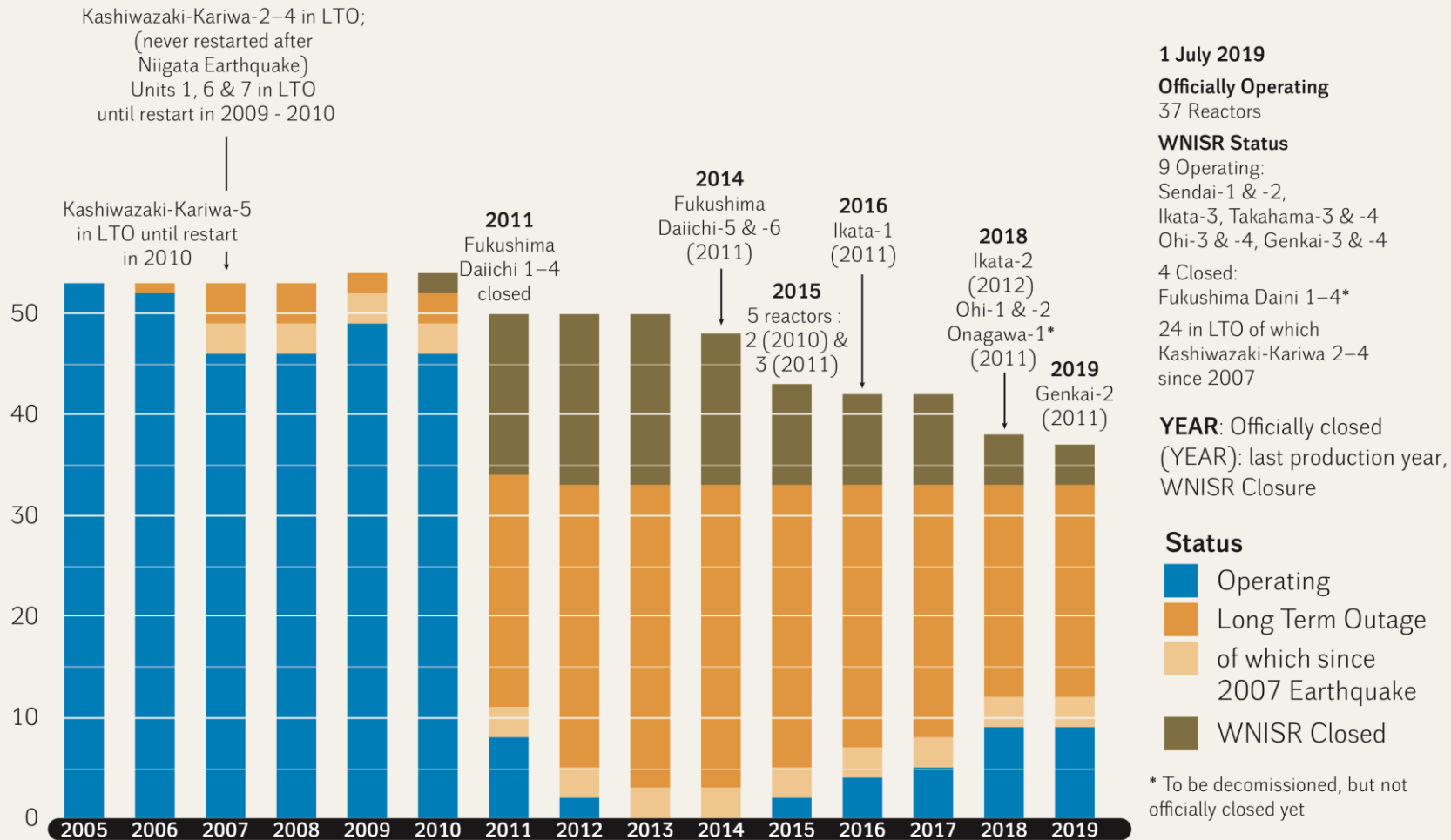
**Electricity Generation in TWh**



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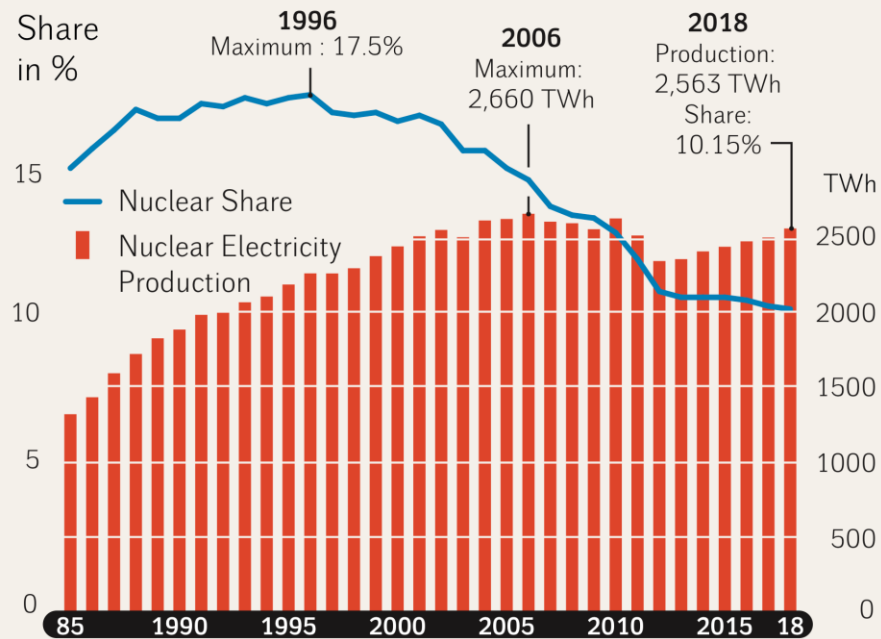
## Status of Reactors Officially Operational in Japan vs WNISR Assessment

in Units, as of year end 2005-2018 and mid-2019



## Nuclear Electricity Production 1985-2018 in the World...

in TWh (net) and Share in Electricity Generation (gross)



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## ...and in China and the Rest of the World

in TWh (net)

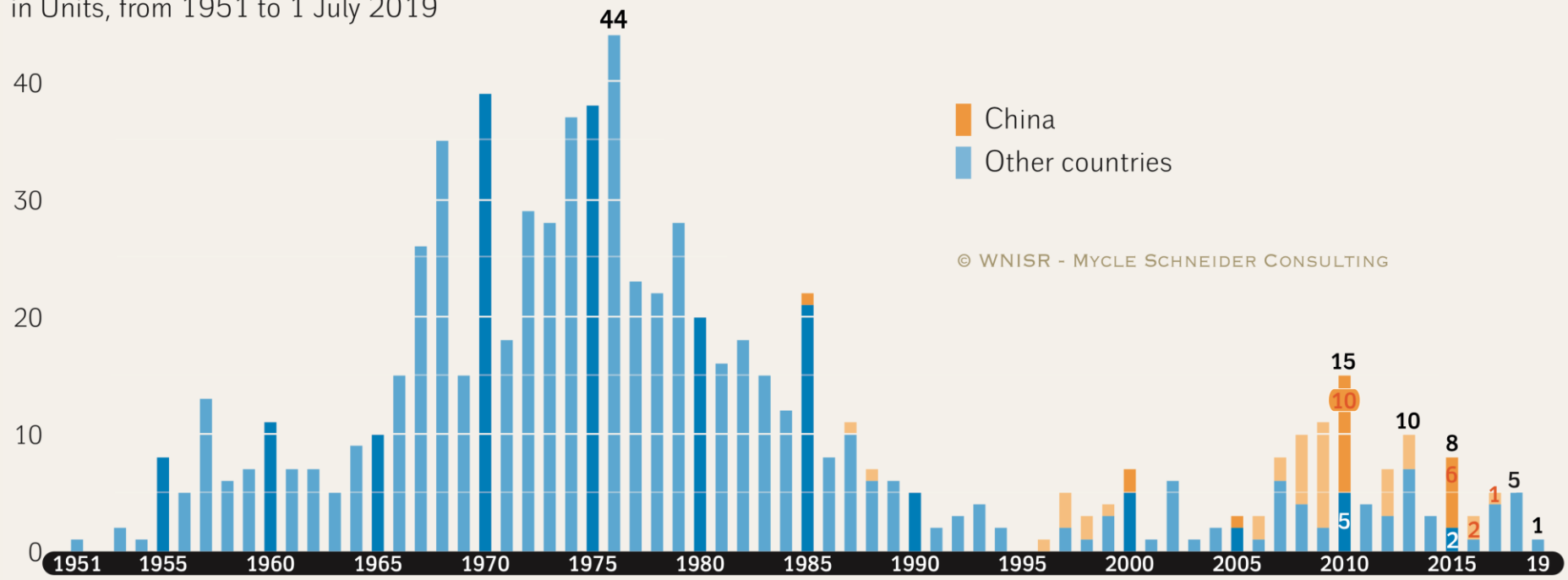


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## Construction Starts of Nuclear Reactors in the World

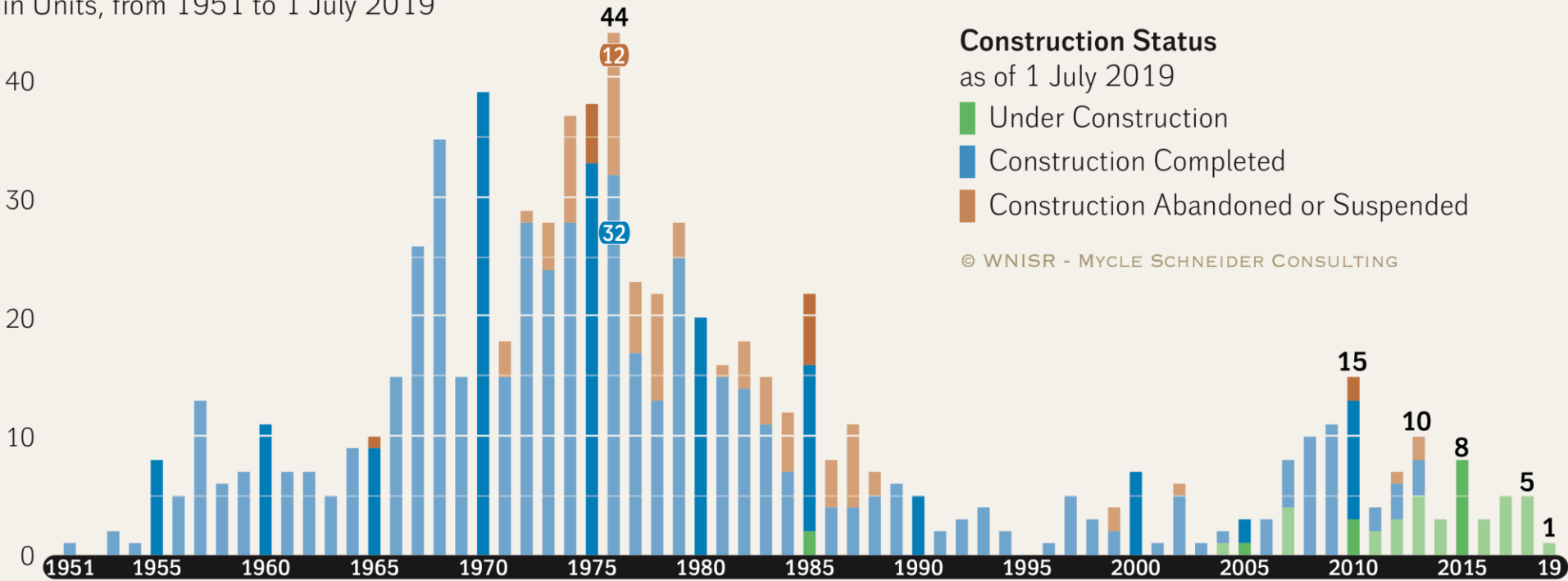
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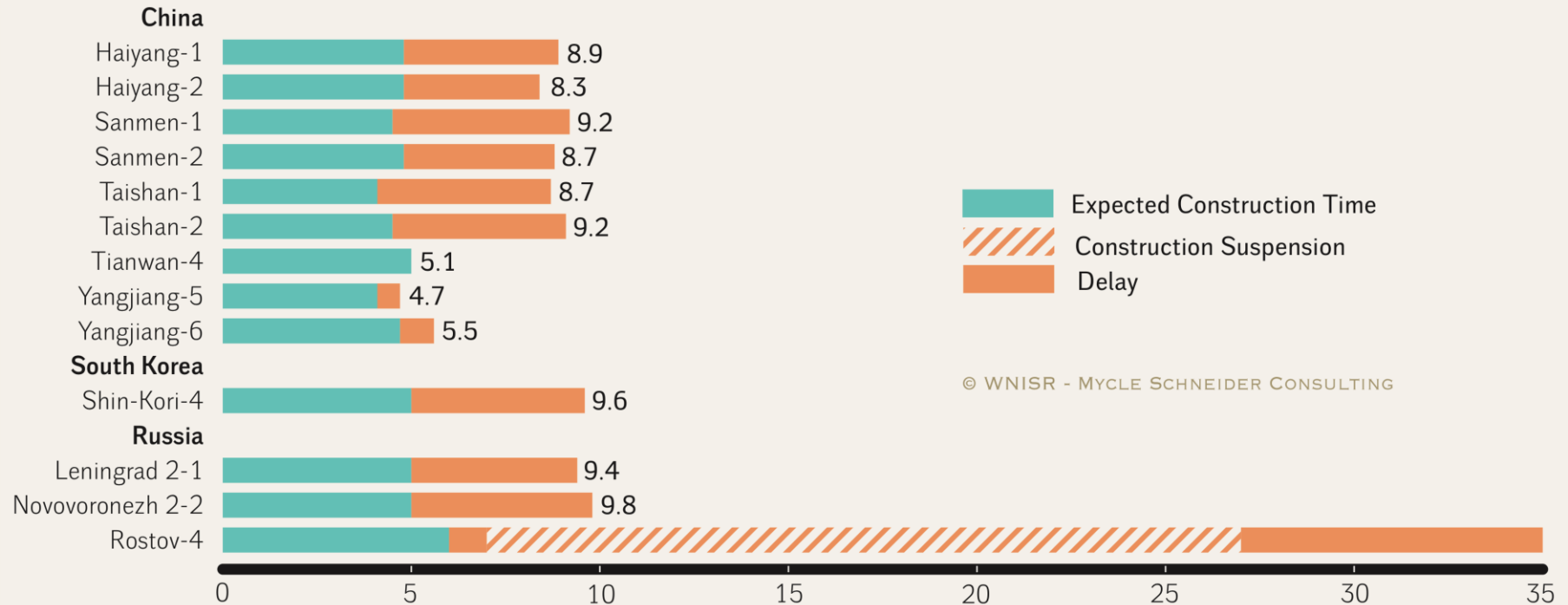
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## Expected Construction Time vs. Real Construction Time for Startups 2018-2019

in Years

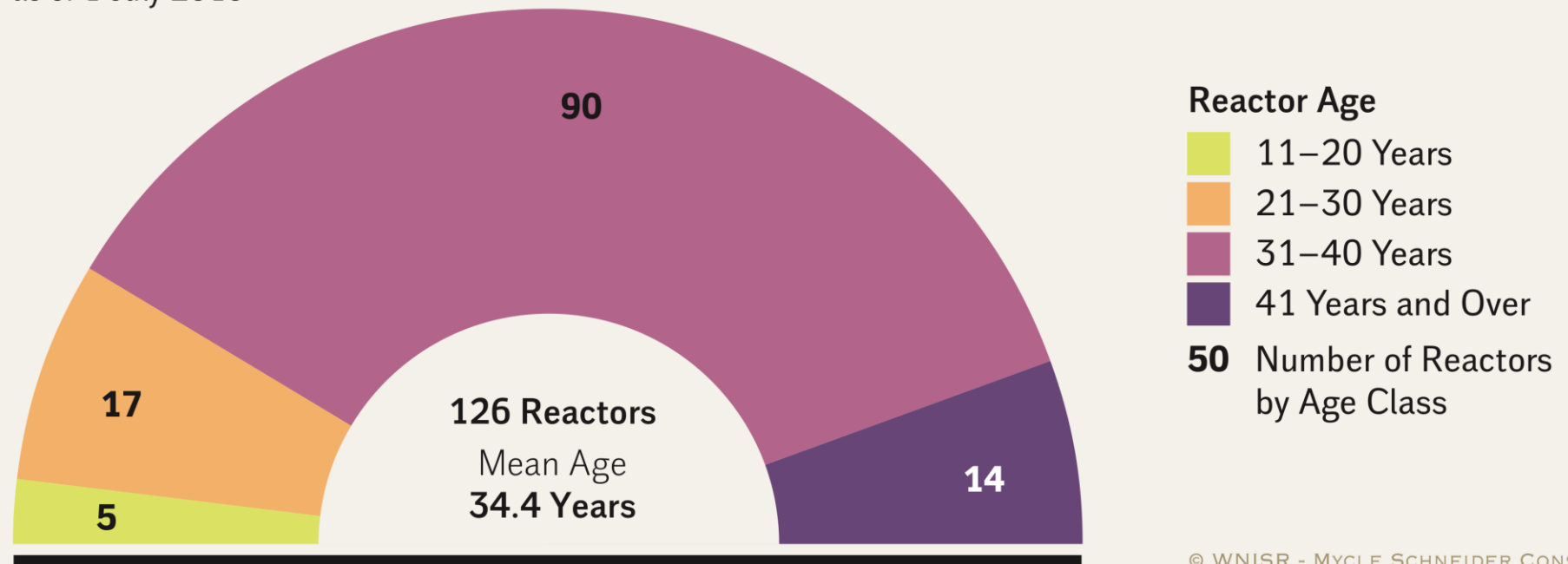


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## Age of EU Nuclear Fleet

as of 1 July 2019



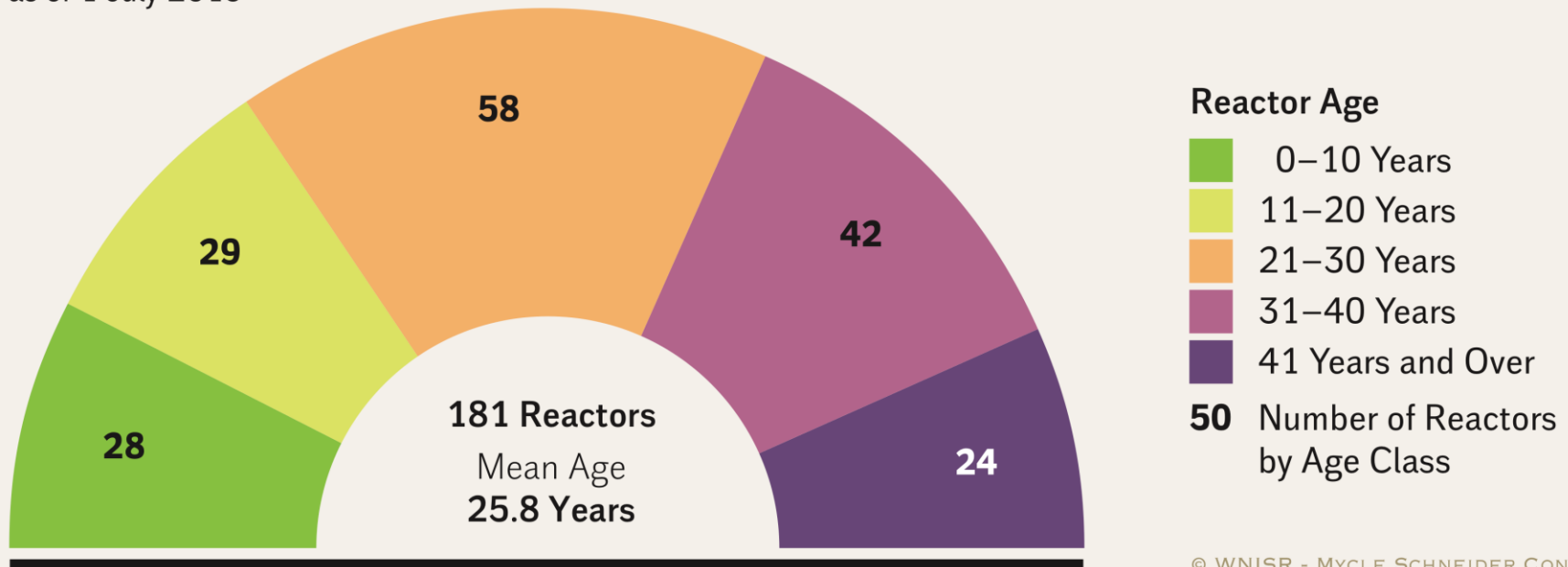
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## Age of Closed Nuclear Reactors in the World

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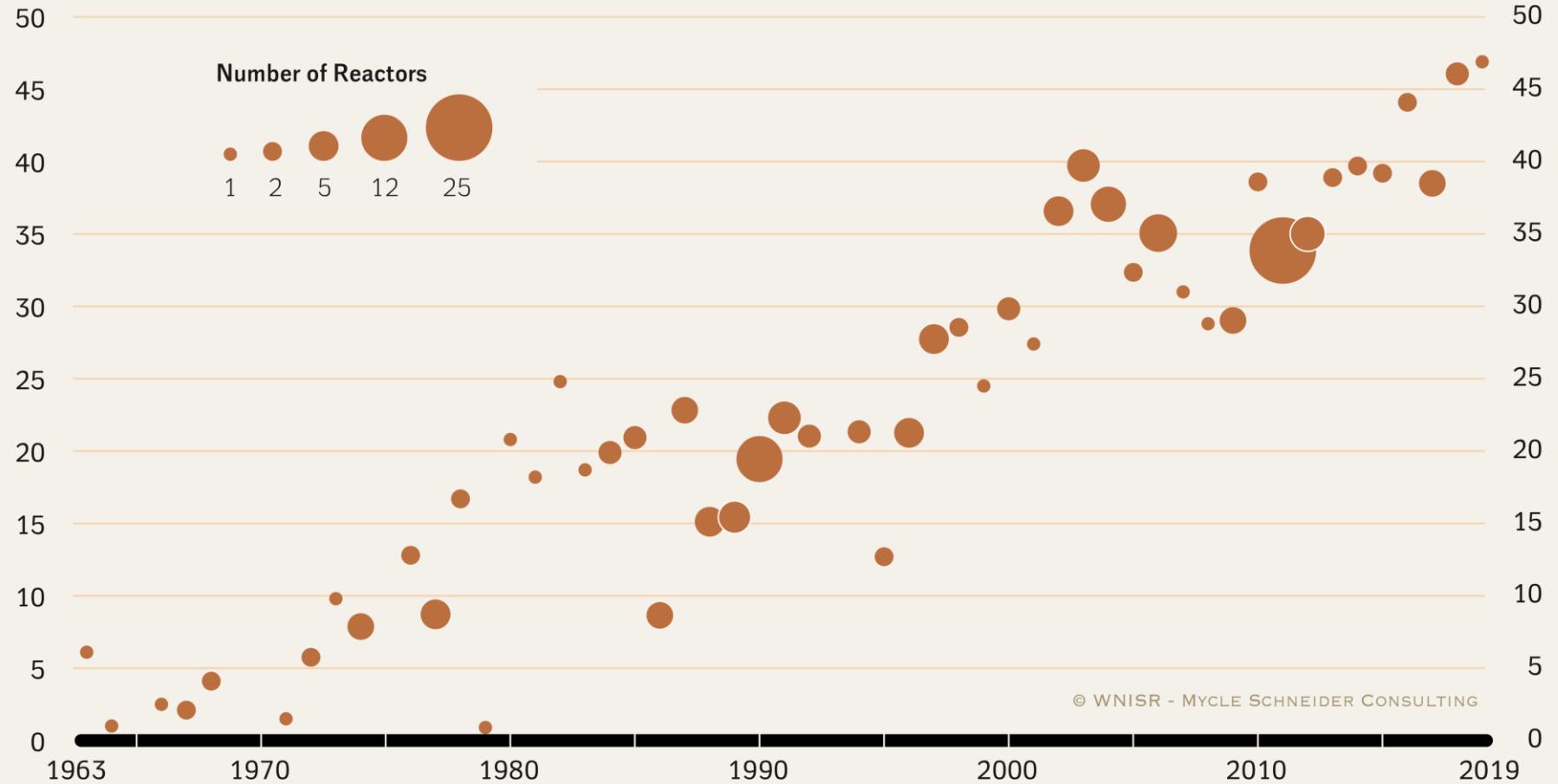


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## Evolution of Nuclear Reactors' Average Closure Age 1963 – 1 July 2019

by Closure Year

Age in Years

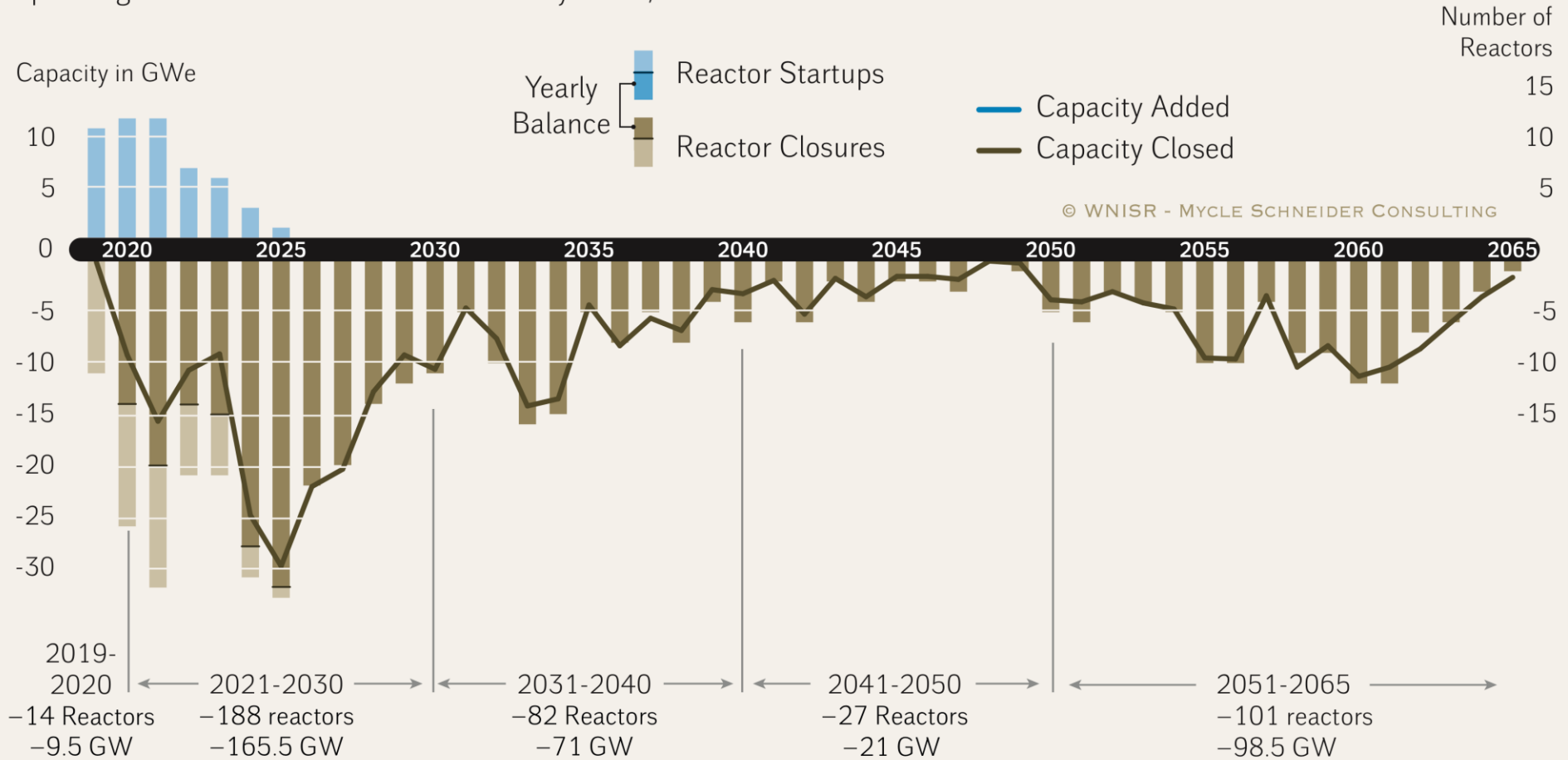


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## Projection 2019-2065 of Nuclear Reactor/Capacity in the World

General assumption of 40-year mean lifetime

Operating and Under Construction as of 1 July 2019, in GWe and Units

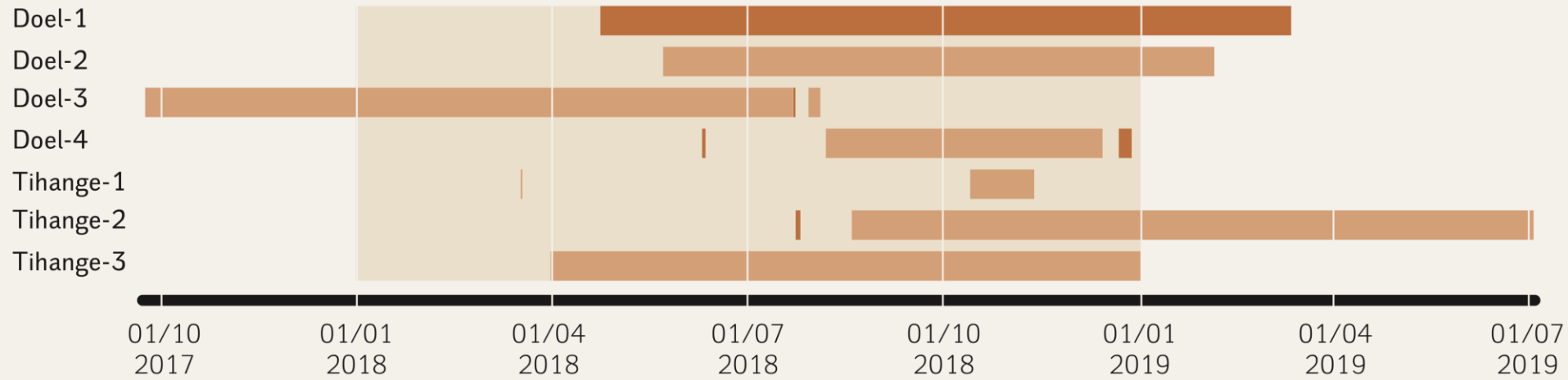


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## Unavailability of Belgian Nuclear Reactors in 2018

Overview of full outages affecting the Belgian nuclear fleet

### Reactor



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Source: ENTSO-E and Engie Transparency Platforms, 2019

## Doel-1: Overhaul Outage Takes Over "Forced" Outage

Number of days of outage

### Long-term Planned Outage

01/12/15 12:53  
 02/02/16 17:36  
 29/03/16 20:29  
 29/06/17 14:28  
 05/03/18 11:02

### Forced Outage

23/04/18 10:20  
 24/04/18 04:52  
 24/04/18 10:54  
 27/04/18 16:00

### Rescheduled Planned Outage

27/04/18 16:00  
 31/08/18 08:25  
 13/11/18 20:58  
 18/12/18 18:52  
 11/03/19 17:37  
 11/03/19 22:47

### Rescheduled Planned Outage

Outage Time to Date  
 Scheduled Remaining Outage Time



23/04/18

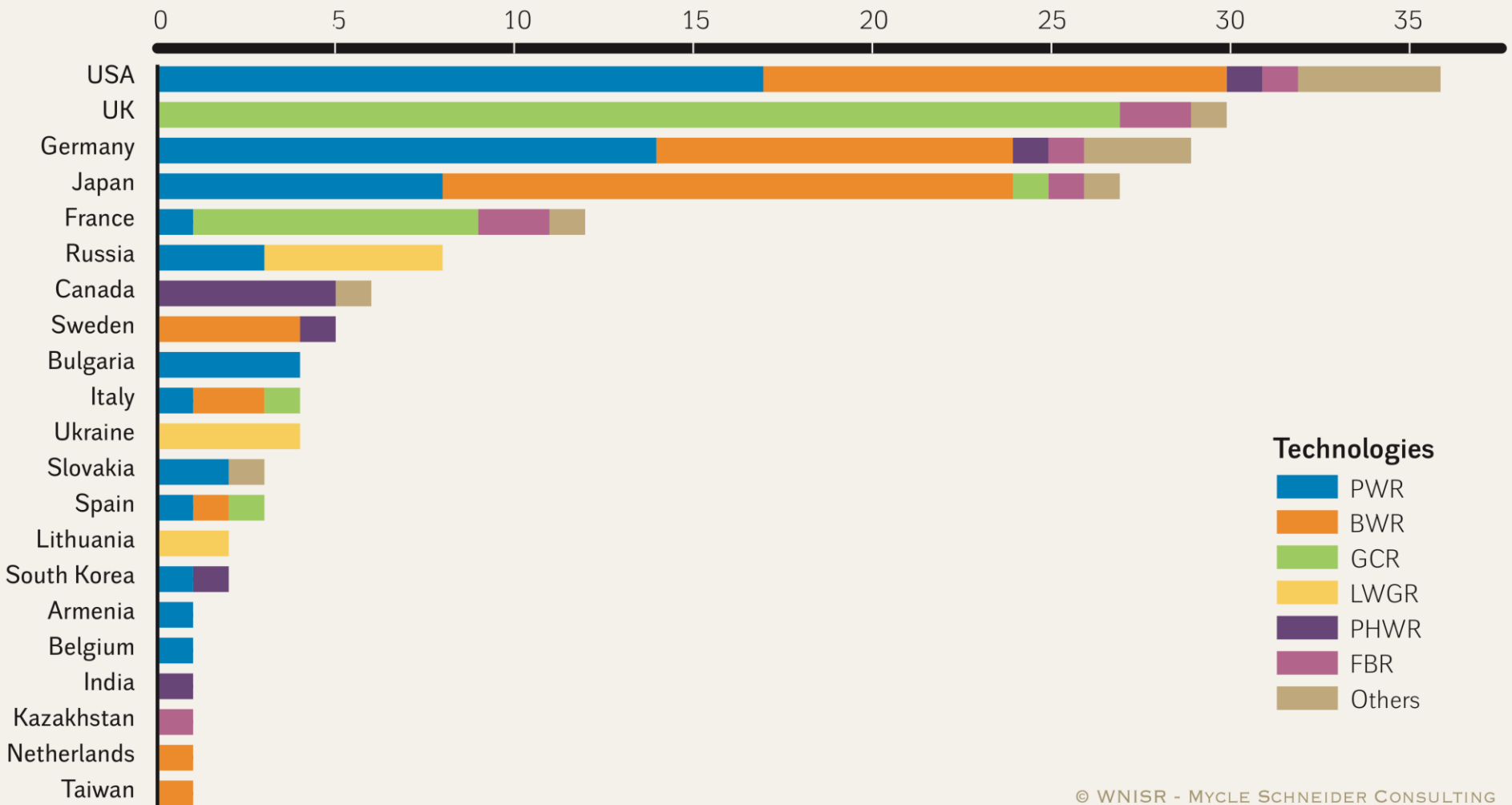
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Restarted on 12/03/19

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## Closed Reactors Worldwide by Country and Reactor Technology

in Units, as of 1 July 2019



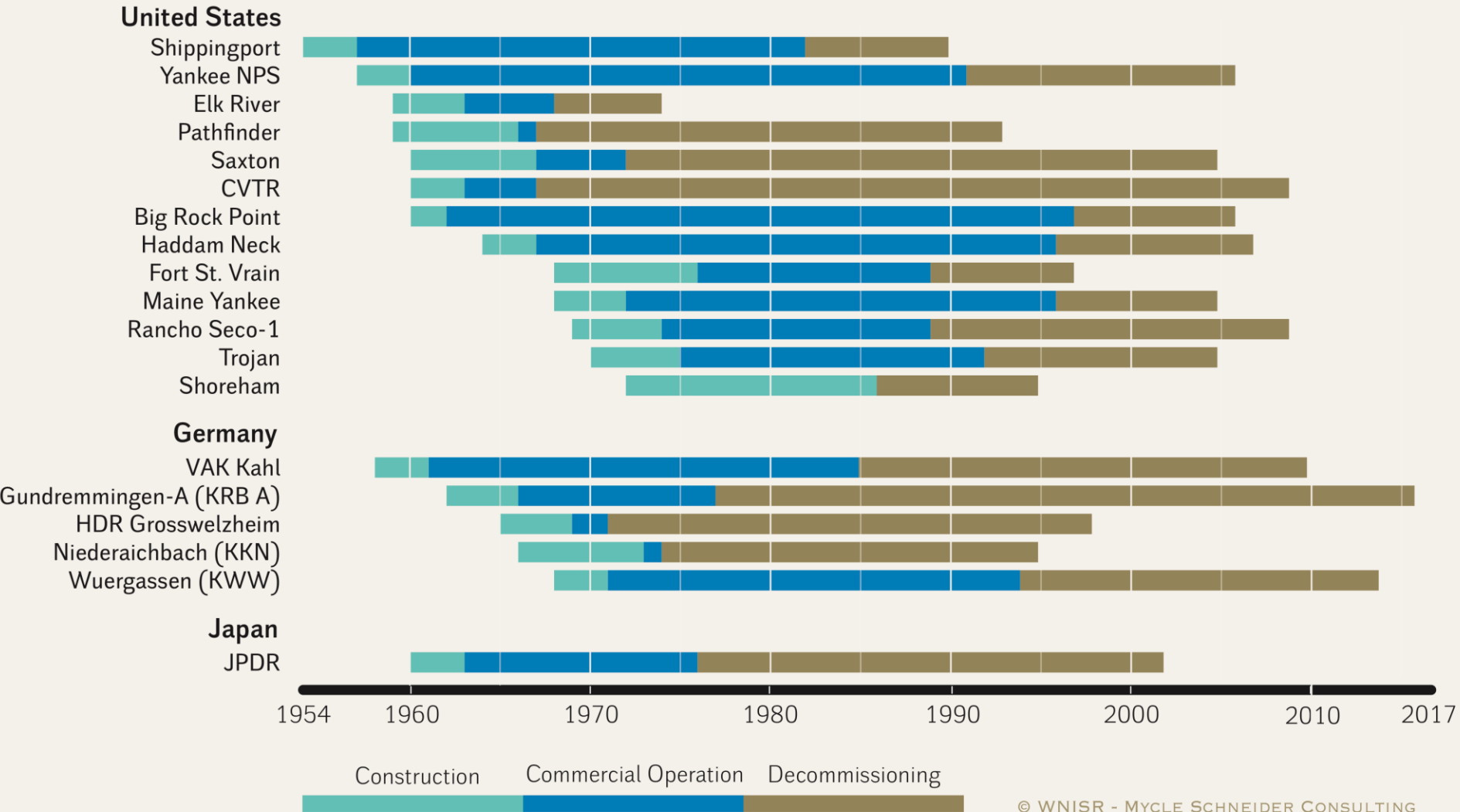
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## Overview of Completed Reactor Decommissioning Projects, 1953-2017

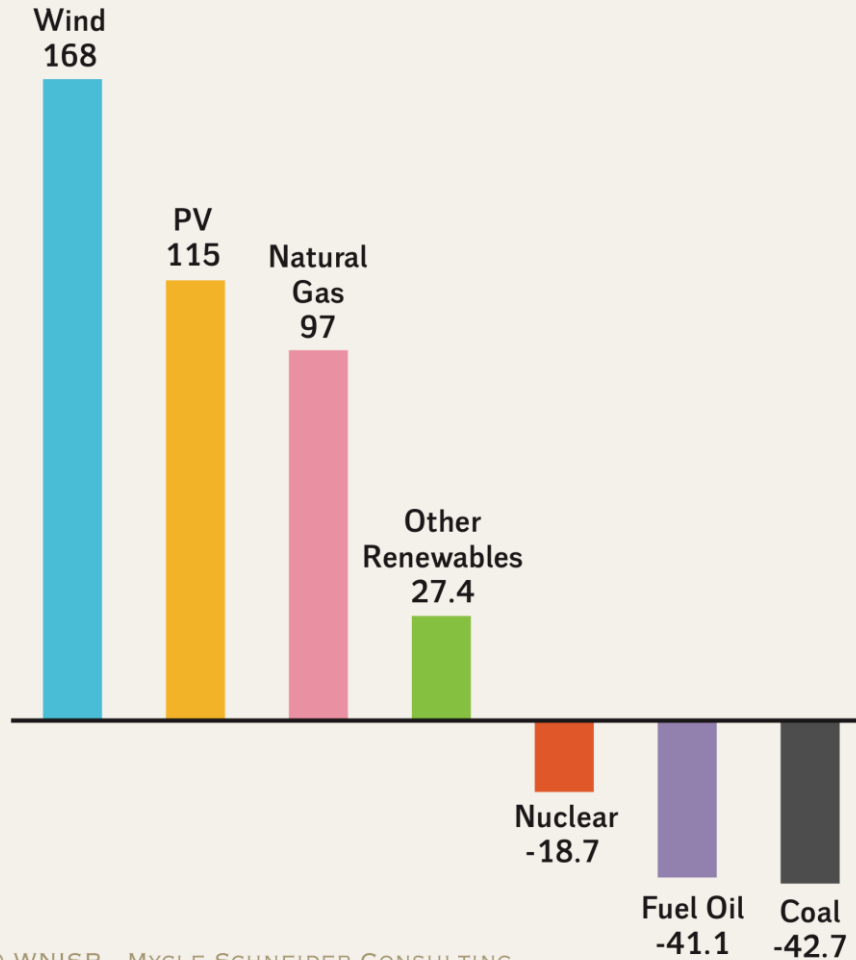
in the U.S., Germany and Japan



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## Changes in Installed Capacity in the EU 2000-2018

by Energy Source in GWe

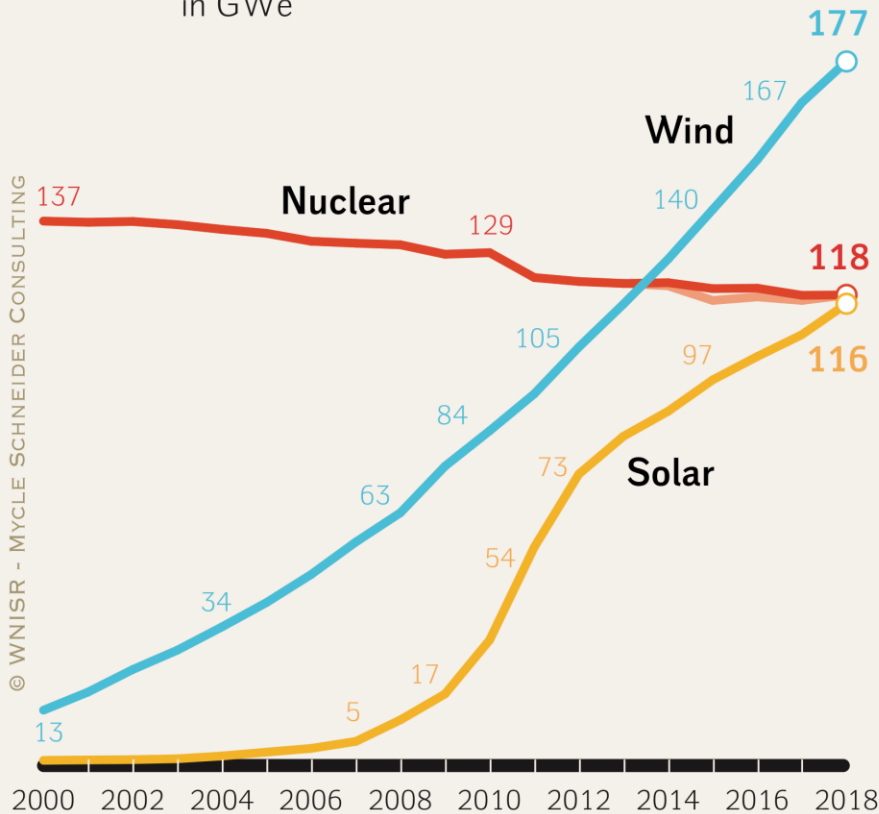




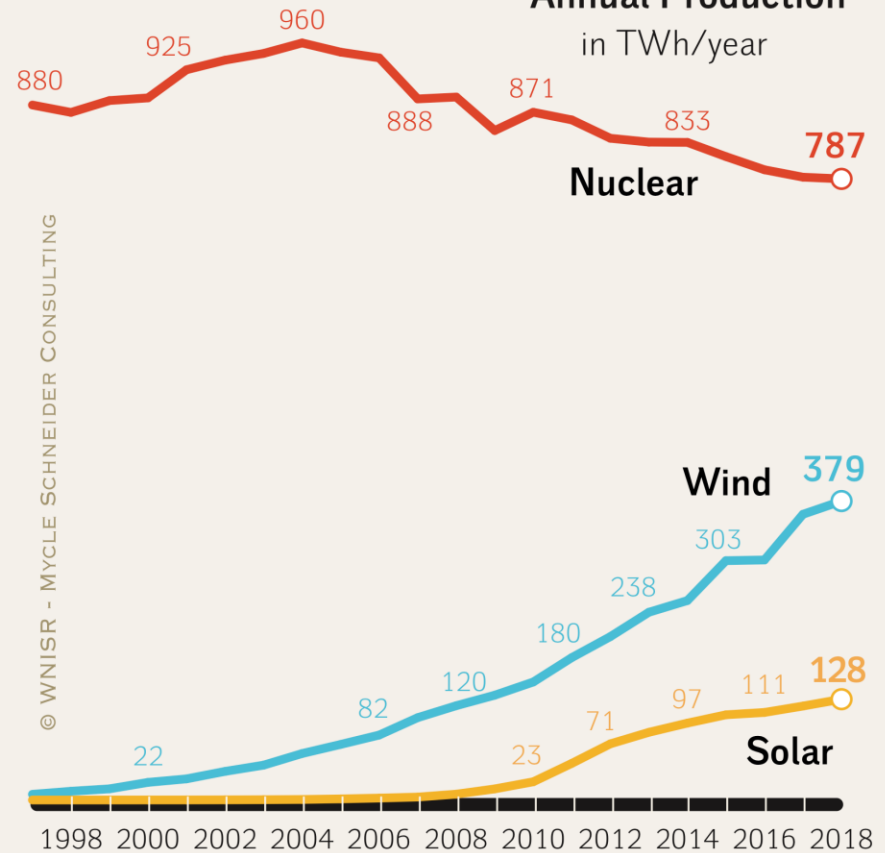
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## Wind, Solar and Nuclear Installed Capacity and Electricity Production in the EU

**Installed Capacity**  
in GWe



**Annual Production**  
in TWh/year

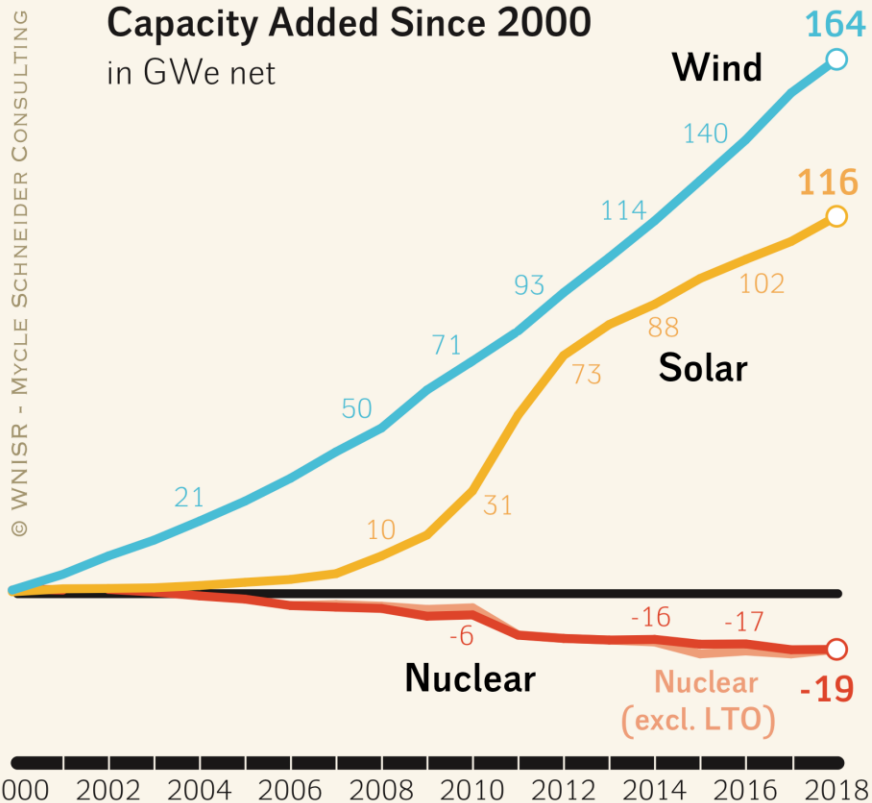


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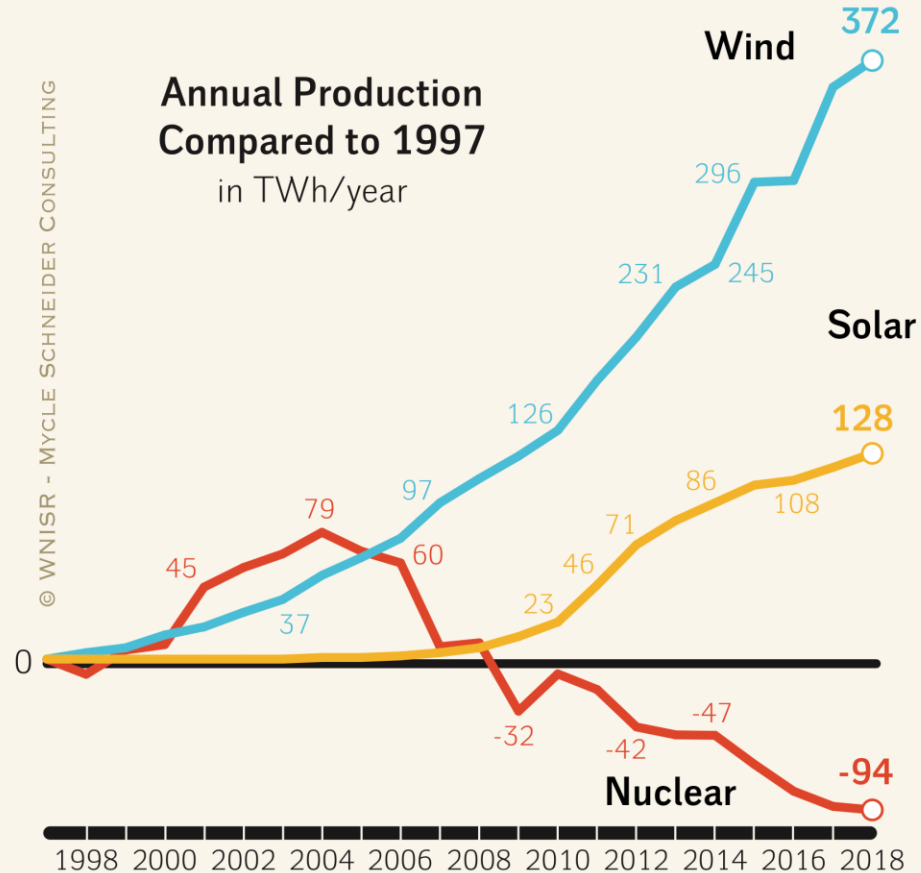
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## Wind, Solar and Nuclear Developments: Installed Capacity and Electricity Production in the EU

**Capacity Added Since 2000**  
in GWe net



**Annual Production Compared to 1997**  
in TWh/year



Sources: WNISR, IAEA-PRIS, BP Statistical Review 2019