# Hydrogen Storage in Salt and Hard Rock Caverns

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# **Caverns are Our Core EPC Business**

#### Team Experience

☑ Hard Rock Caverns

- EPC of 13.5 MBbl in nine caverns
- Delivered the only hard rock caverns constructed in US in the last 35 years
- Reactivated two abandoned caverns for NGL service
- Converted 73 MBbl mine to crude oil storage (USDOE)
- ☑ Salt Caverns
  - $\circ$  100+ salt cavern projects
  - 25+ leach plants
  - One Hydrogen cavern (2015)







# **Storage Caverns Overview**

#### ☑ Fluids stored

- Gas & liquid hydrocarbons
- $\,\circ\,$  Compressed air
- $\circ$  Hydrogen
- $\circ$  Ammonia
- ☑ Solution mined salt caverns
  - $\circ$  60+ year operational history
  - $\,\circ\,$  2000+ caverns worldwide
  - $\,\circ\,$  Six in H2 service
- ☑ Hard rock caverns
  - 60+ year operational history
  - $\circ$  200+ caverns worldwide
  - Demonstrated performance to 800 psi (at 1800' depth)
  - $\,\circ\,$  None presently in H2 service







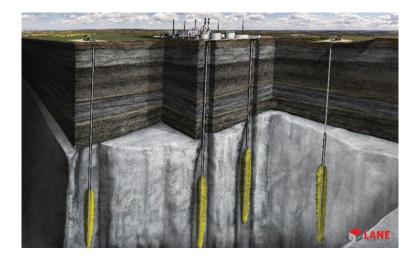
### Salt Caverns: Basic Design Requirements

Salt is physically and chemically inert and is effectively impermeable.

- $\square$  Ample raw water source, e.g.
  - $\circ$  Wells
  - $\circ$  Surface waters
  - Plant effluent

#### ☑ Competent salt

- Adequate depth, thickness & lateral setback
- Minimal anomalies (e.g. shear zones, insoluble interbeds)
- ☑ Brine disposal means
  - Subsurface wells
  - Offshore waters
  - Plant feedstock





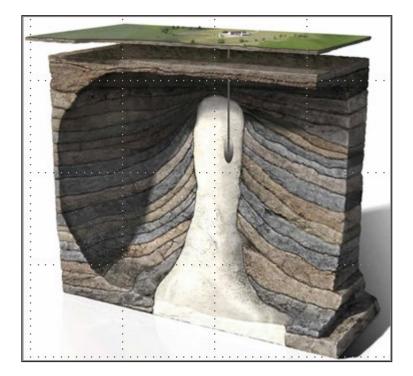
## **North American Salt Deposits**



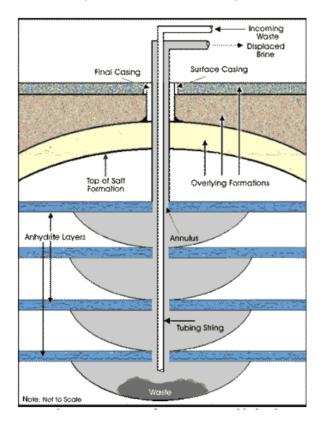


# **Domal & Bedded Salt Caverns**

Domal - US Gulf Coast (1-10 MMBbl & Larger)



Bedded - Midcontinent, NE US, Canada (100 – 1,000 KBbl)





## Hard Rock Caverns: Basic Design Requirements

#### ☑ Competent rock

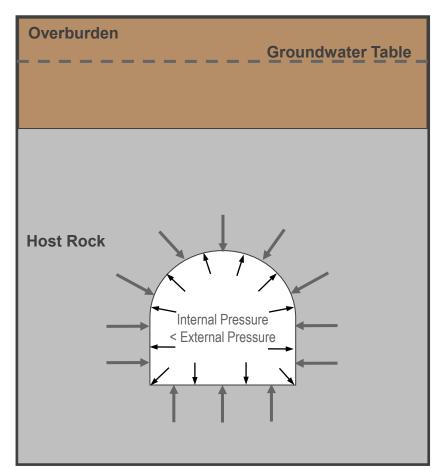
- Adequate structural strength
- Minimal faulting and fracturing
- Low permeability (e.g. shale, granite, gneiss, limestone, dolomite, sandstone, chalk)
- Favorable and stable groundwater conditions
  - $\,\circ\,$  Adequate hydrostatic head
  - Ample groundwater recharge (natural or artificial)
- Physically and chemically inert to stored fluid





# **Hydrostatic Design Principle**

- External groundwater pressure is greater than internal storage pressure
- Leakage mechanism is inwards into the cavern, rather than outwards from the cavern
- Applicable to both 'dry and 'wet' caverns



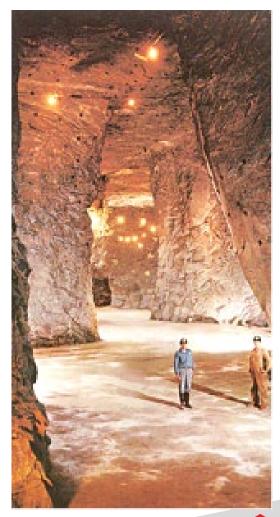


# **Global Hard Rock Cavern Inventory**

#### ☑ US:

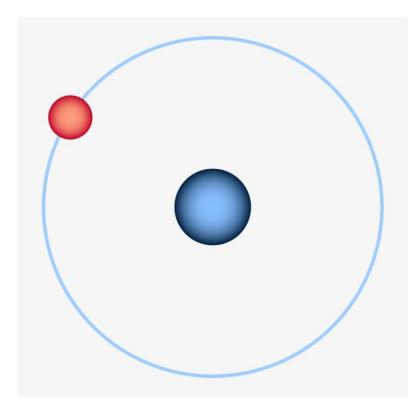
- 83 constructed
- $\circ~$  60 in service (LPG)
- Northern Europe:
  75 commercial (crude & LPG)
- ☑ Asia:
  - 24 strategic (crude & LPG)
  - 13 commercial (crude, light oil & LPG)







## Existing H<sub>2</sub> Caverns/Conversion Potential



#### $\blacksquare$ Existing H<sub>2</sub> caverns

- Teeside, UK. (3) brine compensated salt caverns
- $\circ$  Texas. (3) domal salt caverns
- Convert existing salt caverns?
  - $\,\circ\,$  Well casings not suitable
  - Requires installing well liner or drilling a new well



### ROM Cavern CAPEX

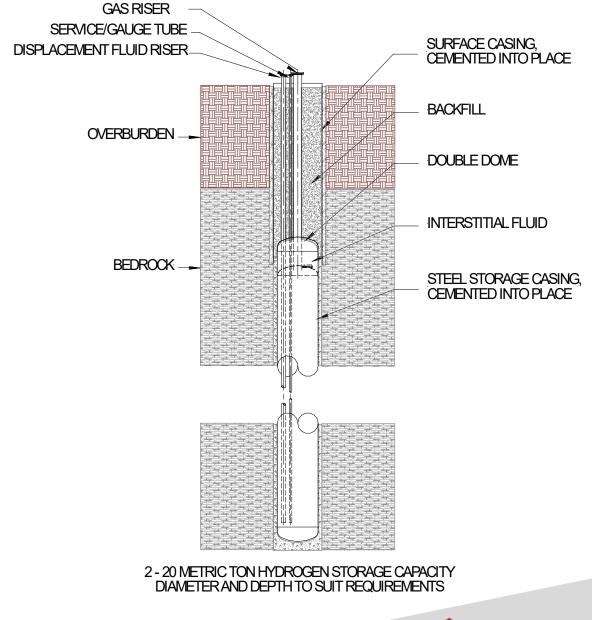
- Accuracy is +/- 30%.
- Solution mining rates: Appalachia - 250 gpm; Gulf coast – 2,000 gpm.
- Storage wells: Appalachia – 3/MMBbl; Gulf Coast - 1.
- Estimates exclude hydrogen surface infrastructure, include solution mining facility.
- Brine ponds are not necessary for dry gas storage.

	Depth (ft)	Max Pressure (psig)	Cavern Volume (Bbl)	Working Mass (mt)	Capex \$M
Hard Rock	2,000	800	1,000,000	626	\$133
	2,000	800	2,000,000	1,251	\$203
	750	300	1,000,000	223	\$109
	750	300	2,000,000	447	\$179
Gulf Coast Salt	4,000	3,400	1,000,000	1,997	\$79
	4,000	3,400	2,000,000	3,995	\$81
Appa- lachia Salt	5,000	3,400	1,000,000	1,846	\$82
	5,000	3,400	2,000,000	3,692	\$127



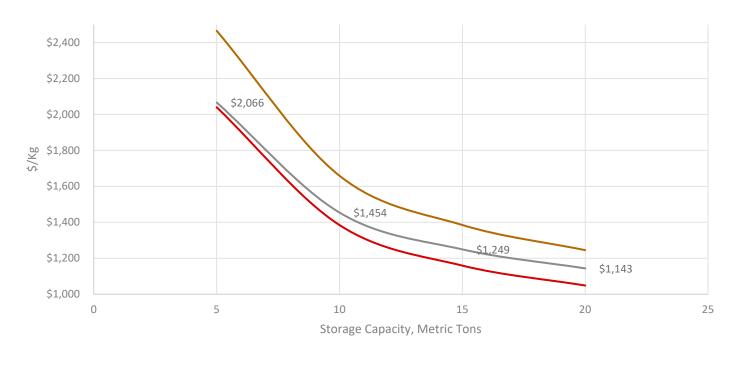
### Hydrogen Storage Silo

- Dry or watercompensated storage
- Steel-lined, vertical shaft, 750 – 2000' deep
- Double dome head in bedrock
- Pressurized interstitial fluid
- Diameter, depth and number to suit volume requirements
- Water compensation offers 100% H2 withdrawal (no base gas)





### **ROM Cost – Compensated H2 Silo System**



H<sub>2</sub> Silo - ROM Cost/Kg Incl Compensation Tank & Pump

6' dia (2500 psi) -8' dia (2000 psi) -10' dia (1500 psi)



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