

Helium

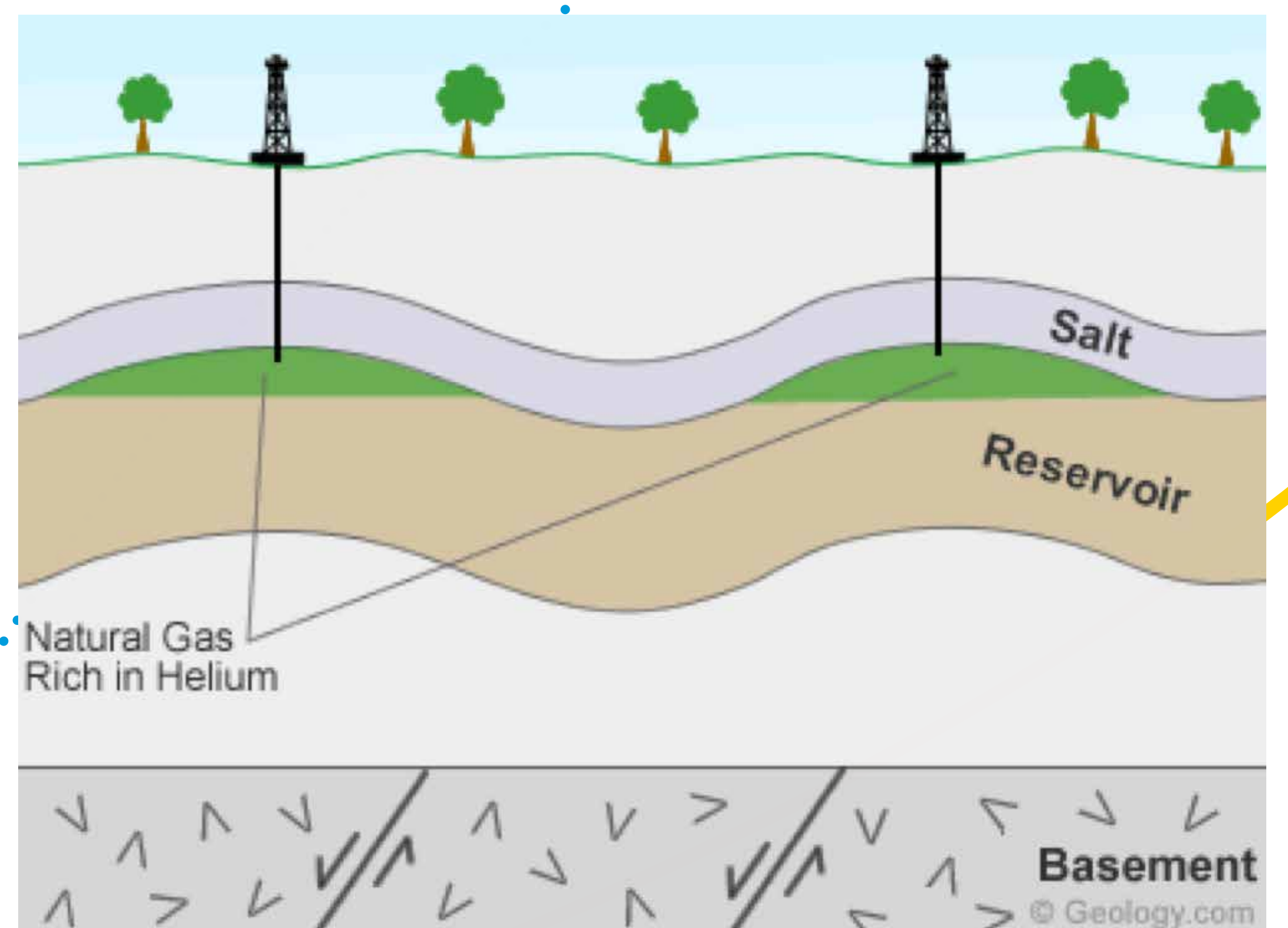
What is helium?

- A gas at room temperature which is colorless, odorless, tasteless, nonirritating, inert
- Helium is the most abundant element in the universe – however very rare on the planet – lighter than air
- Helium is not flammable
- Helium can be liquefied at very low temperatures and commonly transported in liquid form



Where does helium come from?

- By-product of gas production
- Formed by the decay of elements in the earth's crust (uranium and thorium)
 - Only found in certain gas fields
 - Where gases formed together and capped by impermeable rock



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