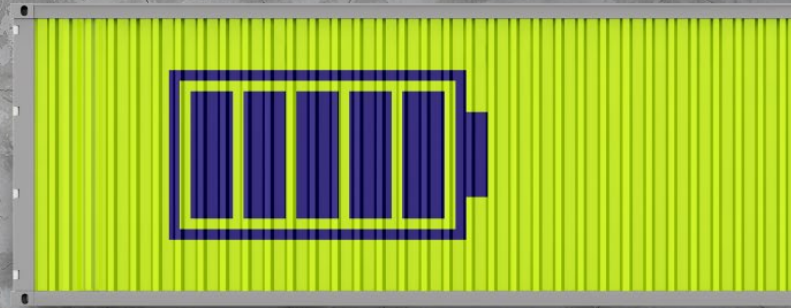


# Meet EC<sup>2</sup> the world's most efficient, battery-grade lithium production process



## The industry's first and only all-in-one, fully integrated solution

EC<sup>2</sup> is engineered to EXTRACT, CONCENTRATE, and CONVERT battery-grade lithium.

alkaLi offers the world's most efficient solution to produce lithium and meet the rapidly growing trends in electrification—led by the demand for EVs, energy storage, and portable devices.



## Meeting the needs of producers

EC<sup>2</sup> is designed to be highly modular, with a balanced system that can be adapted to a broad range of source inputs, enabling it to meet the industry's evolving demands.

EC<sup>2</sup> is available to brine-based producers, including geothermal and salar, in an easily deployable, fully containerized solution optimized for lithium production from a wide range of sources and concentration levels, including extreme locations.

alkaLi will introduce systems optimized to produce battery-grade lithium from evaporation ponds and battery recycling sources in early 2025—rapidly accelerating global lithium production.

## The advantages of alkaLi EC<sup>2</sup>

### World's most effective DLE

Delivering industry-leading Generation II lithium concentrations

### Fully integrated, balanced system

All-in-one engineering optimized for highly varied input conditions

### Instantaneous production

With battery-grade output measured in seconds, not years

### Zero CAPEX

Option for alkaLi to build, own, and operate the complete system

### 50% lower OPEX

Using CFRO membrane technology versus conventional thermal systems

### Supercharged with SmartOps AI

For immediate savings in efficiency and operating cost

### Industry-leading sustainability

With significantly reduced carbon and water footprints

### Faster, easier permitting

The output water is compliant with regulation and ready for re-injection

### Deploys to extreme locations

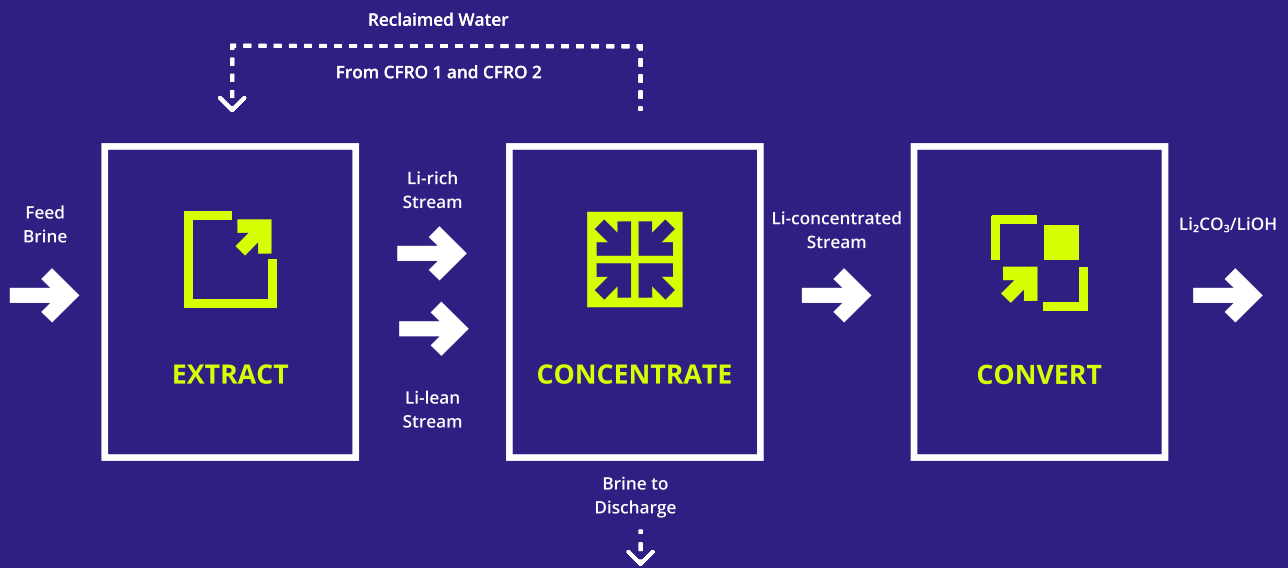
Arrives ready for rapid start-up in a fully containerized format



## EC<sup>2</sup> is Gradient-Grade Innovation at its best

Built on proven technologies with material science expertise from the Gradient Labs, EC<sup>2</sup> is a balanced three-stage system adaptable to a broad range of sources—including geothermal brine, evaporation ponds and recycling. Each stage has been thoroughly tested through bench and field trials, with a successful commercial proving in partnership with a confidential client at their Nevada site. To satisfy the exacting requirements of lithium producers, the EC<sup>2</sup> solution can be deployed in full or as standalone stages, integrated with existing site infrastructure.

### Discover our technologies



#### EXTRACT

Synthesized resins and novel membranes optimize lithium extraction far beyond industry norms, uniquely reaching Generation II levels and the richest lithium stream possible for maximum downstream efficiency.

A second Li-lean stream is output, and each flows to CFRO units in the Concentrate Stage.

#### CONCENTRATE

Powered by CFRO to maximize system efficiency, consuming an order of magnitude less energy than thermal processes.

CFRO I receives the Li-rich stream and further refine to levels sufficient to convert to battery-grade to flow to the Convert Stage.

CFRO II receives the Li-lean stream and reduces TDS to below regulatory limits, allowing expedited permitting and discharge ready water.

#### CONVERT

The highly concentrated lithium flows from CFRO I and is precipitated into a solid using chemical or electro-chemical processes to produce battery-grade lithium carbonate or lithium hydroxide output.



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