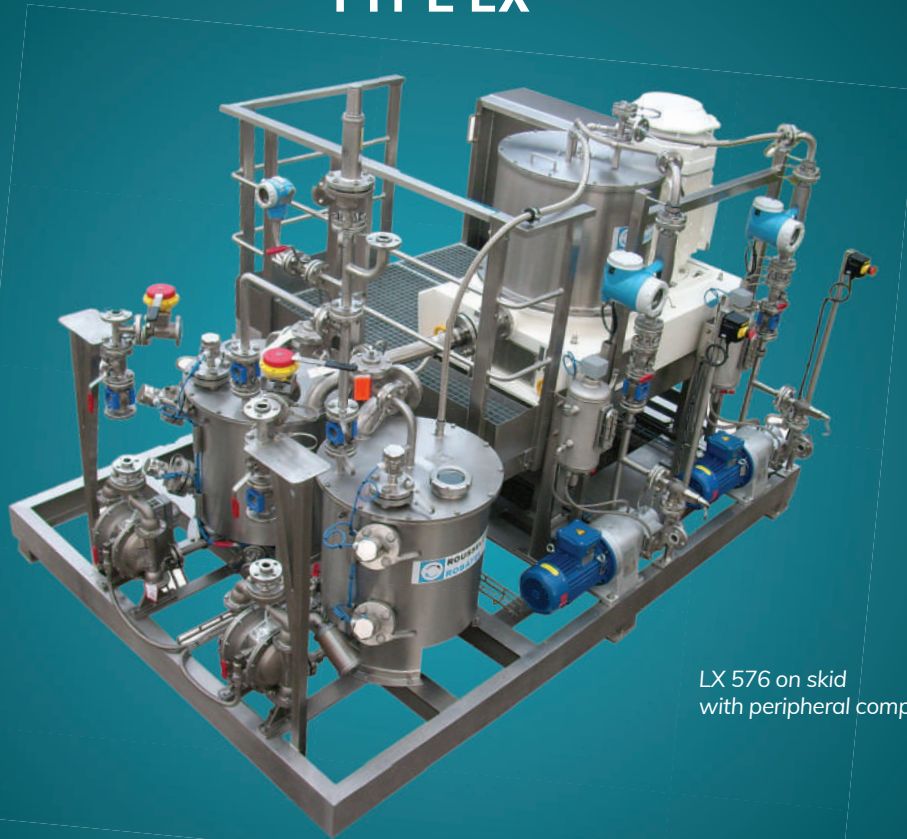


# MULTISTAGE CENTRIFUGAL EXTRACTORS TYPE LX



LX 576 on skid  
with peripheral components



**PHARMACY**  
Purification of active principles  
(example: antibiotics).



**CHEMICALS**  
Washing of polymers or extraction  
(example: acetic acid).



**FOOD INDUSTRY**  
Purification of good components  
(Lactic and Citric acids).



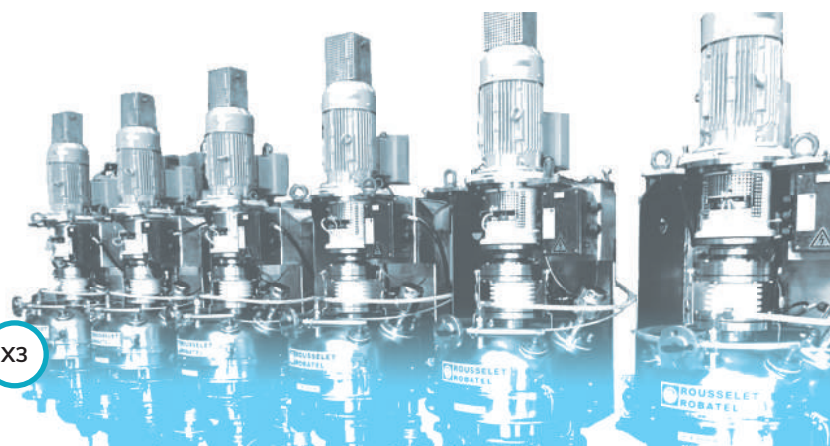
**HYDROMETALLURGY**  
Separation or purification (precious  
metals).



**PARACHEMISTRY**  
Perfumes, aromas, essential oils,...

## COMMON FEATURES AND ADVANTAGES

- All parts in contact with the product are manufactured from alloys such as stainless AISI 316L, AISI 904L, Hastelloy C, Titanium and seals from PTFE.
- Casing installed on a supporting frame (manufactured from carbon steel or cast steel with stainless steel cladding on its inner side), equipped with all piping (inlet and outlet pipes, drain pipe for emptying the bowl when stopped, nitrogen inlet, vent pipe,...).
- Transmission consisting in one watertight or explosion proof electrical motor linked to a frequency inverter with elastic coupling for motor/sub assembly link (LX 120/200) or pulleys and anti static V belts transmission (LX 320/360/520/570).
- Frame mounted on antivibration supports.
- Bearing housing with ball bearings (LX 120/200) or grease lubricated roller bearings, and nitrogen sweep.
- Centrifuges compliant with European directive and standards (and ATEX for relevant countries).



## OPERATING PRINCIPLE

The feed solution (heavy phase on cross section sketches), containing one or more solutes, and a immiscible solvent having a different density (light phase on cross section sketches), flow counter-currently through the extractor's rotor, designed with a stack of mechanical subassemblies representing the required number of separate stages.

The successive mixing and separation operations performed in each mechanical stage permit the mass transfer of the solutes from the feed solution to the solvent.

### Each stage consist of:

- A **mixing chamber** where the two phases are mixed and where the transfer of solutes to be extracted is achieved. A fixed disk allows the two phases to be mixed and to create an emulsion. It operates as a pump to draw the two phases from the preceding stage.

- A **decantation chamber** where the two previously mixed liquids are thoroughly separated by centrifugal force. Overflow weirs stabilize the separation area independently of flow rates.

The interphase position depends on the diameter of the heavy phase overflow weir, which is interchangeable and to be selected according to the phase density ratio.

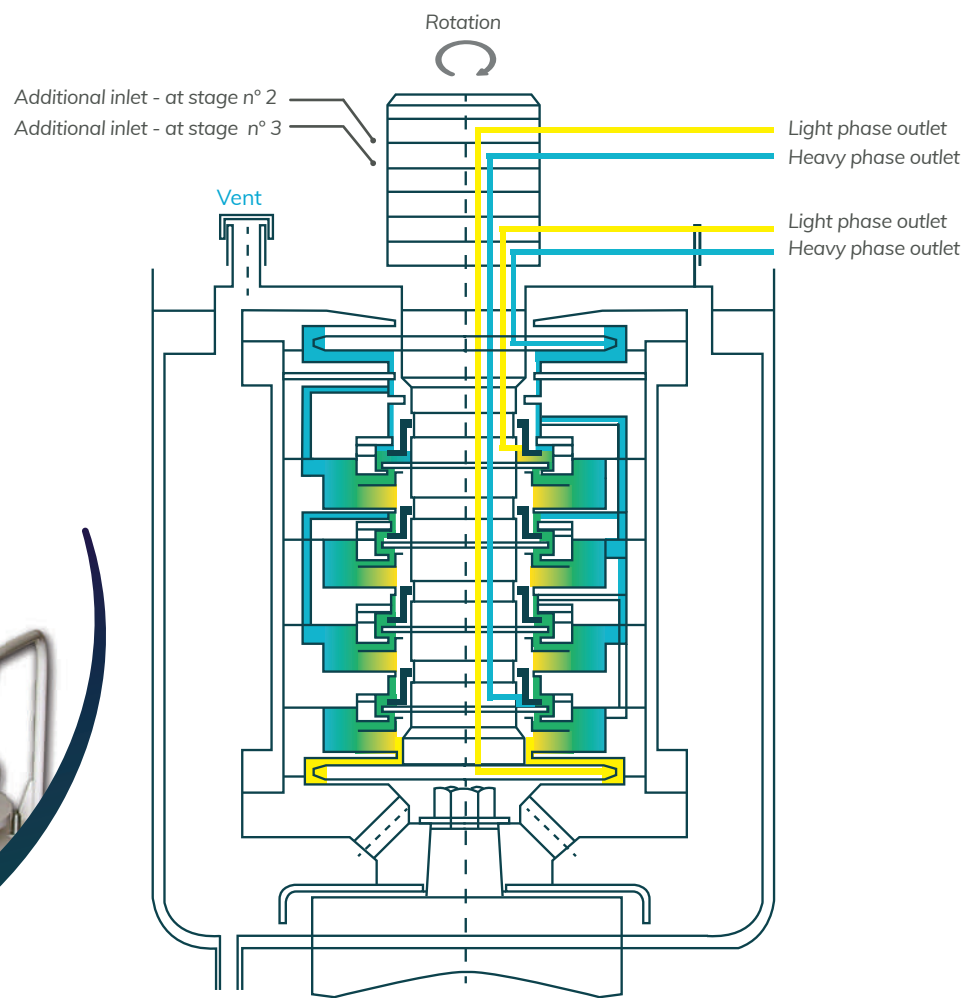
The two phases are fed into the extractor through feeding pipes set on the top part of the shell, on LX 320/360/520/570, and vice versa on models LX 120/200, to achieve counter current extraction.

The separated phases are discharged either by gravity or by means of inward-flow turbines (depending on the model).

## EXTRACTORS LX120 AND LX200



LX 204 on skid

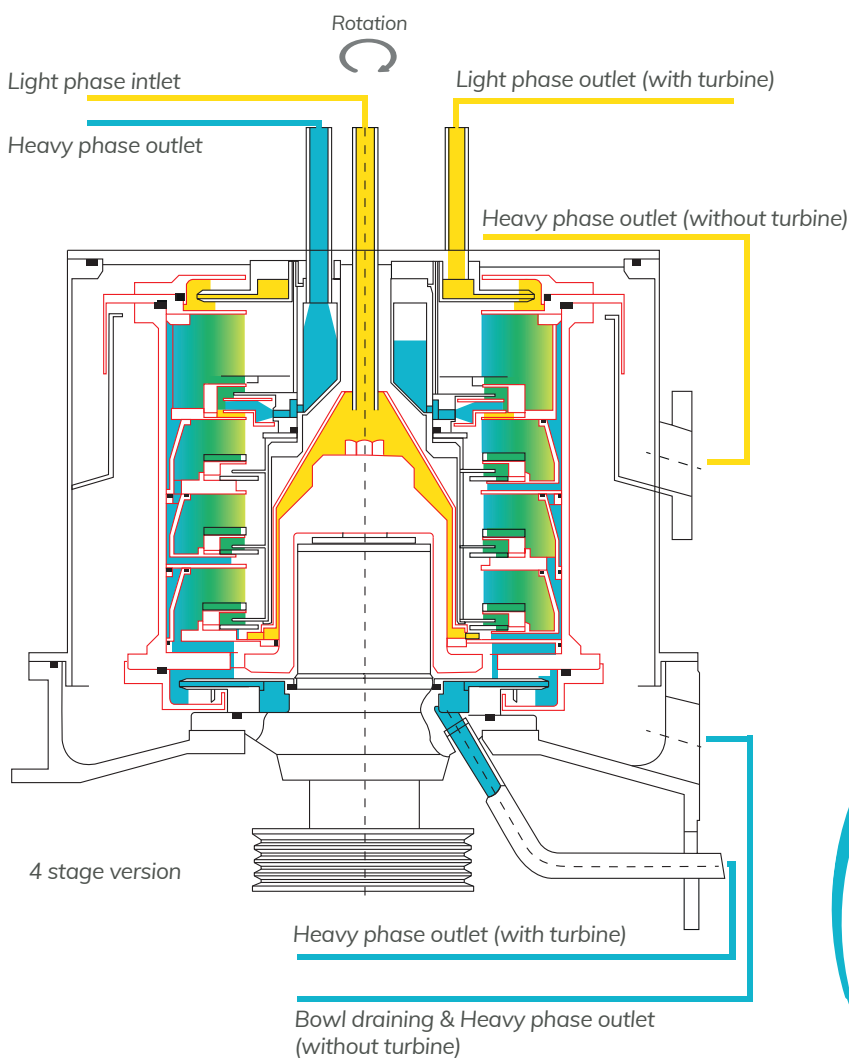


4 stage version

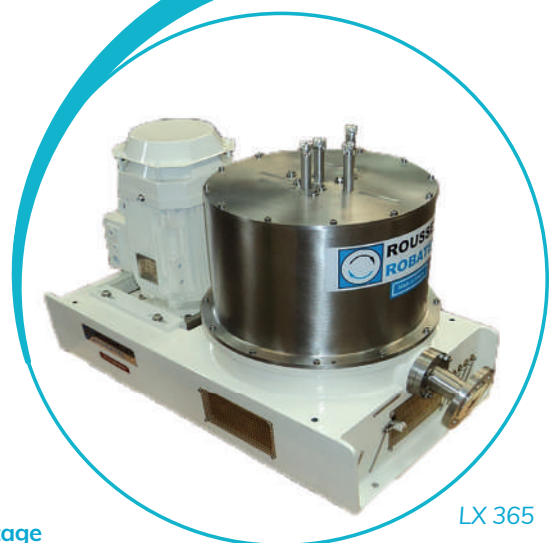
## SPECIFIC ADVANTAGES OF MULTISTAGE VERSIONS

- Up to 7 stages installed on a single machine allowing unrivalled extraction efficiency.
- Each mechanical stage nearly corresponds to a theoretical extraction stage.
- Compact installation with small footprint.
- Possibility to set the extractor up on a mobile trolley to be moved very easily.
- Low operating and maintenance costs (1 single rotor / 1 single motor).
- Inward-flow turbines for pressurized discharge of the two separated phases toward collecting tanks or downstream equipment (or to the inlet of a second extractor if many extraction stages are required).

## EXTRACTORS LX320, LX360, LX520, LX570



LX 524



LX 365

Several models are designed with a feeding pipe on each intermediary stage allowing fractionated extraction or to feed a third phase:

pH adjustment, washing of one phase before its removal (introduction of a third liquid miscible with either one of the two phases).

In case the extraction process only requires one or two stages and according to the extractor model it is possible to use the other stages to improve phase clarity and reduce the volume on one phase carried away by the other phase.

# TECHNICAL DATA

TYPE	Bowl										
	Number of stages	ø bowl mm	Bowl capacity l	Maximum speed rpm		Maximum combined flow rate for both phases l/h		Motor power kW	Net weight kg	Dimensions l x w x h mm	
				50 Hz	60 Hz	50 Hz	60 Hz				
LX 120	LX 122	2	120	0.15	2900	3450	25	30	0.75	180	720 x 720 x 1130
	LX 123	3		0.21						185	720 x 720 x 1170
	LX 124	4		0.27						190	720 x 720 x 1200
	LX 126	6		0.39						210	720 x 720 x 1280
LX 200	LX 202	2	200	1	2900	3450	250	300	1.5	220	720 x 720 x 1250
	LX 203	3		1.4						230	720 x 720 x 1290
	LX 204	4		1.8						240	720 x 720 x 1330
	LX 204P	4		1.6						200	720 x 720 x 1510
LX 320	LX 323	3	320	11	3200	1800		5.5	280	1050 x 590 x 760	
	LX 324	4		10.2		1500			290		
	LX 325	5		9.3		1300			300		
LX 360	LX 363	3	360	14.6	3000	2100		7.5	300	1050 x 590 x 760	
	LX 364	4		13.6		1800			310		
	LX 365	5		12.6		1500			320		
LX 520	LX 524	4	517	57	2000	6000		18.5	1020	1550 x 840 x 1100	
	LX 525	5		54		5000			1040		
	LX 526	6		52		4500			1060		
	LX 527	7		49		3500			1080		
LX 570	LX 574	4	570	74	2000	8000		18.5	1100	1550 x 840 x 1100	
	LX 575	5		70		7000			1130		
	LX 576	6		67		6000			1160		

The hourly flowrates depend upon the viscosity, emulsification tendency, density ratio and the flow ration of the liquids being processed.



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