

# Elaboration de TiO<sub>2</sub> dopé pour les applications photocatalytiques

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## Abstract

The research presented in this thesis focuses on the synthesis and photocatalytic performance of doped TiO<sub>2</sub> materials, in particular TiO<sub>2</sub>-LiF and TiO<sub>2</sub>-Mo systems. Using flash combustion and solid-state synthesis methods, the study aims to improve the properties of the materials, including surface area and phase composition. Characterization of these materials was carried out using a range of techniques such as X-ray diffraction (XRD) to determine phase composition, thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) for thermal stability, scanning electron microscopy (SEM) for morphological analysis, BET surface measurements to analyze porosity, diffuse reflectance spectrum (DRS) to determine the band gap of the samples and Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) to study the paramagnetic defects and active centers involved in the photocatalytic mechanisms of the sample. The photocatalytic activity of these materials was evaluated by degradation of methylene blue (MB) and tetracycline (TC) under visible light irradiation. The results indicate a significant improvement in photocatalytic efficiency compared to commercial TiO<sub>2</sub>. Furthermore, the study explores the effect of anatase-rutile phase transitions and various dopants on photocatalytic performance. These findings provide valuable insights into the optimization of TiO<sub>2</sub>-based photocatalysts for water photodecontamination applications.