Study on Preparation for an Environment Catalyst—Perovskite-type Rare Earth Oxides LaFeO₃

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China's Panxi area is China's second largest ore belt, in which vanadium-titanium magnetite is one of the most important minerals. In the process of recovering vanadium titanium magnetite, the vast majority of perovskite (CaTiO₃) in the form of loss in the blast furnace slag, which has not been recovered. This is not only a waste of resources, but also a serious environmental pollution problems. Therefore, the use of its tailings (CaTiO₃) and La₂O₃ and Fe as raw materials, for the preparation of environmental catalyst LaFeO₃.

Perovskite type composite oxide is a kind of catalytic material with excellent activity, the wavelength of the excitation light matches the visible light. It can not only realize the photolysis of water, purify the air, but also catalyze the degradation of organic matter with a variety of structures, which is of great significance to solve the problem of environmental pollution. The particle size of photocatalyst TiO₂ is relatively large, the specific surface area is small, and the band gap is wider, the utilization of sunlight is very low.But the LaFeO₃ band gap is smaller, the absorption wavelength tends to visible light region, has better catalytic performance. The range of light response can be further expanded by doping modification, therefore, perovskite-type composite oxide LaFeO₃ has a wide application prospect. The main research contents and achievements are as follows:

1. The LaFeO₃ powder was synthesized by hydrothermal method, and adding alcohol amine complexing agent, the LaFeO₃ powder with high purity can be prepared at lower temperature, and the specific surface area can be obtained to enhance the photocatalytic performance.

2. The use of Variable metals Mn, Ce to replace Fe or La, can reduce the band gap, the absorption peak of lanthanum ferrite to visible light movement, improve the utilization of natural light rate.

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