

## PhD Candidate Profile

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Removal of pesticides by Electrochemical Advanced Oxidation Processes

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Pesticides Degradation by Integrated Advanced Oxidation Process, Electrofenton-Ozonation-Oxidation



### Abstract:

The use of pesticides has become an indispensable resource for the control of living organisms that transmit diseases, and, above all, that produce damage to crops. These substances control the attack on crops, reduce the economic losses they produce and help to cope with the current high demand for food (due to the exponential increase suffered by the world population in recent centuries). According to the reports of the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), despite the use of pesticides, a good part of the crops are lost, reaching these losses to assume up to 25% in developed countries. All this leads to frequent and excessive use of pesticides, becoming frequent and to their waste as a source of point and/or diffuse contamination because, after of being applications to the ground or reaching it transported to systems to which they were not intended, such as groundwater and surface water.

Pesticide contamination poses a significant danger to the environment, given the high toxicity and persistence of many of these compounds. This problem has aroused interest in studying in depth the behavior of these compounds in the soil, and how they can minimize their impact on human health and the environment.

Over the last decades techniques have been developed to reduce the effect pesticide contaminant, and among them have been found that the addition of organic waste to the soil, although it does not always constitute a guarantee of control, reduce the mobility and transport of these substances in the environment.

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