

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

Electrochemical Properties of a Titanium-Substituted KVPO₄F Cathode for K-Ion Batteries

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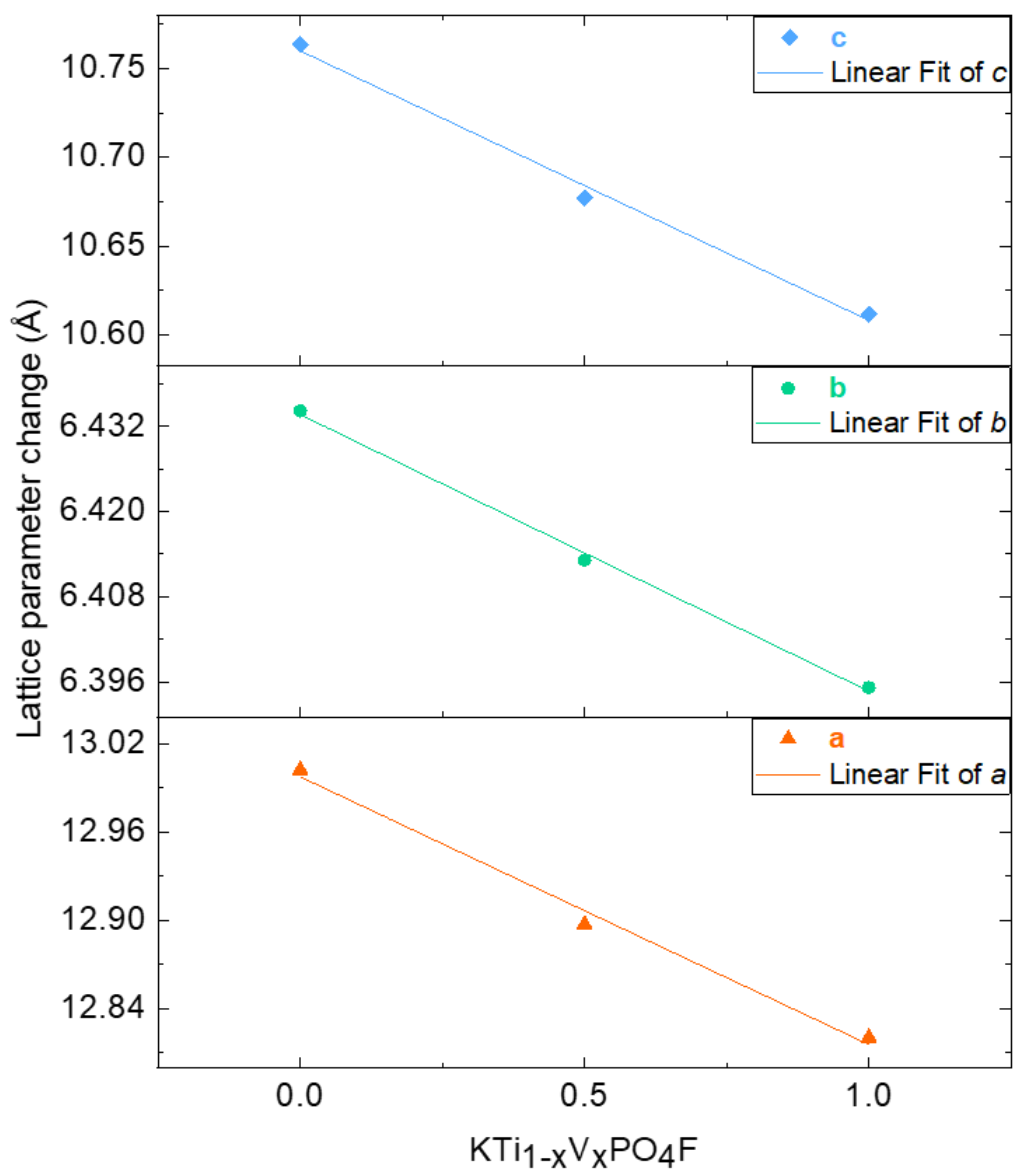


Figure S1. Lattice parameters of $\text{KTi}_{1-x}\text{V}_x\text{PO}_4\text{F}$ obtained by Rietveld refinement.

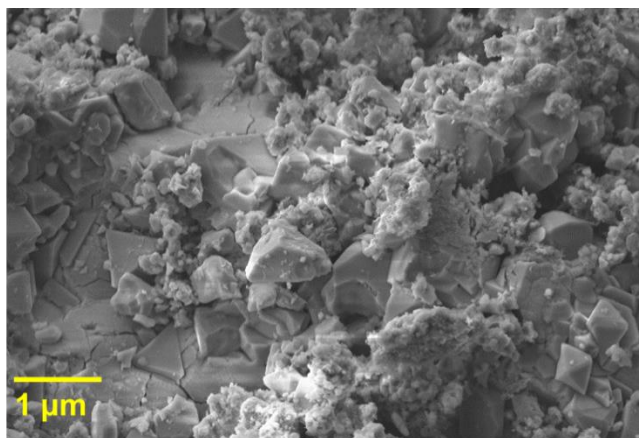


Figure S2. SEM image of as-synthesized KV_{0.5}Ti_{0.5}PO₄F

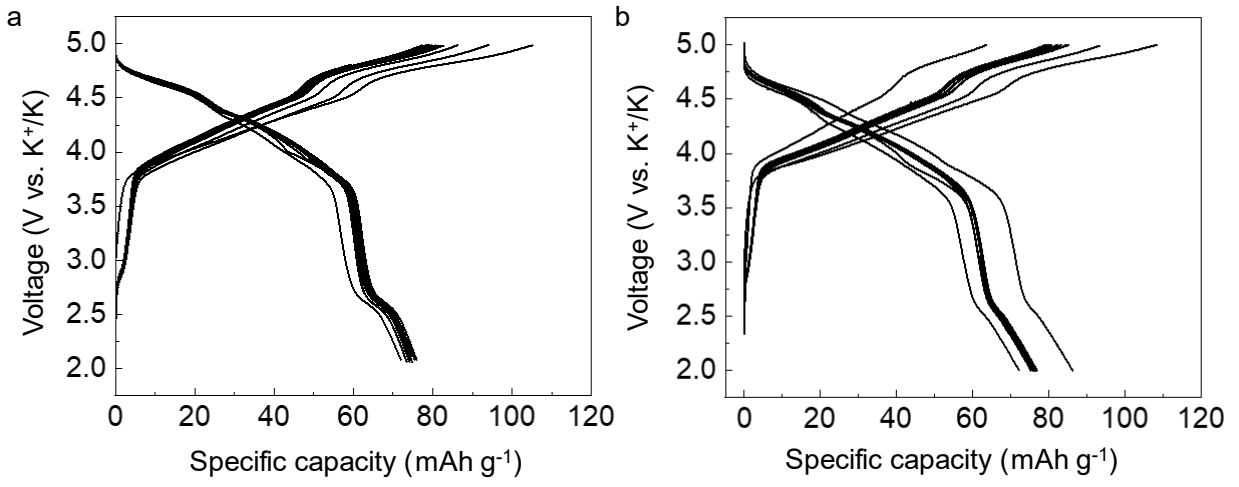


Figure S3. Voltage vs. capacity curves for (a) micron-sized (pristine) and (b) nano-sized (ball-milled) $KV_{0.5}Ti_{0.5}PO_4F$ at C/10 for 10 cycles

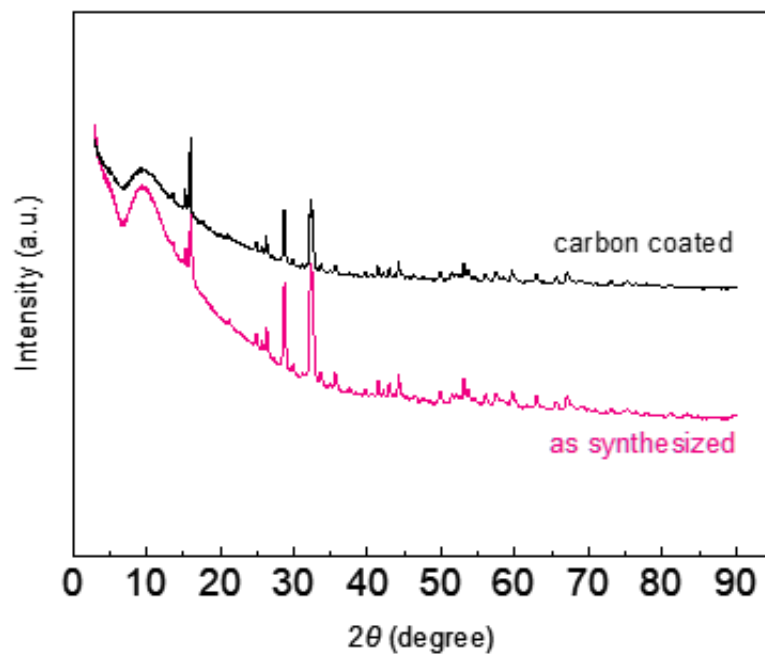


Figure S4. XRD patterns of KV_{0.5}Ti_{0.5}PO₄F before and after carbon coating

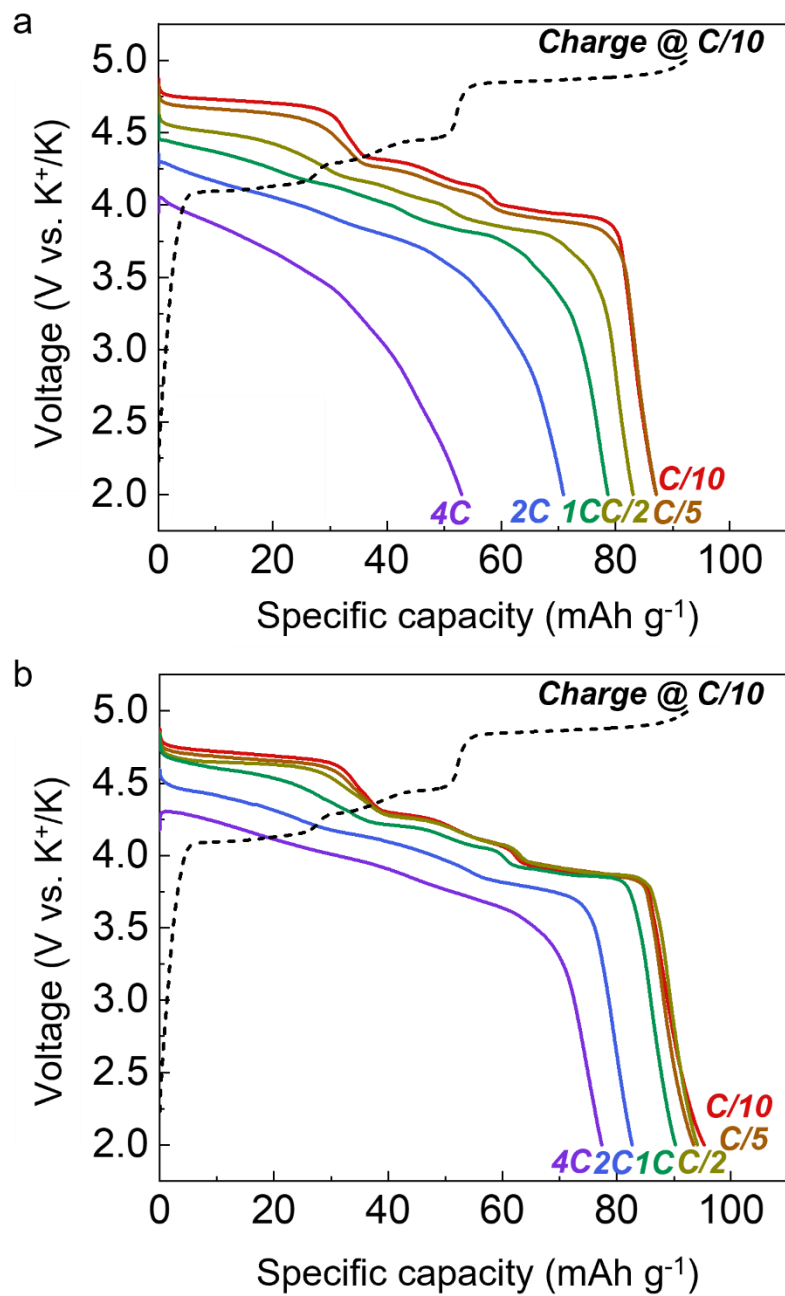


Figure S5. Discharge rate capability of KVPO₄F/C at (a) 25°C and (b) 35°C. The cells were charged at C/10 after each discharge.

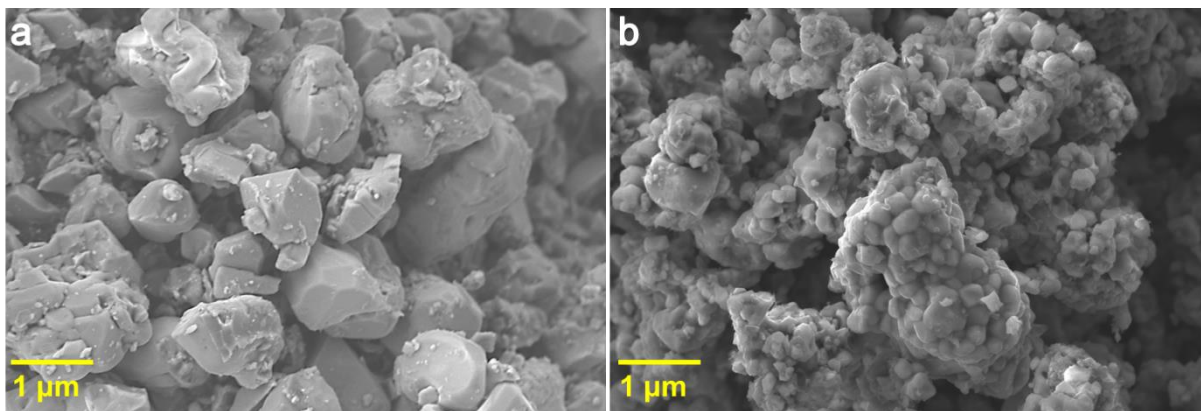


Figure S6. SEM images of (a) as-synthesized and (b) carbon-coated KVPO₄F

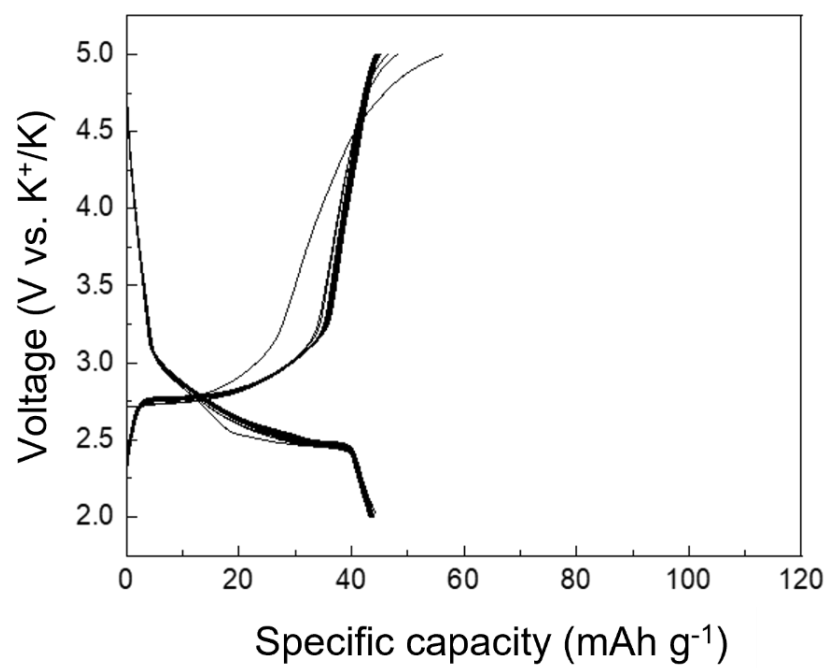


Figure S7. Voltage profile (10 cycles) of KTiPO₄F/C at C/10

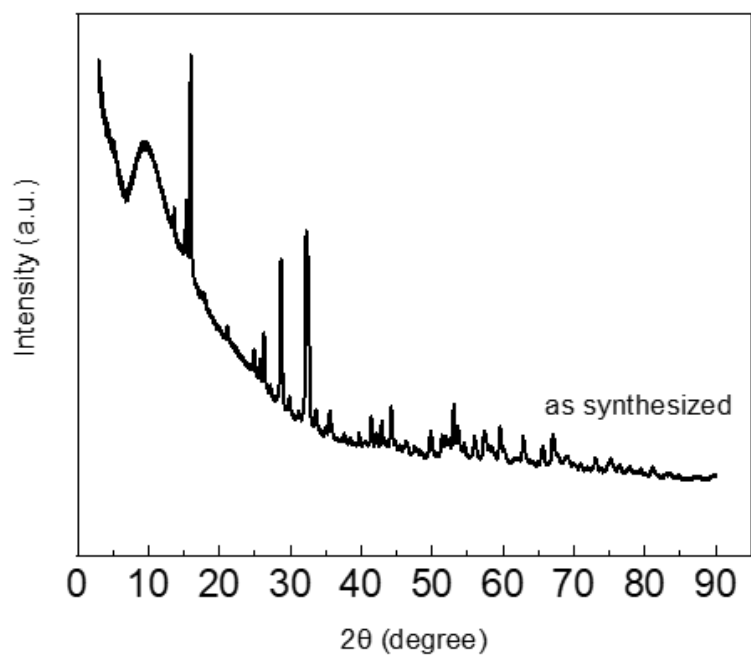


Figure S8. XRD pattern of as-synthesized KTiPO₄F

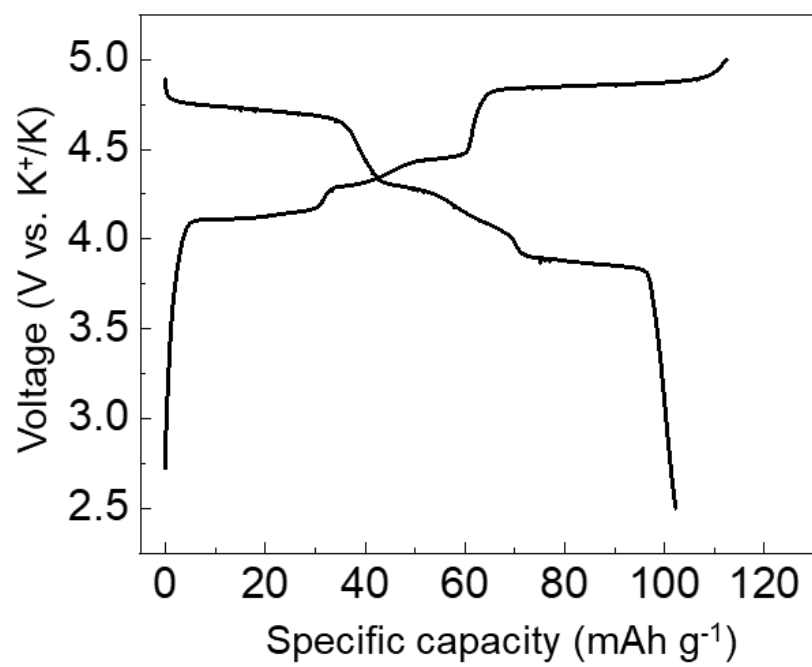


Figure S9. Voltage vs. capacity of KVPO₄F/C at C/10 (the second cycle)

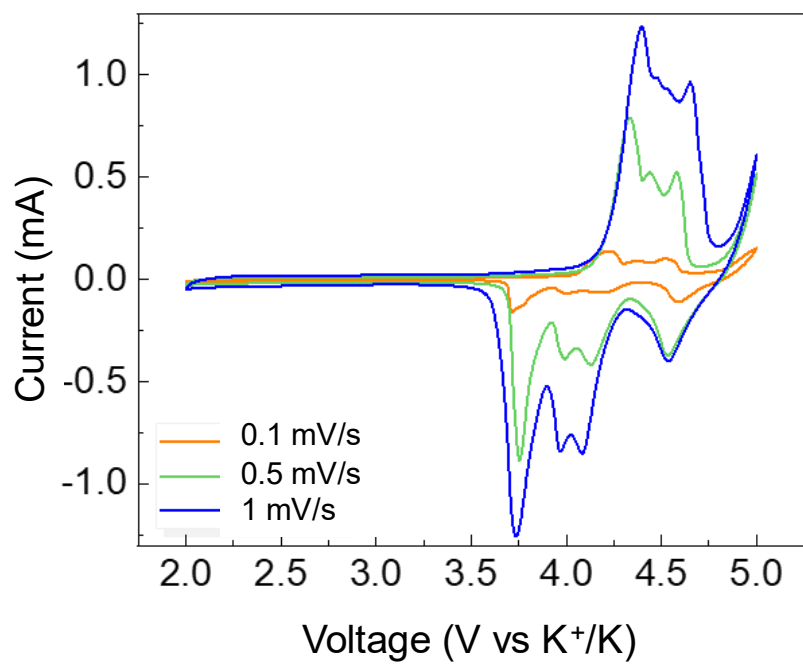


Figure S10. CV of KVPO₄F/C at different scan rates

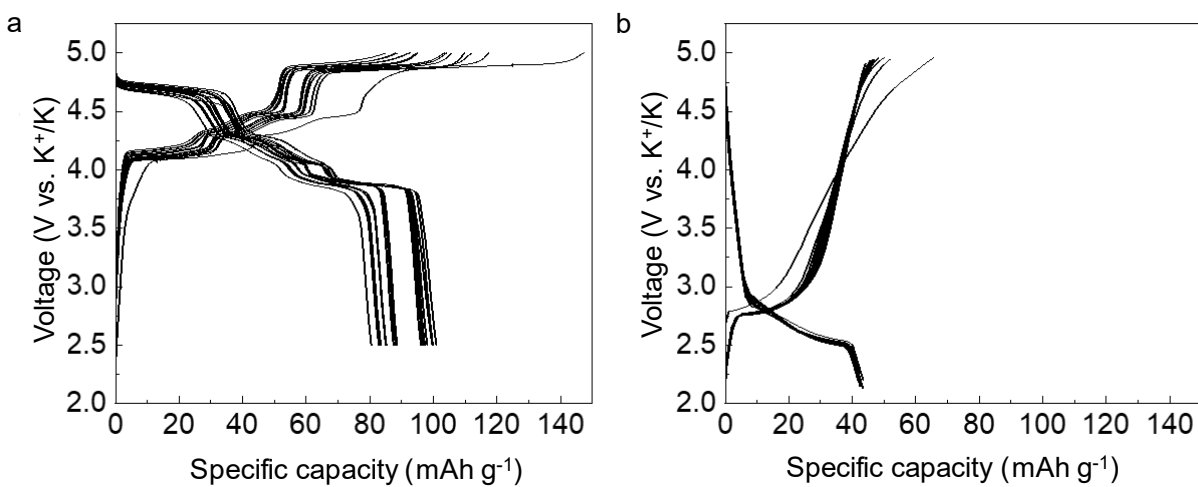


Figure S11. The voltage vs. capacity curves of (a) KVPO₄F and (b) KTiPO₄F at C/10 for 30 cycles.

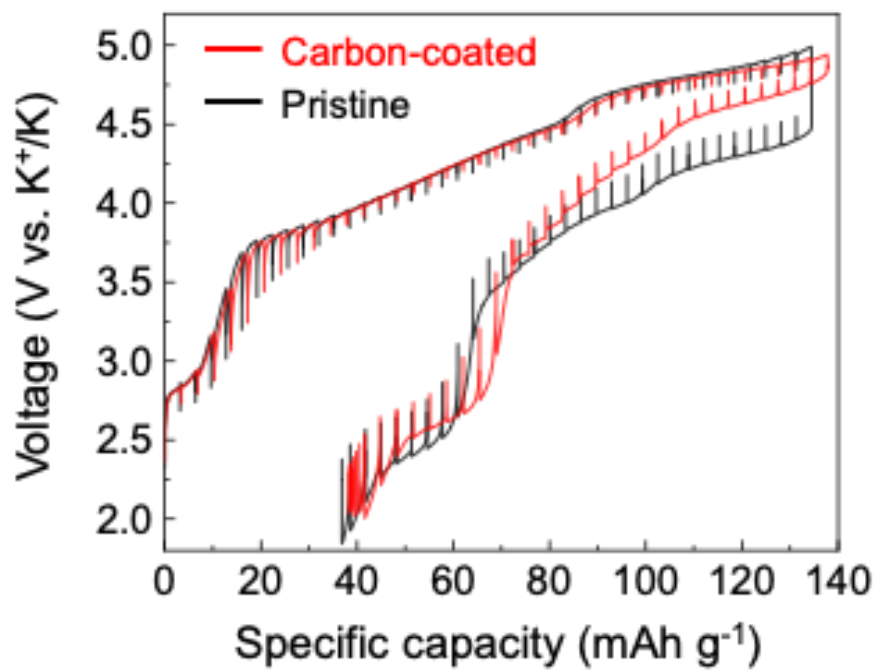


Figure S12. Calculated chemical diffusion coefficients of $\text{KTi}_{0.5}\text{V}_{0.5}\text{PO}_4\text{F}/\text{C}$ and $\text{KTi}_{0.5}\text{V}_{0.5}\text{PO}_4\text{F}$ upon (a) charge and (d) discharge.

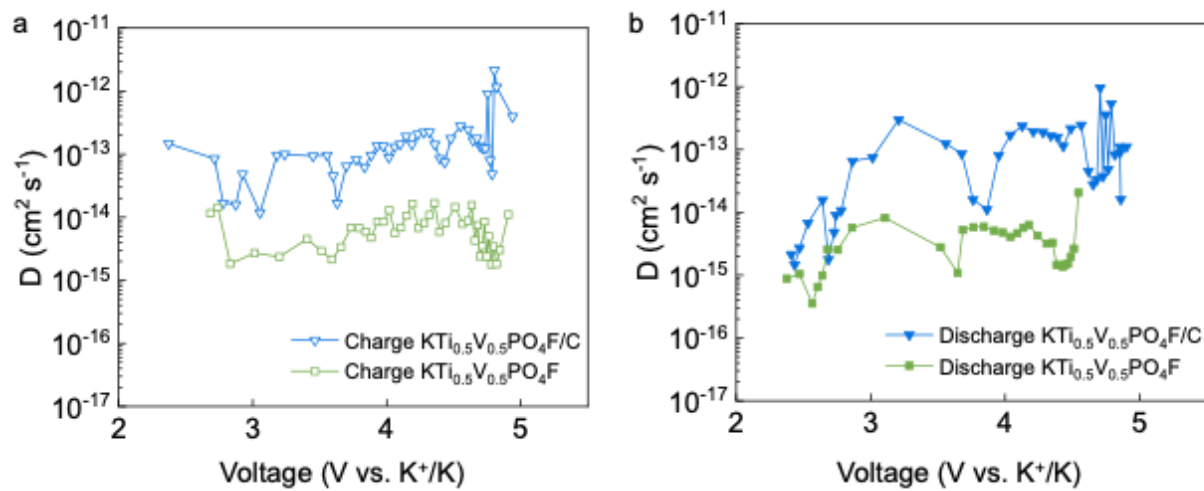


Figure S13. Calculated chemical diffusion coefficients of $\text{KTi}_{0.5}\text{V}_{0.5}\text{PO}_4\text{F}/\text{C}$ and $\text{KTi}_{0.5}\text{V}_{0.5}\text{PO}_4\text{F}$ upon (a) charge and (d) discharge.

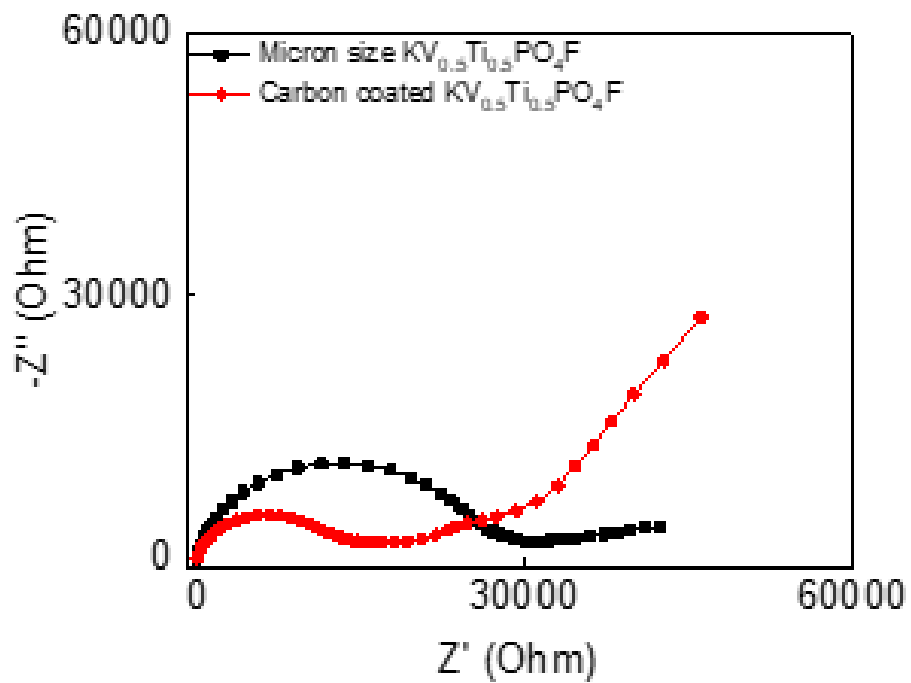


Figure S14. Nyquist plots for two K metal half cells with the carbon-coated and pristine $KTi_{0.5}V_{0.5}PO_4F$ cathodes (after one C/5 cycle).

Table S1. Crystallographic data obtained from Rietveld refinement for $\text{KTi}_{0.5}\text{V}_{0.5}\text{PO}_4\text{F}$.

Formula	$\text{KTi}_{0.5}\text{V}_{0.5}\text{PO}_4\text{F}$
Space group	$Pna2_1$
a, Å	12.8911
b, Å	6.411
c, Å	10.665
V, Å³	881.4067
Radiation	X-rays, Cu-K α , $\lambda_1 = 1.540598$ Å, $\lambda_2 = 1.54433$ Å
Two theta range, step, deg.	10–75, 0.01
R_E, %	0.71987
R_p, R_{wp}, %	8.02992, 12.55658

Atom	Wyckoff position	Atomic position			Occupancy
		x	y	z	
K0	4a	0.10325	0.70147	0.06001	1
K1	4a	0.12164	0.27556	0.80093	1
V2	4a	0.11553	0.99470	0.50315	0.5
V3	4a	0.24666	0.24953	0.25214	0.5
Ti2	4a	0.11553	0.99470	0.50315	0.5
Ti3	4a	0.24666	0.24953	0.25214	0.5
P4	4a	0.00124	0.83393	0.75416	1
P5	4a	0.18045	0.49762	0.50419	1
O6	4a	0.01019	0.02722	0.37057	1
O7	4a	0.01634	0.98539	0.64401	1
O8	4a	0.09415	0.30214	0.23167	1
O9	4a	0.09759	0.69671	0.77284	1
O10	4a	0.11115	0.30836	0.53029	1
O11	4a	0.11218	0.68635	0.47816	1
O12	4a	0.24673	0.95382	0.89279	1
O13	4a	0.24907	0.03340	0.11931	1
F14	4a	0.23030	0.98003	0.62994	1
F15	4a	0.23099	0.02362	0.38101	1

Note that the reference structure for Rietveld refinement was obtained from computation that assumes equal population of K over the two K sites and equal population of transition metals over the two transition metal sites per formula unit. The difference between observed and calculated peak intensities in Figure 1 in the manuscript implies that K, Ti, and V in synthesized $\text{KTi}_{0.5}\text{V}_{0.5}\text{PO}_4\text{F}$ may have different site occupancies from the reference structure.