Supplementary Information

FT-IR Spectroscopy Analysis

Comparative FT-IR spectroscopy was conducted to investigate the surface functional groups and interfacial interactions in the graphene-coated K₂FeO₄ composite. The typical infrared spectral characteristic peak of the composite appears at around 805 cm⁻¹. A key observation is that, compared to pure K₂FeO₄, this Fe-O characteristic peak exhibits reduced intensity, narrower width, and a distinct shift to a lower wavenumber (redshift). This redshift suggests a modification of the Fe=O bond environment, which is consistent with a strong electronic interaction at the interface, potentially including electron donation from graphene to K₂FeO₄ that contributes to the enhanced stability of the composite.

The characteristic peaks of the composite include the strongest Fe–O bond feature at 780 cm⁻¹, a residual nitrate N–O bond peak at 1236 cm⁻¹, and a peak around 3163 cm⁻¹ for the H–O bond of free water. Compared to the pristine K₂FeO₄, the major functional groups are largely preserved. Additionally, two new diffraction peaks appear at 1600 cm⁻¹ and 3683 cm⁻¹, which are close to the characteristic peaks of pure graphene, suggesting that graphene functional groups have been successfully incorporated onto the surface of the K₂FeO₄ solid.

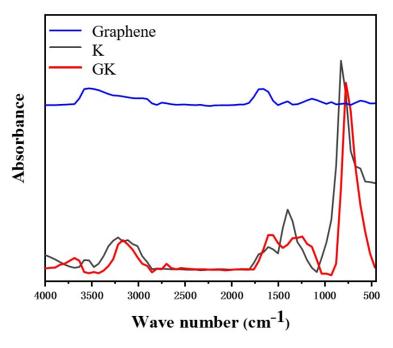


Fig. 1 FT-IR spectra of graphene, unmodified K₂FeO₄(K), and graphene-modified K₂FeO₄(GK)

X-ray Diffraction Analysis

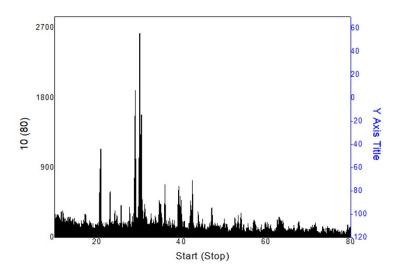


Fig.2 X-ray Diffraction (XRD) pattern of graphene-modified K₂FeO₄(GK)

Successful Coating Formation: The disappearance of the sharp GO peak at $\sim 10.0^{\circ}$ and the emergence of a broad RGO halo at $\sim 24.0^{\circ}$ quantitatively confirm the reduction of GO and the formation of a poorly ordered, few-layer graphene coating. The calculated d-spacing change from ~ 0.88 nm to ~ 0.37 nm provides a key numerical parameter evidencing this transformation.

Crystallite Size Integrity: Application of the Debye-Scherrer equation to the main K_2FeO_4 peaks shows that the average crystallite size remains statistically unchanged after coating. This quantifies that the dramatic surface roughening seen in SEM is due to the graphene deposition and not an alteration of the primary K_2FeO_4 particles.

Phase Purity Assessment: The low intensity of the impurity peak at $\sim 23.5^{\circ}$ relative to the main K_2FeO_4 peaks provides a semi-quantitative metric for the material's high purity.