

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2005: Ph.D. Organic Chemistry, Harvard University

2000: B.A. Chemistry *Summa Cum Laude*, Rice University

APPOINTMENTS

2024-present: Professor of Chemistry, Stanford University

2023-present: Fellow, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research

2023-present: Advisor, Dioxcycle, SAS

2019-present: Director, TomKat Center for Sustainable Energy, Stanford University

2019-present: Co-Founder, Board Member, Chief Scientific Advisor, ReSource Chemical

2018-present: Senior Fellow, Precourt Institute for Energy

2017-present: Co-Founder and Board Member, Aza Technology

2017-2023: Associate Professor of Chemistry, Stanford University

2009-2017: Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Stanford University

2005-2009: NIH Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Inorganic Chemistry, MIT

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (full list available in [Google Scholar profile](#))

Thermal Ca²⁺/Mg²⁺ Exchange Reactions to Synthesize CO₂ Removal Materials. Chen, Kanan* *Nature*, **2025**, *in press*.

Toughening Poly(lactic acid) without Compromise – Statistical Copolymerization with a Bioderived Bicyclic Lactone. Sanchez, Woroch, Dumas, Waymouth*, Kanan* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2025**, *ASAP*.

Accurate and Efficient Structure Elucidation from Routine One-Dimensional NMR Spectra Using Multi-Task Maching Learning. Hu, Chen, Rotskoff*, Kanan*, Markland* *ACS Cent. Sci.*, **2024**, *10*, 2162-2170.

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A Semi-Crystalline Furanic Polyamide Made from Renewable Feedstocks. Woroch, Cox, Kanan* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2023**, *145*, 697-705.

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Microstructural Origin of Locally Enhanced CO₂ Electroreduction Activity on Gold. Mariano, Kang, Wahab, McPherson, Rabinowitz, Unwin*, Kanan* *Nat. Mater.*, **2021**, *20*, 1000-1006.

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Phase Behavior that Enables Solvent-Free Carbonate-Promoted Furoate Carboxylation. Frankhouser, Kanan* *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.*, **2020**, *11*, 7544-7551.

Point-of-Care Analysis of Blood Ammonia with a Gas-Phase Sensor. Veltman, Tsai, Gomez-Ospina, Kanan*, Chu* *ACS Sensors*, **2020**, *5*, 2415–2421.

A Closed Cycle for Esterifying Aromatic Hydrocarbons with CO₂ and Alcohol. Xiao, Chant, Frankhouser, Chen, Yau, Washton, Kanan* *Nat. Chem.*, **2019**, *11*, 940–947.

Carbon Monoxide Gas Diffusion Electrolysis that Produces Concentrated C₂ Products with High Single-Pass Conversion. Ripatti, Veltman*, Kanan* *Joule*, **2019**, *3*, 240–256.

Selective Increase in CO₂ Electroreduction Activity at Grain Boundary Surface Terminations. Mariano, McKelvey, White, Kanan* *Science* **2017**, *358*, 1187–1192.

A Scalable Carboxylation Route to Furan-2,5-Dicarboxylic Acid. Dick, Frankhouser, Banerjee, Kanan* *Green Chem.* **2017**, *19*, 2966–2972.

Carbon Dioxide Utilization via Carbonate-Promoted C–H Carboxylation. Banerjee, Dick, Yoshino, Kanan* *Nature* **2016**, *531*, 215–219.

Electroreduction of Carbon Monoxide to Liquid Fuel on Oxide-Derived Nanocrystalline Copper. Li, Ciston, Kanan* *Nature* **2014**, *508*, 504–507.

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Electrochemical Cell for the Production of Concentrated Liquid Product Streams from the Reduction of CO and/or CO₂. Kanan, Ripatti, Veltman, US Patent 11,479,871 (2022).

Carbonate-Promoted Carboxylation Reactions for the Synthesis of Valuable Organic Compounds. Kanan, Banerjee, US Patent 10,160,740 (2018).

Rapid Small-Volume Detection of Blood Ammonia. Veltman, Tsai, Kanan, Chu, US Patent 9,625,443 (2017).

Catalysts for Low Temperature Electrolytic CO₂ or CO Reduction. Li, Chen, Kanan, US Patent 9,255,355 (2016).

SERVICE

2022-present: Member of the Council for the Stanford Sustainability Accelerator and Member of the Advisory Board for Stanford Energy Postdoctoral Fellowships.

2022-present: External Advisory Board Member, US DOE CO₂ Reduction and Upgrading (CRU) Consortium.

2019-2024: Review panelist for seven US DOE funding programs: IEDO Emission Intensive Industries Program, SETO Concentrating Solar-Thermal Power, EERE Scale-Up and Conversion, EERE/BETO CO₂ to Fuels, CO₂ Utilization, National Lab CO₂ Feasibility Study, and Electro-Microbial CO₂ Conversion Programs.

2017-2018: Member of the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Developing a Research Agenda for the Utilization of Gaseous Carbon Waste Streams. *Gaseous Carbon Waste Streams Utilization: Status and Research Needs* published October 18, 2018.

2017-present: Director of Stanford Chemistry Summer Undergraduate Research Program

2017: Guest Editor for the Energy Section of *Current Opinion in Chemical Biology*