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Summary

I am excited when physical and mathematical principles help explain the behavior and evolution of cells, organisms and ecosystems. When possible, I strive to connect theory and laboratory experiments to real-world environments. I am focused on Earth's carbon cycle and working towards quantitative understanding of the metabolic rates of spatially-structured microbial communities in 3D environments like soils. Beyond understanding, we must also build technologies that erase our impacts on the Earth. I apply synthetic biology towards developing an engineered microbial agriculture with radically reduced land, water and emissions.

Education

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

PHD, MOLECULAR AND CELL BIOLOGY

2013 - 2019

- Dissertation: "Analysis and Reconstitution of a Bacterial CO₂-Concentrating Mechanism"; Advisor: Prof. David Savage

Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

B.S.E., COMPUTER SCIENCE

2003 - 2007

- Graduated *magna cum laude*, certificate in Applied & Computational Mathematics; Thesis advisor: Prof. Kai Li

Professional Experience

- 2025- **Asst. Prof. & Head of The Laboratory of Environmental Microbiology**, The Rockefeller University
- 2020-2024 **Postdoctoral Scholar in Biology & Bioengineering**, Dianne Newman & Rob Phillips Groups, Caltech
- 2013-2019 **Graduate Student Researcher**, David Savage Group, UC Berkeley
- 2012-2013 **Founding Technical Lead**, Via Transportation, New York City
- 2010-2012 **Pre-doctoral Researcher**, Ron Milo Group, Weizmann Institute, Israel
- 2007-2010 **Software Engineer II**, Google, New York City

Awards & Honors

- 2025-2029 **Irma T. Hirschl Trust**, Career Scientist Award
- 2024-2029 **Burroughs Wellcome Fund**, Careers at the Scientific Interface Transitional Award
- 2023 **Caltech Center for Environmental Microbial Interactions**, CEMI Travel Award
- 2022 **Western Photosynthesis Annual Meeting**, Best Talk Award
- 2021-2024 **Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Foundation**, Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2020 **Caltech Center for Environmental Microbial Interactions**, CEMI Pilot Award
- 2015 **UC Berkeley MCB Department**, Travel Award
- 2019 **American Chemical Society**, Editor's Choice Award (Flamholz et al. Biochem.)
- 2014-2019 **National Science Foundation**, Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2007 **Princeton University Department of Computer Science**, Department Service Award
- 2007 **Elected to Sigma Xi**, Research Honors Society

Publications

^{*}equal contribution, ⁺mentored undergraduate, [^]mentored graduate student

- Lovat S, Ben-Nissan R, Milshtein E, Leger D, **Flamholz AI**, Tzachor A, Noor E, Milo R. *Electro-microbial production technology: economic viability and environmental implications*. Nature Biotechnology. 2025; doi:10.1038/s41587-025-02632-w
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- Wang RZ[^], Nichols RJ, Liu AK, **Flamholz AI**, Artier J, Banda DM, Savage DF, Eiler JM, Shih PM, Fischer WW. *Carbon isotope fractionation by an ancestral rubisco suggests biological proxies for CO₂ through geologic time should be re-evaluated*. PNAS. 2023; 120: e2300466120. doi:10.1073/pnas.2300466120
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- Lammers NC, **Flamholz AI**, Garcia HG. *Competing constraints shape the nonequilibrium limits of cellular decision-making*. PNAS. 2023;120: e2211203120 doi:10.1073/pnas.2211203120
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Highlighted by Phys.org, Caltech News, & InnovativeGenomics.org.
- Flamholz AI**, Saccomano S, Cash K, Newman DK. *Optical O₂ Sensors Also Respond to Redox Active Molecules Commonly Secreted by Bacteria*. MBio. 2022; e0207622. doi:10.1128/mbio.02076-22
- Chure G⁺, Banks RA⁺, **Flamholz AI**, Sarai NS, Kamb M, Lopez-Gomez I, Bar-On Y, Milo R, Phillips R. Anthroponumbers.org: A quantitative database of human impacts on Planet Earth. Patterns. 2022;3: 100552. doi:10.1016/j.patter.2022.100552
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- Sender R, Bar-On YM, Gleizer S, Bernshtein B, **Flamholz AI**, Phillips R, Milo R. *The total number and mass of SARS-CoV-2 virions*. PNAS. 2021;118: e2024815118. doi:10.1073/pnas.2024815118
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Commentary by Franklin & Jonikas in ELife, highlighted in Nature, Faculty Opinions.
- Davidi D, Shamshoum M, Guo Z, Bar-On YM, Prywes N, Oz A, Jablonska J, **Flamholz AI**, Wernick DG, Antonovsky N, De Pins B, Shachar L, Hochhauser D, Peleg Y, Albeck S, Sharon I, Mueller-Cajar O, Milo R. *Highly active rubiscos discovered by systematic interrogation of natural sequence diversity*. EMBO Journal. 2020;39: e104081. doi:10.15252/embj.2019104081
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Funded Research Proposals

- June 2025. *Towards a microbial platform for sustainable production*. **Rockefeller SNF Institute** Idea Grant.
- January 2025. *Understanding and engineering microbial contributions to the global carbon cycle*. **Irma T. Hirsch Trust** Careers Scientist Award.
- June 2023. *Predicting microbial CO₂ production in global soils*. **Burroughs Wellcome Fund** Careers at the Scientific Interface Transitional Fellowship.
- February 2023. *Predicting the Fate of Carbon in Soils using Language Models on Sequence Data from Microbial Communities*. **Schmidt Academy for Software Engineering**. With W. Fischer; supporting Philippa Richter for 2 years.
- July 2021. *Developing bacterial biofilms as a model for predicting tissue metabolism*. **Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Foundation** Postdoctoral Fellowship.
- September 2020. *Experimental and theoretical approaches to studying the physiology of single cells in structured environments*. **Caltech Center for Emerging Microbial Interactions** Pilot Grant.
- May 2020. *Early detection of COVID-19 reemergence via wastewater surveillance of SARS-CoV-2* written with Profs. Kara Nelson & Jill Banfield's groups. **Innovative Genomics Institute at UC Berkeley** Rapid Response COVID-19 Research Grant.
- September 2018. *Mapping sequence-function landscapes to isolate improved Rubiscos* with Prof. David Savage. **National Science Foundation** award #1818377
- September 2013. *Interrogating Overflow Metabolism with Laboratory Evolution* **National Science Foundation** Graduate Research Fellowship

Presentations

SELECT INVITED TALKS

- 10/2025 - Memorial Sloan Kettering, Computational Biology & Medicine Seminar
- 07/2025 - Metabolic Pathway Analysis Conference, University of Vienna
- 04/2025 - Ohio State University Department of Microbiology

03/2025 - ENIGMA Group at Rutgers University
 03/2025 - Yale University Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology
 03/2025 - Economic Principles in Cell Physiology online forum
 11/2024 - The Salk Institute
 11/2024 - USC Systems Biology Graduate Course
 11/2024 - USC Department of Marine and Environmental Sciences
 10/2024 - Joint BioEnergy Institute
 5/2024 - Caltech Center for Evolutionary Science
 4/2024 - Southern CA Annual Geobiology Meeting
 04/2024 - MIT Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
 03/2024 - The Rockefeller University
 03/2024 - American Physical Society March Meeting, Quantitative Physiology Section
 02/2024 - Stanford University Department of Bioengineering
 02/2024 - Harvard Medical School Department of Systems Biology
 02/2024 - The Rockefeller University
 11/2023 - Caltech Division of Geology and Planetary Sciences
 03/2023. *Engineering microbes to learn about the Earth: lessons for the global carbon cycle*
 MIT Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences (Invited)
 07/2022 - CCM10 Conference, Princeton University (Invited)
 03/2022 - Western Photosynthesis Conference. *Awarded "best talk."*
 07/2021 - Microbial Ecology and Evolution Summer Course, Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics at UC Santa Barbara.
 08/2020 - Australian National University Department of Plant Biology (virtual).
 07/2020 - York University Department of Plant Biology (virtual).
 07/2018 - International Geobiology Course, Catalina Island, CA (Invited).
 05/2017 - Amyris Inc, Emeryville, CA.
 11/2013 - UCSF Theory Lunch.
 09/2013 - Metabolic Pathway Analysis Conference, Oxford University, UK.

Teaching Experience

Fall 2024	The history and future of atmospheric dioxygen , Co-teaching with Woody Fischer	Caltech
Sum. 2019	The Microverse , Introduction to microscopy & programming, Clubes de Ciencia	Monterrey, MX
Spring 2016	Biochemistry: Pathways, Mechanisms, and Regulation , Graduate Student Instructor	UC Berkeley
Sum. 2015	QB3 Python Programming Bootcamp , Teaching Assistant	UC Berkeley
Fall 2015	General Microbiology , Graduate Student Instructor	UC Berkeley
Fall 2011	English as a Second Language , Mesila program for refugees	Tel Aviv, Israel
Fall 2009	Introduction to Programming, 5th-8th Grades , Citizen Schools Volunteer	Brooklyn, NY
2005-2007	Head laboratory teaching assistant for intro courses , Dept. of Computer Science	Princeton

Formal Mentorship

2025	Albert Li , Chemers Neustein SURF Summer Student	Rockefeller
2025-	James Wang , Graduate Student	Rockefeller
2025-	Sophia Adami-Sampson , Research Assistant	Rockefeller
2022-	Philippa Richter , Schmidt Scholar in in the Fischer Lab	Caltech
2022	Gia Han Vuong , Caltech CEMI-WAVE Summer Research Fellow in the Newman Lab	Caltech
2021	Elin Larsson , Rotation student in the Newman Lab - <i>joined for PhD</i>	Caltech
2019	Alejandra Zapata , UCB Transfers to Excellence Summer Research Fellow in the Savage Lab	UC Berkeley
2017	Edward Koleski , Rotation student in the Savage Lab	UC Berkeley
2017	Julia Borden , Rotation student in the Savage Lab - <i>joined for PhD</i>	UC Berkeley
2015-2020	Eli Dugan , Savage Lab undergrad & technician - <i>now a PhD student at UCSF Tetrad Program</i>	UC Berkeley
2016-2018	Allen Chen , Savage Lab Undergraduate Researcher - <i>now a PhD student at Caltech</i>	UC Berkeley
2015-2016	Sumedha Ravishankar , Savage Lab Undergrad Researcher - <i>now a postdoc at UCSD</i>	UC Berkeley
2015	Dylan McLung , Rotation student in the Savage Lab	UC Berkeley

Service and Outreach

2011-Present. *Maintain and develop eQuilibrator - the biochemical thermodynamics calculator.* With Elad Noor; 500-1000 students and researchers use eQuilibrator each month. equilibrator.weizmann.ac.il

Summer 2022. *Caltech PCC CEMI-WAVE summer research mentor.* Volunteer mentor for a summer program bringing Pasadena Community College students to Caltech for paid summer research.

Summer 2019. *Clubes de Ciencias, Monterrey, Mexico.* Volunteer teacher. Designed and co-taught “The Microverse” - a one-week course on microscopy and introductory programming for 20 students. With Alejandro Balderas of Tecnológico de Monterrey.

Summer 2019. *UC Berkeley Transfers to Excellence.* Volunteer mentor for a summer program bringing prospective transfer students to UC Berkeley for paid research internships.

2018. *Student representative to Graduate Admissions Committee.* UC Berkeley Department of Molecular and Cell Biology.

2017. *Student representative to “host-microbe interactions” Faculty Search Committee.* UC Berkeley Department of Molecular and Cell Biology.

2017-2019. *Primary organizer of annual 100-person campus-wide symposium “Photosynthesis, Carbon-Fixation and the Environment.”* UC Berkeley.

2017. *Student organizer of Biophysics, Biochemistry and Structural Biology divisional retreat.* UC Berkeley Department of Molecular and Cell Biology.

2013-2017. *Primary organizer of UC Berkeley Systems Biology Reading Group.*

PEER REVIEW

I have refereed papers for *ACS Synthetic Biology*, *Biophysical Journal*, *BioEssays*, *Cell*, *Current Opinion in Chemical Biology*, *ELife*, *Free Radical Biology and Medicine*, *mSystems*, *Nature*, *PLoS One*, *PNAS* and *Science*.

Advisors

B.S.E Junior Research Paper **Prof. Hilary Collier**, Princeton University, Department of Molecular Biology (now UCLA)

B.S.E. Senior Thesis **Prof. Kai Li**, Princeton University, Department of Computer Science

Pre-doctoral Research Mentor **Prof. Ron Milo**, Weizmann Institute for Science, Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences

PhD Mentor **Prof. David Savage**, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Molecular and Cell Biology

Postdoc Co-mentors at Caltech

Prof. Dianne Newman Divisions of Biology & Biological Engineering, Geological and Planetary Science

Prof. Rob Phillips Department of Physics, Division of Biology and Biological Engineering

Woodward Fischer, Professor of Geobiology, California Institute of Technology