

# **ECoS Greenhouse Gas Inventory 2019**

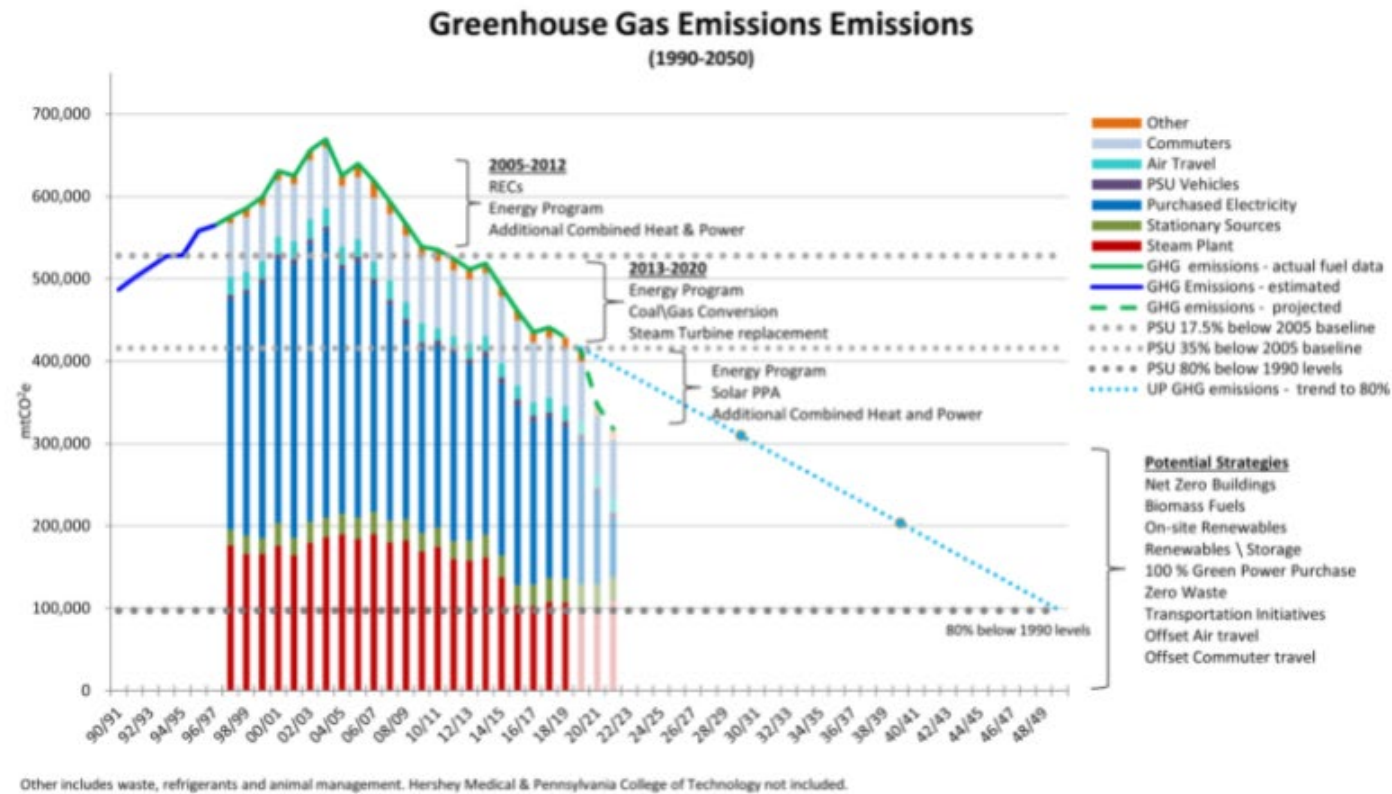
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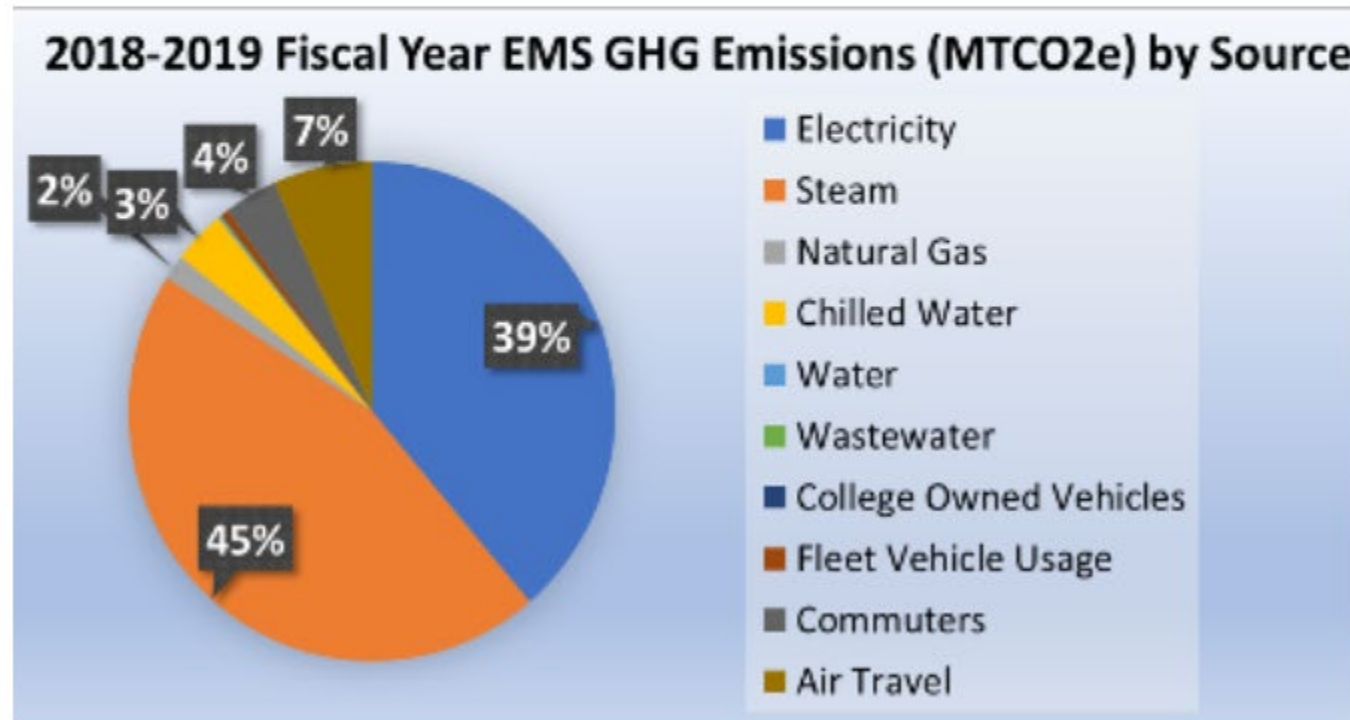
# Inspiration

## 1. The University produces an annual GHG inventory



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## 2. First unit to perform unit-level GHG inventory: **EMS**



# Total ECoS Footprint

ECoS produced...

**28,152 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e**

... of greenhouse gas emissions during 2019

That's equivalent to:

- Driving **6, 100** passenger vehicles continuously for a year
- The carbon sequestered in **34, 500** acres of forest over a year
  - $\approx$  **50** Stone Valleys

# GHG Emissions Sources

- **Utilities**

- Steam
- Electric
- Chilled Water
- Water
- Sewer
- Natural Gas

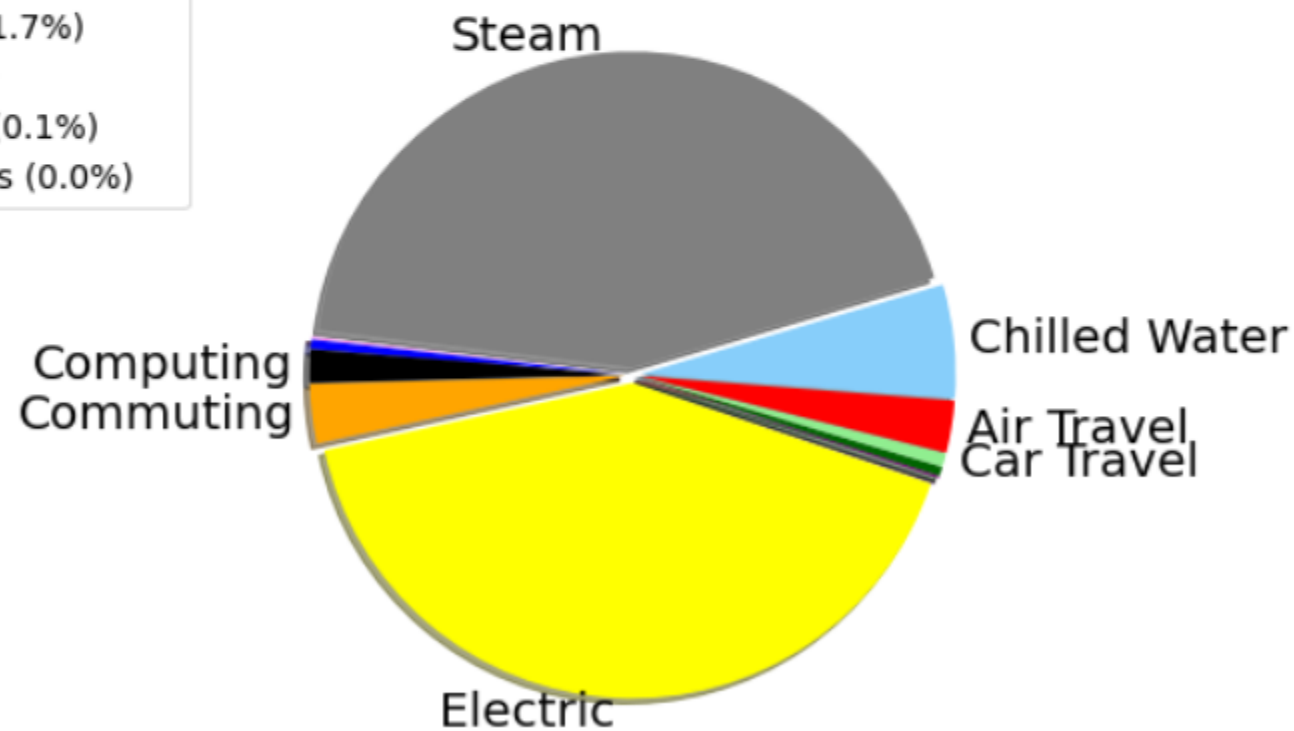
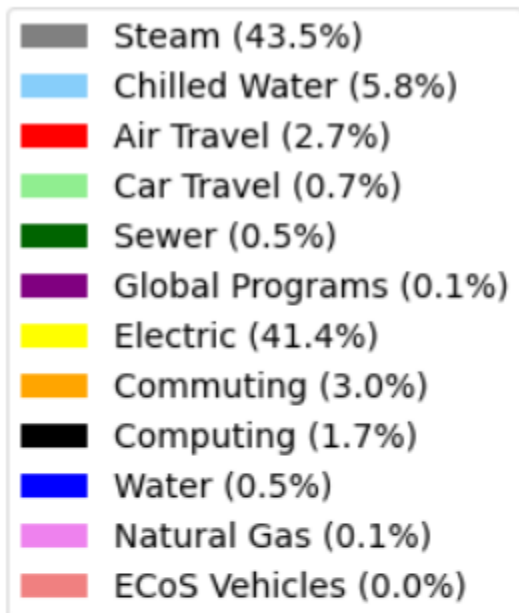
- **Mobile Combustion**

- Air Travel
- Global Programs
- Car Travel
- Commuting
- ECoS Owned Vehicles

- **High Performance Computing**

- **Procurement**

# CY2019 ECoS GHG Emissions by Source



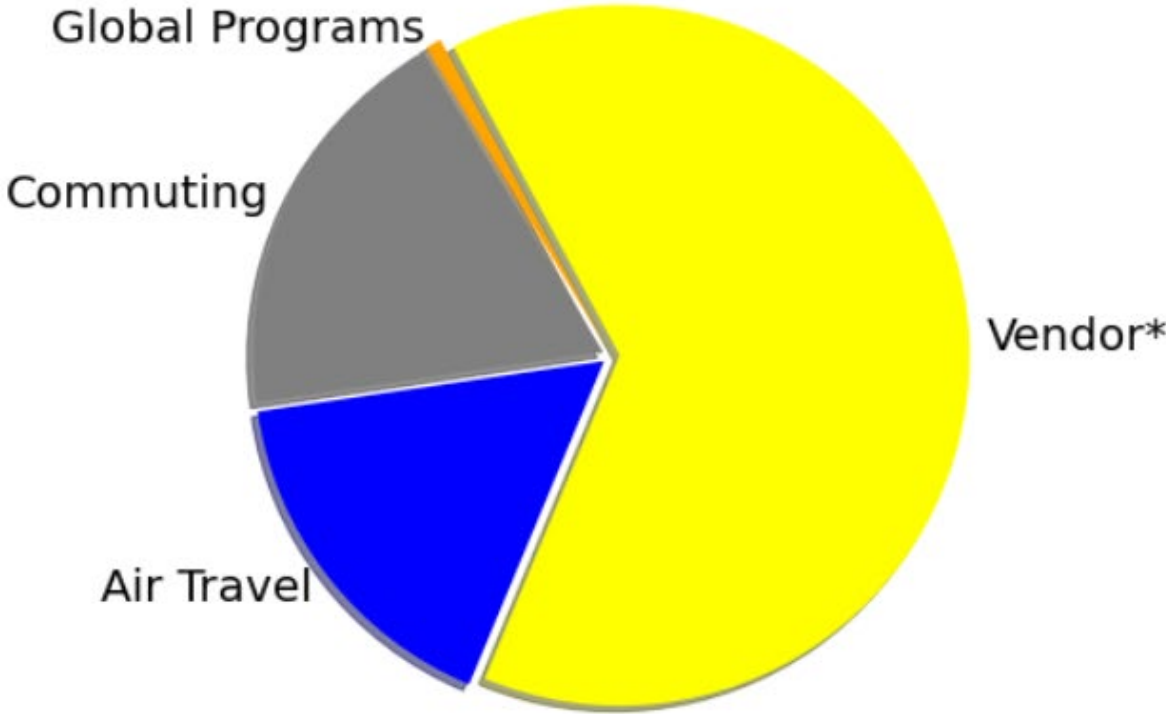
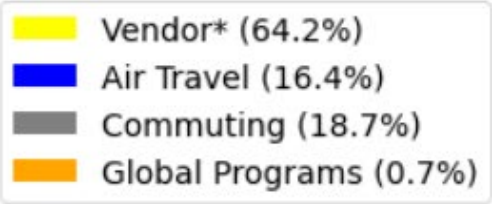
# ECoS Scope 3 Emissions

## Scope 3 Emissions:

- Indirect
- Assets not owned nor controlled by ECoS
- "Value Chain Emissions"
- "Someone else's direct emissions"

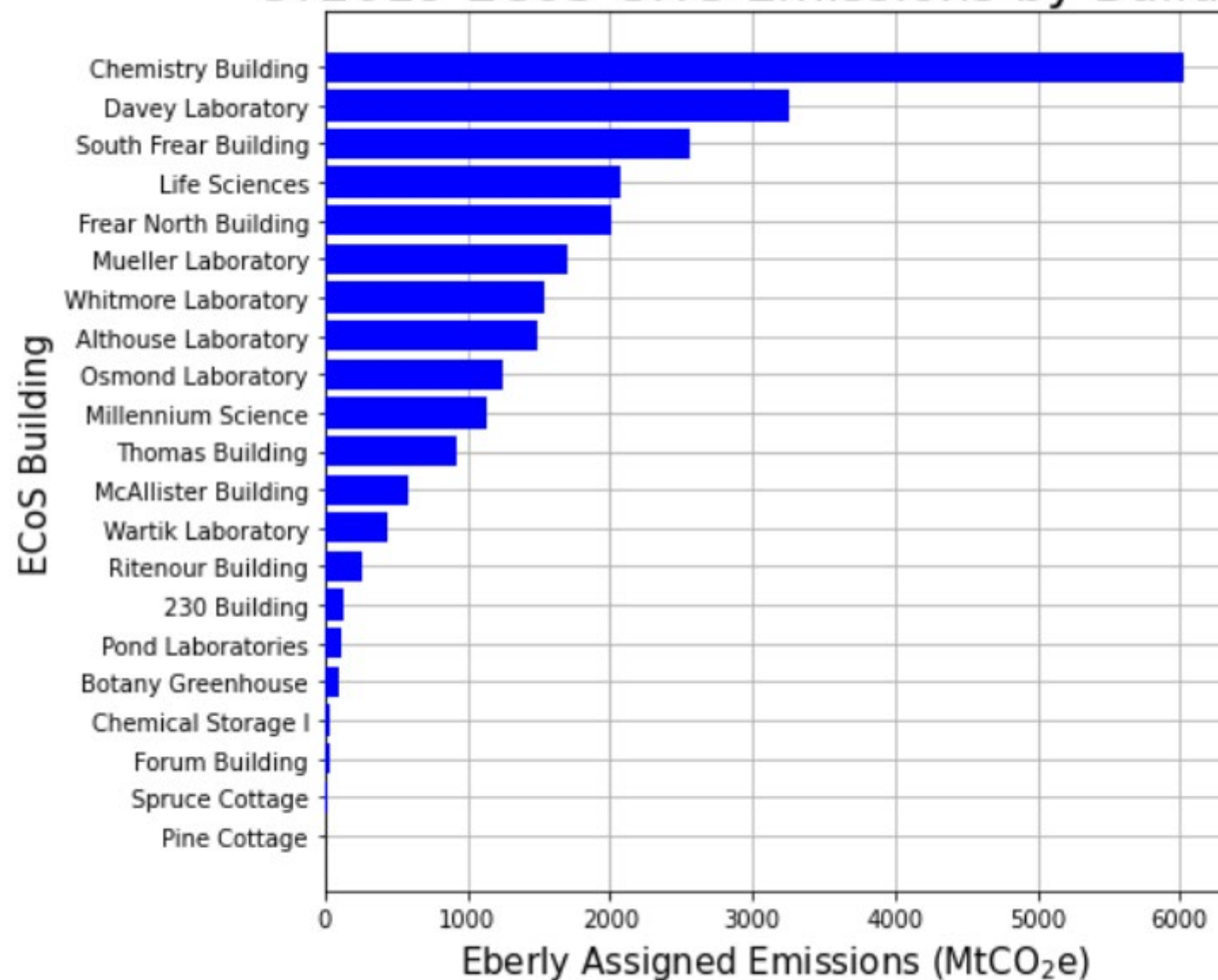


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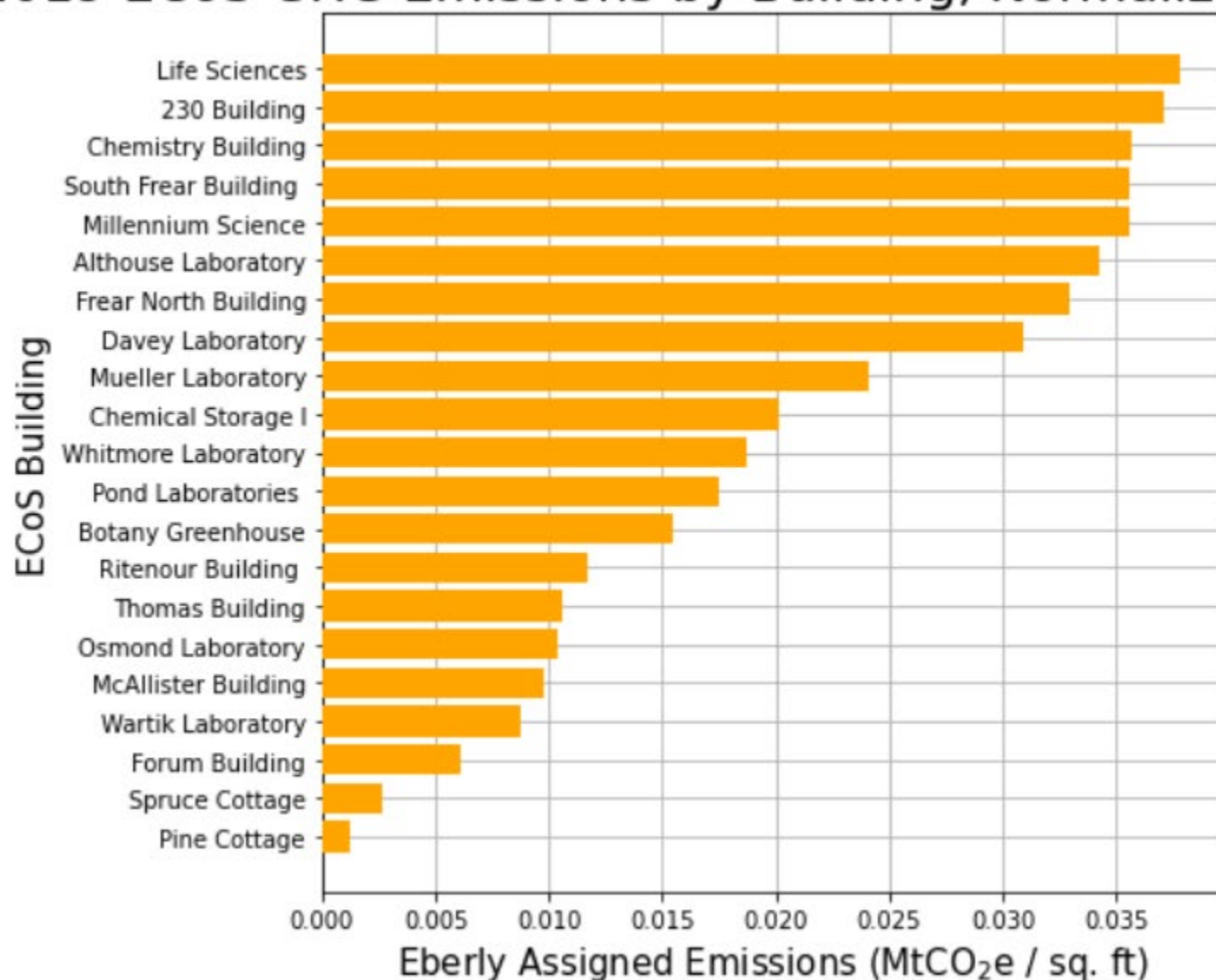


Comparison of ECoS to University Emissions				
Source	University Emissions	ECoS Emissions	Units	ECoS Percentage
Steam Plant	107143	12257	MtCO <sub>2</sub> e	11.4%
Purchased Electricity	184199	13882		7.5%
Stationary Sources	28797	379		1.3%
Campus Vehicles	7220	1		0.0%
Commuting	70716	853		1.2%
Air Travel	19220	781		4.1%
Waste	2558	N/A		N/A
Synthetic Chemicals	7640	N/A		N/A
Animal Management	2467	N/A		N/A
Other	12665	N/A		N/A
Total	442625	28152		6.36%

## CY2019 ECoS GHG Emissions by Building



## CY2019 ECoS GHG Emissions by Building, Normalized by Floor Area



# Procedural

- Procurement
- Scope 3 Guidance
- Pandemic Comparison

# Collaboration

- Sustainable Operations Council
- Drawdown Scholars
- Improved Record Keeping

# Evaluation and Action

- Make this inventory an annual action
- Tie specific actions to the outcomes of future inventories
- Task the ECoS Sustainability Council to guide our actions

# Emissions Reductions

- **Utilities** comprise 91.8% of our footprint
  - Perform space evaluation & survey
  - Should expect this sector to partially reduce over time "for free"
- Scope 3 emissions are smaller, but
  - **Persist** even if UP goes fully renewable
  - Can avoid with better practices
- Sustainable Corporate Engagement
  - Decarbonize our procurement supply chain
  - Partner in drawdown **projects** (like the PPA)
- Encourage **remote/hybrid** work and events



# Emissions Offsets

*Carbon offsets:* a cheap option to offset emissions by funding carbon mitigation projects

- **EMS will be purchasing carbon offsets** to eliminate its carbon footprint
- **ECoS should consider purchasing offsets** related to its Utilities, Air Travel, and Car Travel emissions
- ECoS could **offset** its annual carbon footprint paying just

**\$140,000 – \$560,000\***

\*assuming \$5-\$20 per tonne

# Green Labs

- **Purpose:** encourage sustainable literacy and operations across PSU's labs
- Labs are significantly more energy intensive than office space
- ECoS has the opportunity to pilot this program
- Kristin Dreyer (MRSEC) and Lydia Vandenberg (SI)
- All are welcome to join the meeting tomorrow at 1:00PM

# Sustainable Corporate Engagement

- ECoS spent over \$11,000,000 on supplies and equipment in 2019
- Suppliers have only just started evaluating their environmental and social impacts
- ECoS should **request sustainability snapshots** from its top vendors
- ECoS should strategically **build relationships with suppliers**

# Advocacy at the University Level

- We have varying levels of **control** over our emissions
- University has greater control over emissions factors (Scopes 1 & 2)
- ECoS **cannot wait** for the University to act
- The University acts when it is held accountable

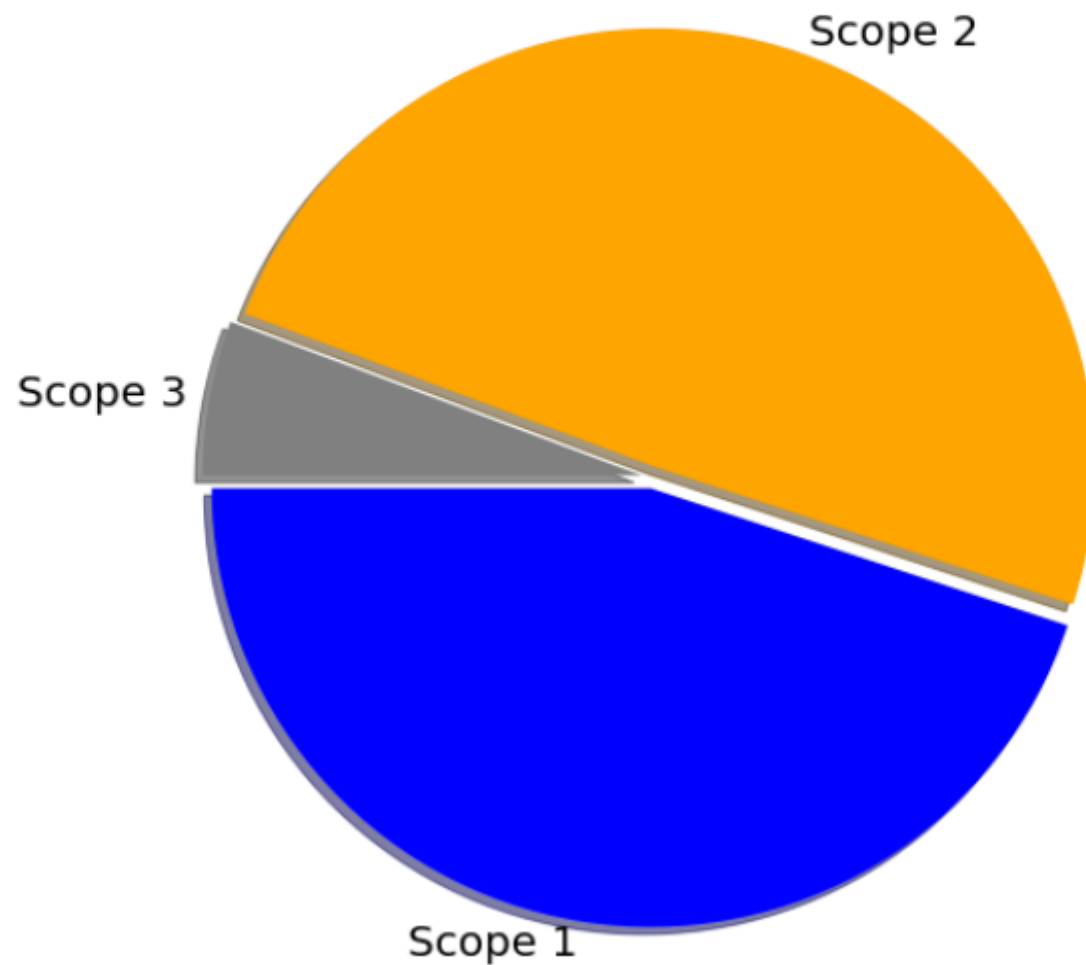
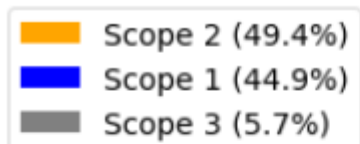
# Education and Leadership

- Student-led initiatives calling for **sustainable education**
- ECoS Sustainability Council mapped SDGs to course syllabi
- Need **guidance** for incorporating sustainability into courses
- Assist other units and institutions with performing their own sustainability snapshots

# GHG Emissions Scopes

- **Scope 1**
  - Direct
  - Burning onsite
  - E.g., Steam, Natural Gas, Reimbursed Car Travel
- **Scope 2**
  - Indirect
  - Purchased utilities
  - E.g., Purchased Electricity, Chilled Water
- **Scope 3**
  - Indirect
  - Everything else
  - E.g., Air Travel, Commuting, Vendor Emissions

## CY2019 ECoS GHG Emissions by Scope



# ECoS Top Vendors

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