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Possible weakness?

Bibliometrics, especially for growing or new groups.

Recognition and surprise

- Geosciences strong
 - Expected: Bjerknes, PGP, CGB, CAGE, CEED, iC3, PHAB
- Chemistry unsatisfactory
 - Surprise? CTCC, Hylleraas?
- Physics: World average (below expectations)
 - Possibly expected?: (PGP), (CMA), Birkeland,
 PoreLab, Quantum Spintronics, Rosseland

- Demoralised by RCN cuts
 - Expected, especially concerning FRIPRO
- Accessibility and affordability of HPC
 - Expected, funding of HPC cycles at Sigma2 is a major problem for quickly growing number of projects needing very intensive HPC
- Funding of research using large international research infrastructures (CERN, ESA)
 - Expected

Interesting observations

- Lack of outreach to general public and schools
 - Crisis in physics and chemistry in schools
- Both high and low fraction of external funding can be problematic for recruitment
- More weight to ethnic and cultural diversity?

Recommendations found important

- Incentives for University Departments to develop
- Stable funding, competitive, but not lottery
- Incentives for gender equality and for diversity
- (Chemistry?)
- Improve outreach (incentives)
- Missing: Scheme for funding Norwegian researchers to study for Ph.D. at world leading universities.