# Quality Assurance of PhD Studies @ IME

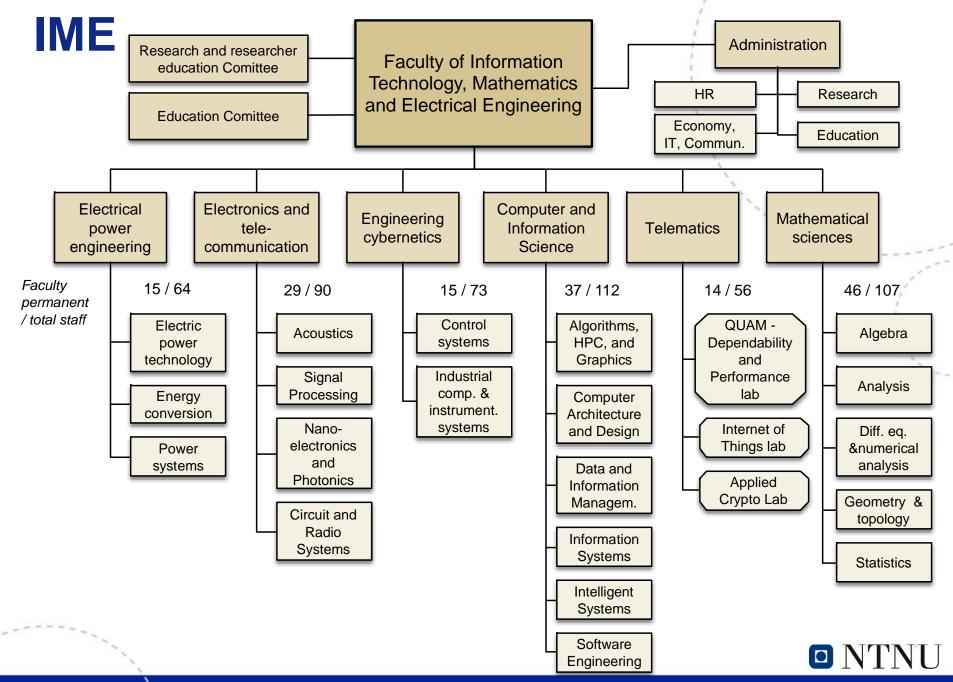
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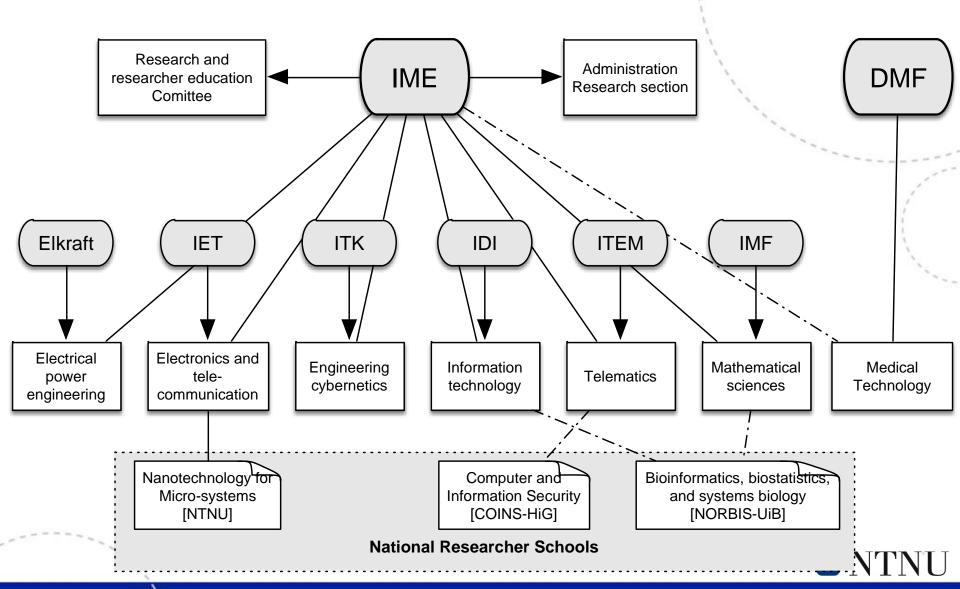
### **Outline**

- Organization
- Some statistics
- The Qualification FrameWork [KRV]
- Quality Assurance activities in IMEs PhD education
- On our agenda





### IME's ph.d. programme participation



# Internasjonalisering av forskerutdanningen

### ■ Mål:

Alle NTNUs ph.d.-kandidater skal være del av et internasjonalt forskningsmiljø, som innbefatter aktiv deltagelse i internasjonale konferanser, publisering i anerkjente internasjonale tidsskrifter med fagfellevurdering og samarbeid med forskningsgrupper i andre land.

### ■ Tiltak:

Ph.d.-programmene skal sikre at det foreligger en plan for internasjonalisering for hver enkelt ph.d.-kandidat og utvikle rutiner for å sikre at planene gjennomføres.



## Means @ IME

- Elements in PhD programmes
  - Plan for recidence abroad
  - Co-op with international research groups
  - Courses at other univ. [Optional], N5T
  - Follow up through annual reporting
- International co-op
  - EU ITN (Innovative Training Networks)
    - **ETN** European Training Networks
    - **EID** European Industrial Doctorates
    - **EJD** European Joint Doctorates
  - Supervision
    - O International co-supervisors
    - O Cotutelle
    - O Joint Degree







### **Avtaler**











Forskningsfelt	Institutt NTNU	Partnerinstitusjon	Veileder NTNU	Del av prosjekt/ finansiering	Land
	ELKRAFT	SUPELEC	Marta Molinas		Frankrike
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telecommunication	IET	Niś (Uniś)	Kimmo Kansanen	NORBAS	serbia
Control systems	ITK	Niś (Uniś)	Morten Hovd	NORBAS	serbia
Information Security	ITEM	Queensland University of Technology	Colin Boyd		Australia
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### Avtaler under arbeid



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Hans Moen		IDI	Turku University	Øystein Nytrø	Evi Ca re	Finland
Mladen Veletić	Digital signal processing	IET	Banja Luka (UBL)	Ilangko Balasingham	NORBAS	Bosnia Herzegovina
Dijana Vuković	Web application security	ITEM	Banja Luka (UBL)	Danilo Gligoroski	NORBAS	Bosnia Herzegovina
	ERCIM				ERCIM	
		IDI	Univesity of Palermo (UNIPA)			

- I tillegg til disse har det kommet 3 øvrige forespørsler vedrørende avtaler om samveiledning.
- Og 2 forespørsler er avsluttet uten at avtale er blitt inngått.



# **Program councils**

- Organization (members appointed by Head of Dept.)
  - Chaired by Dept.'s FU member, i.e., programme manager
  - Department research council; IMF, IDI
  - Dept.'s management team/Sci staff meeting; IET, Elkraft, ITEM, ITK
- Recommends program content;
  - Sci. & tech. development
  - Research strategy
- Courses given by dept.
  - Changes in portfolio
  - QA of PhD topics
- QA of departmental activities
  - PhD education: Activities, infrastructure, supervision, research environment, .....
  - Learning objectives attained? (Cf. KRV)
- Tasks delegated from FU concerning the individual study (to FU-member)
  - Assurance and recommendation of applications
  - Changes of courses taken
  - Approval of individual research plans



# **Excerpt of FU mandate; PhD education**

The research and research training council has as it main objective to promote basic and applied research at IME and develop research in volume and quality.

- It rests with the Committee to
  - Responsible for information exchange and contribute to the establishment of a common "best practice" within
    - O Researcher education
    - O ...
  - ...
- The committee will discuss and make recommendations to the decision-making body at the IME in matters relating to:
  - All matters concerning research training, including
    - O Curricula and startup
    - Quality Monitoring, including evaluation
  - Management of dr.philos
  - Appointment of evaluation committees.
- Delegated decision-making authority in matters related to the PhD programmes:
  - Admission to the PhD program.
  - Approval of changes in curriculum and guidance.



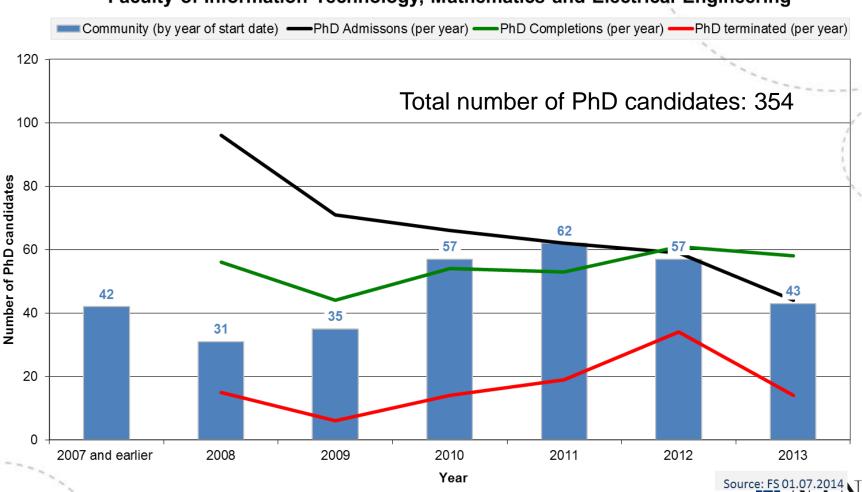
# The PhD community at IME 2013



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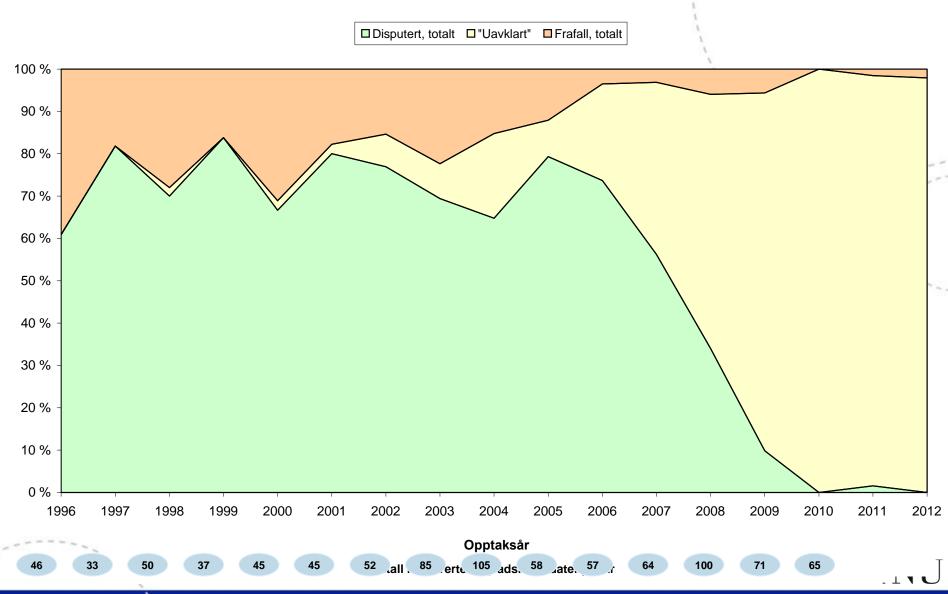
# PhD Community at IME

#### Faculty of Information Technology, Mathematics and Electrical Engineering



### Status PhD education at IME

Status for forskerutdanningen ved IME 1996-2012



# NTNUs system for kvalitetssikring av utdanning

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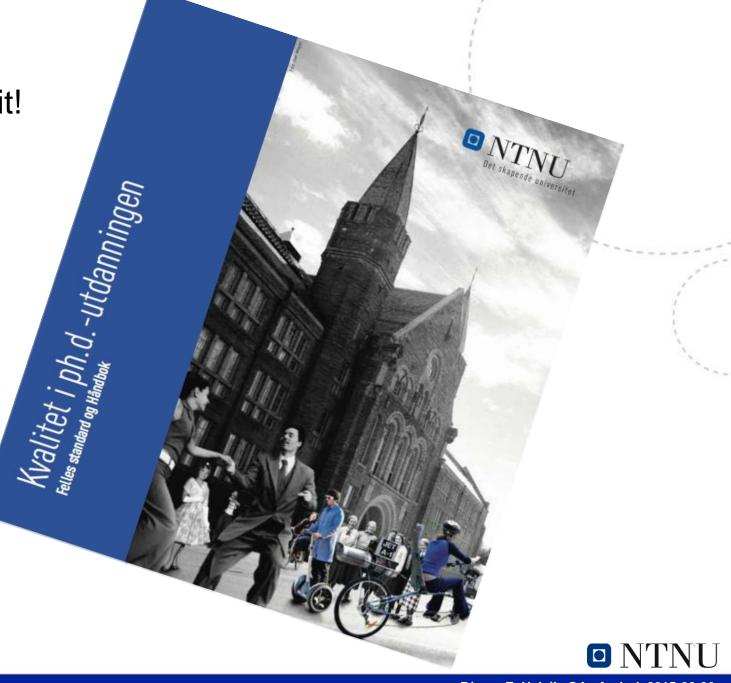
Vedlegg 2: NTNUs system for kvalitetssikring av utdanning

#### Felles standard for NTNUs ph.d. - utdanning A. Rekruttering

Rektor	Oppgave Informasjon og rekruttering	Aktivitet	Tiltak
Dekanus Instituttleder	remattering	Informere om ph.dutdanningen Utlysing av stipendiatstillinger	Informasjon om ph.dutdanningen på norsk og engelsk sk være lett tilgjengelig på nettsidene. Det skal foreligge rutiner for utlysing av stipendiatstillinger behandling av søknader og informasjon til søkere.
Instituttleder		Rekruttering	Et aktivt rekrutteringsarbeid kreves for å nå de beste kandidatene.
nstituttleder og h.d rogramleder			Fagmiljøet og foreslåtte veilederes kompetanse, kvalitet og kapasitet skal vurderes for hver rekruttering. Alle kandidater skal normalt ha minst 2 veiledere.
			Krav til formell kompetanse hos søker samt motivasjon og egnethet skal innhentes før tilbud om stilling. Det skal gjennomføres intervju for å kartlegge kandidatens motivasjon og egnethet.
			Krav til formell kompetanse må vektlegges for søkere med



Look through it!



## Quality Assurance; IME PhD education

- The Qualification FrameWork [KRV]
- Revision of PhD programmes and courses
- Training of supervisors
- Selection of PhD candidates
- Admittance to ph.d.study
- Awareness of PhD candidates
  - -> Introduction course
- Research plan
- Research environment, supervision
- Status reporting and follow up
- Mid-study review
- Evaluation committee and disputation

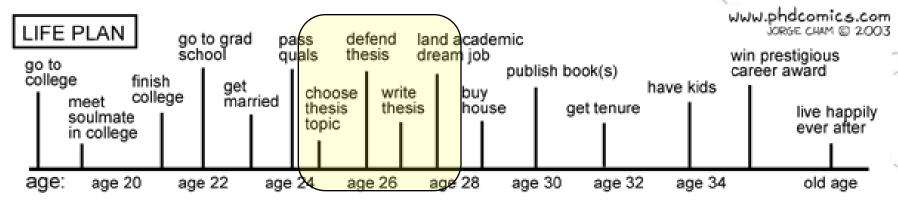




# Life plan vs. Life reality

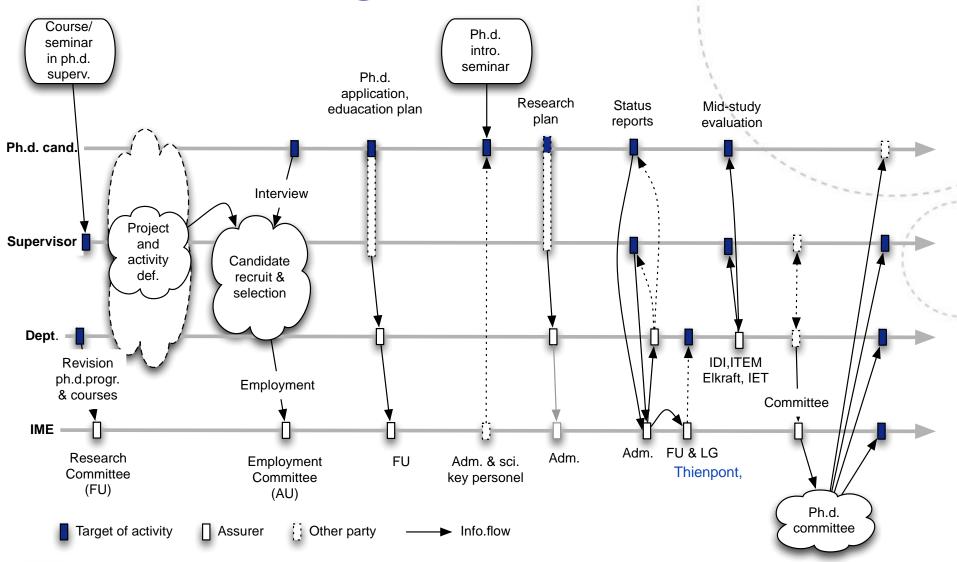
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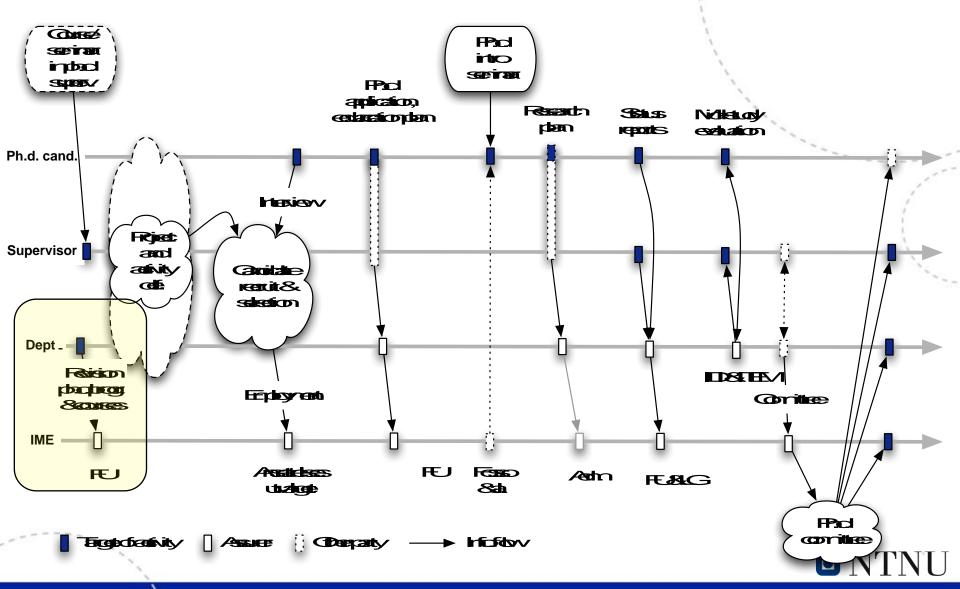


### **QA** activities @ IME





### Yearly revision of ph.d. programmes and courses



# The Norwegian (and European) qualification framework

#### **KNOWLEDGE**

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The BSc candidate:	The MSc candidate:	The PhD candidate:
- Have broad knowledge of key	- Have advanced knowledge in	Be in front regarding knowledge
issues, theories, issues,	discipline and specialized	within their field of study and
processes, tools and methods in	knowledge in a limited area	master the subject area of
the field		science and / or artistic
		approaches and methods
- Familiar with the research and	- Have a thorough knowledge of	- To assess the appropriateness
development in the field	subject area scientific or artistic	and application of various
	theory and methods	methods and processes in
		research and professional and/or
		artistic development
- To update their knowledge in	- Use your skills in new areas in	- May contribute to the
field	the field	development of new knowledge,
		new theories, methods,
		interpretations and
		documentation forms within field
- Have knowledge of the subject	- To analyze technical issues	
area's history, traditions,	based on subject area history,	
character and place in society	traditions, character and place in	
	society.	

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#### **SKILLS**

The BSc candidate:	The MSc candidate:	The PhD candidate:
- Use your professional	- To analyze existing theories,	- Can express problems, plan
knowledge and relevant results	methods and interpretations	and carry out research and
from research and development	within discipline and work	academic and/or artistic
on practical and theoretical	independently with practical and	development
issues and make reasoned	theoretical problem solving	``.
choices		``.
- Can reflect on their	- Use appropriate methods for	- Can conduct research and
professional practice and adjust	research and professional and/or	professional and/or artistic
this under the guidance	artistic development	development of high work in an
		independent manner the
		international level
- Can locate, assess and refer to	- To analyze and think critically	- Can handle complex academic
information and technical	about various information	question and challenge
material and present this so that	sources and use these to to	established knowledge and
it highlights a problem	structure and formulate scientific	practice in the field
	reasoning	
- Can master the relevant	- Can carry out an independent,	
disciplinary tools, techniques	limited research or development	
and forms of expression	project under guidance and in	
	line with current ethical	
	standards	

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### **GENERAL COMPETENCE**

The BSc candidate:	The MSc candidate:	The PhD candidate:		
<ul> <li>Have insight in relevant professional and ethical issues</li> </ul>	- To analyze the relevant academic, vocational and ethical	- Identify new relevant ethical issues and pursue their research		
professional and ethical issues	issues	with professional integrity		
- To plan and implement varied tasks and projects stretches of time alone and participant in a group, and in accordance with ethical requirements and guidelines	- Can apply their knowledge and skills in new areas to implement advanced tasks and projects	- Can manage complex interdisciplinary work and projects  participate in		
- Can communicate key subject matter like theories, issues and solutions both in writing, orally and through relevantconcepts and terms	- Can communicate extensive independent work and master the concepts and terms of the subject area	- Can communicate research and development through recognized national and international channels		
- To exchange views and experiences with others with backgrounds in area and thereby contribute to development of good practice	- Can communicate about academic issues, analysis and conclusions in the field, both specialists and the general public	- Can participate in debates within field in international forums		
- Knowledge and innovation innovation processes	- Can contribute to innovation and innovation processes	- To assess the need, take the initiative and drive innovation		
Obs. MSC translated by google	IME:	- Can quickly acquire new knowledge in the disciplines		

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### Learning objectives

#### KNOWLEDGE

- achieve excellent knowledge within their field of study and master the subject area of science and methods
- assess the appropriateness and application of various methods and processes in research and professional development
- contribute to the development of new knowledge, new theories, methods, interpretations and documentation in the field

#### SKILLS

- formulate research questions, carry out plans and research, and professional development
- conduct research and professional development at a high international level
- deal with complex technical questions and challenge established knowledge and practice in the field

#### GENERAL COMPETENCE

- exercise research with professional and ethical integrity
- participate in and contribute to complex interdisciplinary work and projects
- provide research and development by recognized national and international publication channels
- participate in debates in the field in international forums assess the need for, initiate and be a driving force for innovation
- quickly acquire new knowledge within the disciplines



### **Actions**

#### Academic Training

 Targeted PhD topics with emphasis on methods and state of the art in the theory, application and methodology (incl. methodological tools)

#### Guidance

- Direction and content of the research work
- Promotion of early and frequent publication and participation in conferences
- Discussions on the choice of method and approach
- Introduce candidate to (foreign) research partners
- Reviewing industrial and social implications of the research work

### Department / PhD Program Council

- Colloquia and discussion forums in the field of research
- Presentation by Candidate and Critical and Constructive discussions
- Arrangements for stays at universities abroad

### Faculty

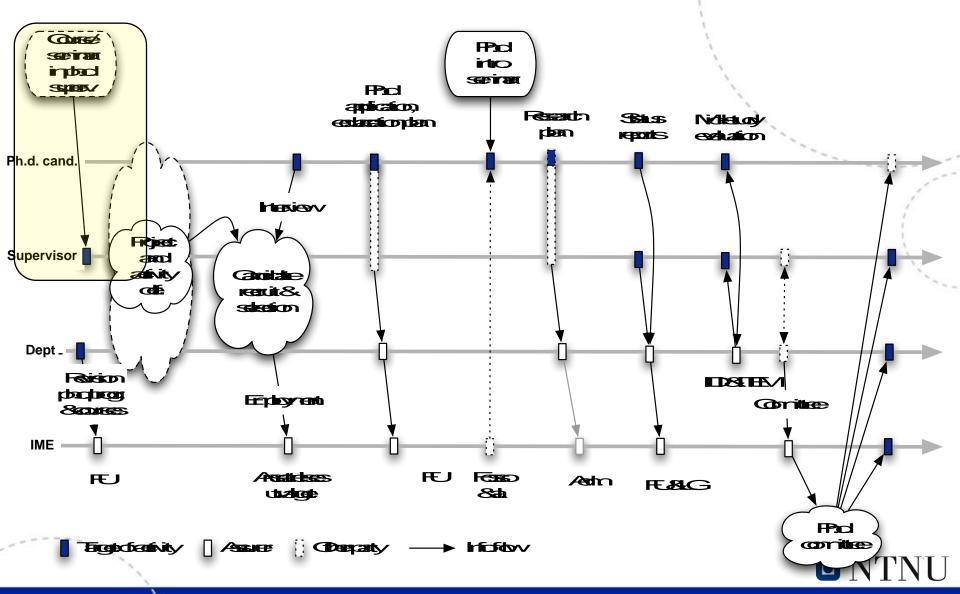
- PhD Introduction-seminar; PhD Supervisors seminar
- Quality Assurance
- Other activities: courses, seminars etc.



	4	Quality Assurance Framework	Academic Training	Guidance				
	IME TEMPLATE	1 - Affect 2 - Contribute 3 - Strongly contribute	Targeted PhD topics with emphasis on methods and state of the art in the theory, application and methodology (incl. methodological tools)	Direction and content of the research work	Promotion of early and frequent publication and participation in conferences.	Discussions on the choice of method and approach	Introduce candidate to (foreign) research partners	Reviewing industrial and social implications of the research work
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		and master the subject area of science and methods	2	3	2	1	2	1
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		- be able to contribute to the development of new knowledge, new theories, methods, interpretations and documentation in the field	1	3	1	1		
3111/3		- be able to formulate research questions, carry out plans and research, and professional development		3		2		1
	SKILLS	- be able to conduct research and professional development at a high international level	2		3		3	1
		- be able to deal with complex technical questions and challenge established knowledge and practice in the field	1	3		1		1
		- be able to exercise research with professional and ethical integrity		3				3
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### Seminar/course for (new) supervisors



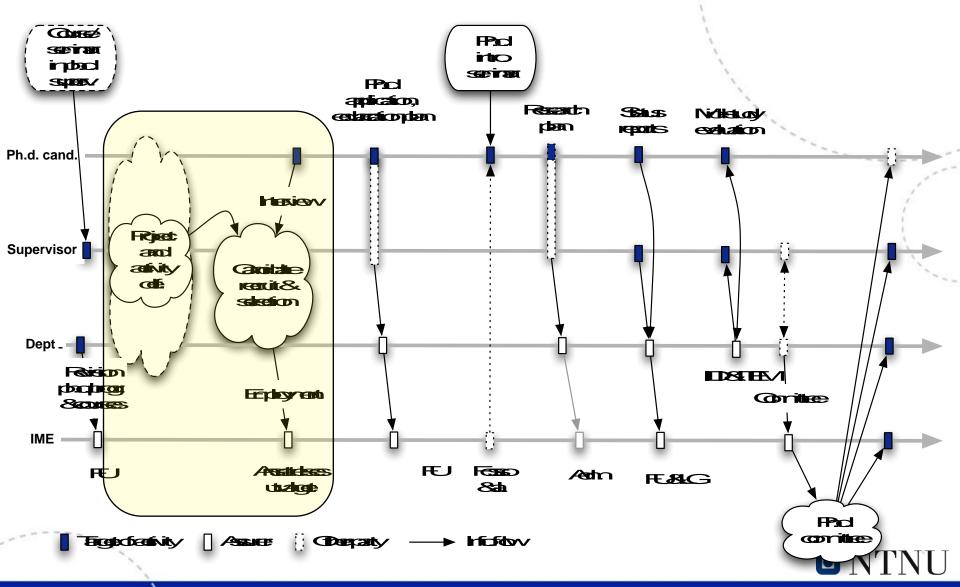
# PhD supervisor workshop @ IME

- Annual
- Two day out of office event
- Mix of experienced and novice supervisors (≈ 20)
- Presentations
  - Experienced supervisors experiences, best practice
  - Experts (external)
  - PhD candidate(s)
  - Management and organizers
- Group discussions, e.g.:
  - Mid-study evaluation/review
  - Early contact with international networks;
     work in research teams
  - The 10 advices for effective supervsion
  - How to deal with cultural differences?

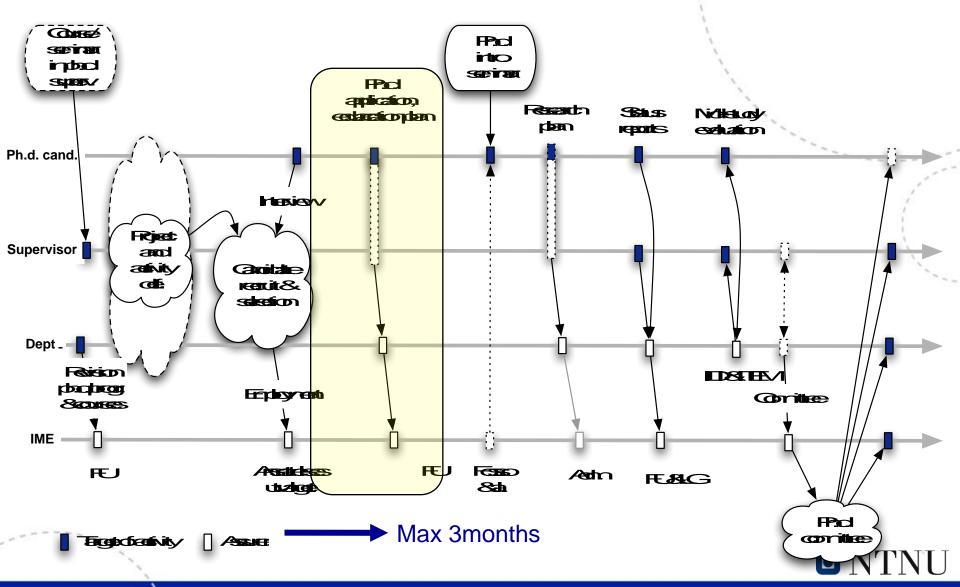
- Modules on NTNUs agenda
  - Pedagogics;PhD supervision as a craft
  - Supervision in a plurality perspective
  - Conflict management and the "difficult conversation"
  - The supervisor as a coach



### Project planning and recruitment of candidates

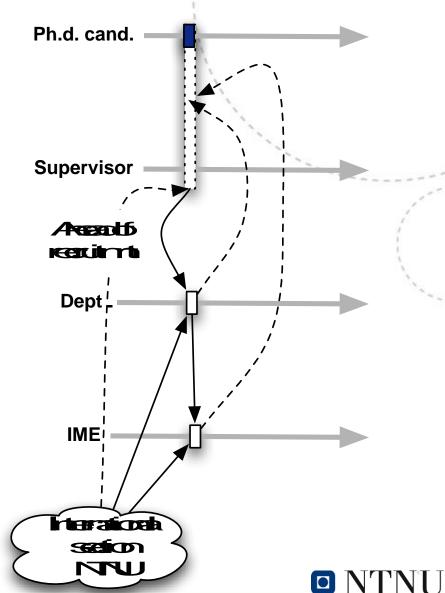


# Admittance to the ph.d. study, education plan, preliminary research plan

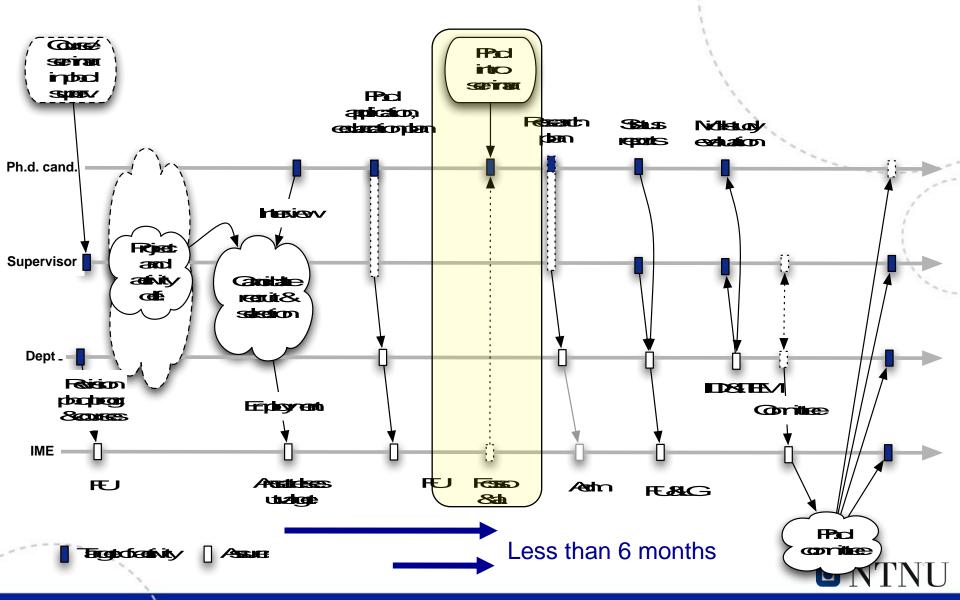


Assessment of ph.d. applications, ensuring

- Candidate qualifications
- Quality of education part
  - "Level" of courses
  - Course content
  - Appropriate methodical and disciplinary training
- Preliminary plan for
  - Research and
  - Dissemination (Early publication)
- Supervision
- Working environment
  - Local/national
  - International
- Resources available



### Ph.d. introduction seminar

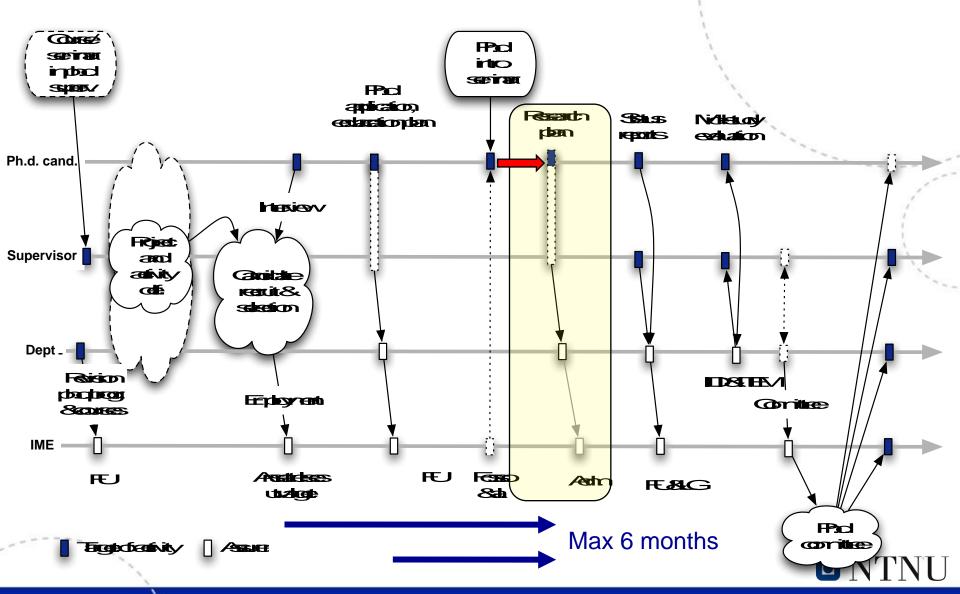


# Objectives of the introduction seminar

- Background information
  - Efficient
  - Complete
  - Sort out pending questions
- Increased awareness on
  - Responsibilities and expectations
  - Ethics
  - Publication (and international presence)
  - ...
- Get candidates started
- Improve quality
  - Better research results
  - Increase the completion ratio and hold duration close to nominal
- Improved skills in scientific writing (one day course)



## Compulsory research plan



# The research plan

### Content

- Background
- Objectives
- Scope
- Research methods
- Expected results
- Work plan
- References

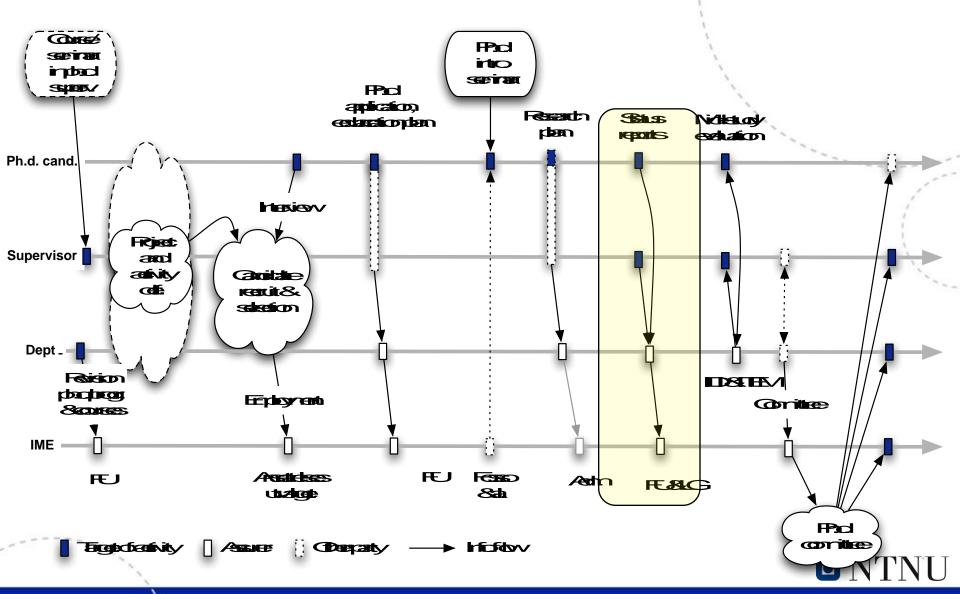
### Issues

- Preliminary or complete at admittance
- Max six months after (employment | admittance)
- Six ten pages
- Candidate is in charge; build his/her view of the "world"
- Presentation in group seminar

Living document



## Yearly status reporting and assessment



# PhD Supervisor's Report

- About the PhD candidate
  - Collaboration satisfactory
  - Academic discussion frequency
  - Comments

### Progress

- Status wrt. Qualification FrameWork
- Guidance wrt. Qualification FrameWork
- Candidates act. in the research group/environment
- Stay at university abroad
- Comments / 'best practices' / potential improvements

### Completion

- Check of dates in plan
- Tentative thesis delivery date
- Final remarks
- Confidential issues



A number of sub-questions



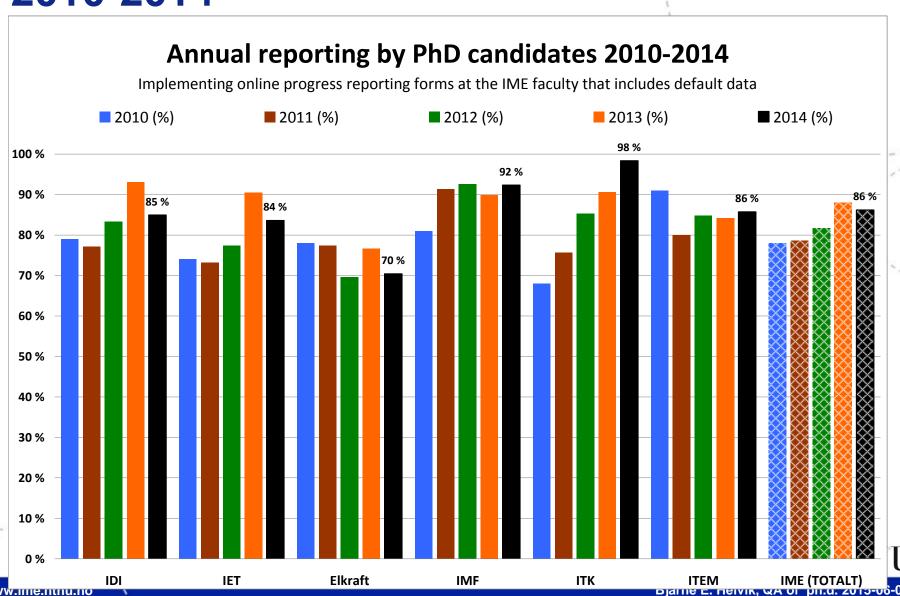
# PhD Candidate's Progress Report

- Supervision
  - Supervisors
  - Satisfactory
  - Academic discussion frequency
- Academic training
  - PhD Introduction seminar
  - Research plan; Status, Last revised
  - Passed courses
  - If nonconformance, why
  - Formal leave of absence last year
  - Assessment of courses followed
- Content of supervision
  - Issues discussed in supervision
  - Midway evaluation
  - Scientific cooperation related to the supervision

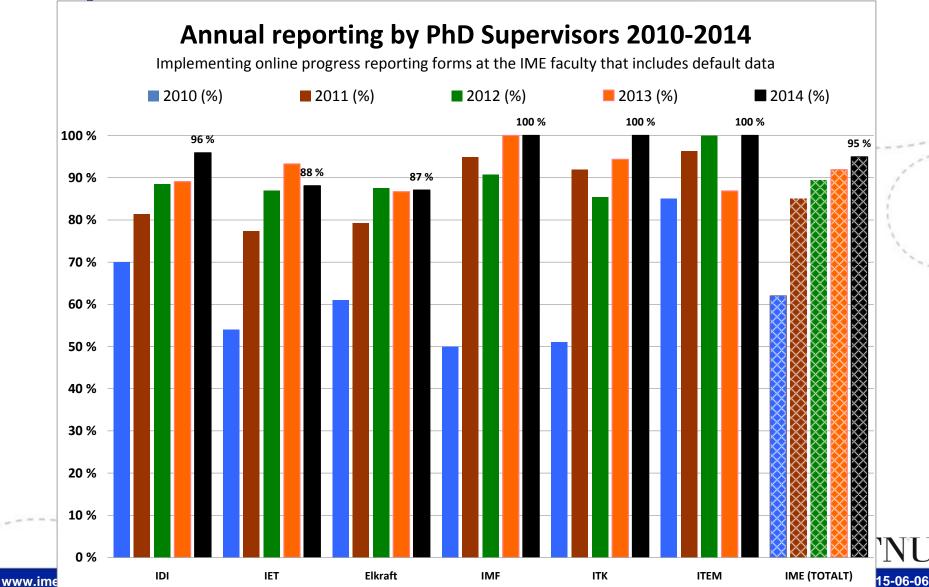
- Progress, publication and ethics.
  - Progress report, self-assessment
  - Registration of publications
  - Papers; Last year, In total
  - Ethical challenges
- Assessment
  - Co-op; All kinds
  - Own professional activity
  - Stay at university abroad
- Completion
  - Check of dates in plan
  - Tentative thesis delivery date
  - Expect to succeed
  - Funding
  - Full time on PhD
  - Final remarks
  - Confidential issues

subquest.

# Annual Reporting by PhD candidates 2010-2014



# **Annual Reporting by PhD Supervisors 2010-2014**



## **Academic discussions**

#### PhD

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How often do you have academic discussions with your supervisor-	ELKRAFT	IDI	IET	IMF	ITEM	ITK	Totalsum
Have not had any contact in the past semester	5 %	2 %	4 %	2 %	0%	0%	2 %
Monthly	32 %	38 %	31 %	27 %	33 %	37 %	33 %
Rarely, but every semester	16 %	5 %	4 %	7 %	0%	7 %	6%
Regularly, but less than every month	37 %	12 %	16 %	8%	13 %	14 %	16 %
Weekly	11 %	43 %	45 %	56 %	53 %	42 %	43 %
Totalsum	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %

Supervisors

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How often do you have academic discussions with the PhD candidate-	ELKRAFT	IDI	IET	IMF	ITEM	ITK	Totalsum
Monthly	57 %	19 %	42 %	21 %	31 %	58 %	37 %
Rarely, but every semester	10 %	12 %	9 %	11 %	16 %	3%	10 %
Regularly, but less than every month	14 %	12 %	5 %	6 %	6%	10 %	9%
• We have not had any contact in the past semester	0 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	0%	2 %	3 %
Weekly	19 %	54 %	40 %	57 %	47 %	27 %	42 %
Totalsum	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %

- 11 PhD candidate (4%) responded that the supervision do not work satisfactorily.
- 35 Supervisors (10%) responded that the supervision with the candidate do not work satisfactory.

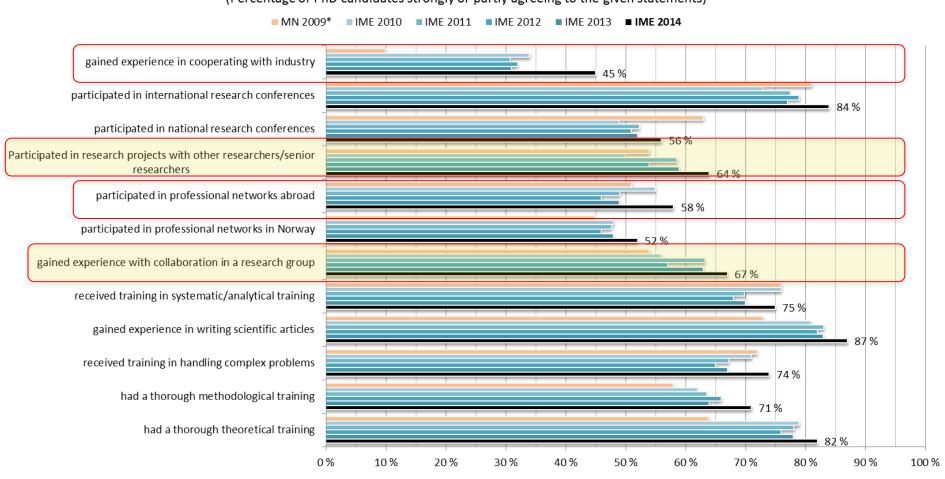
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 59%	39%	42%	41%	47%	50%	



## PhD – Academic Assessment

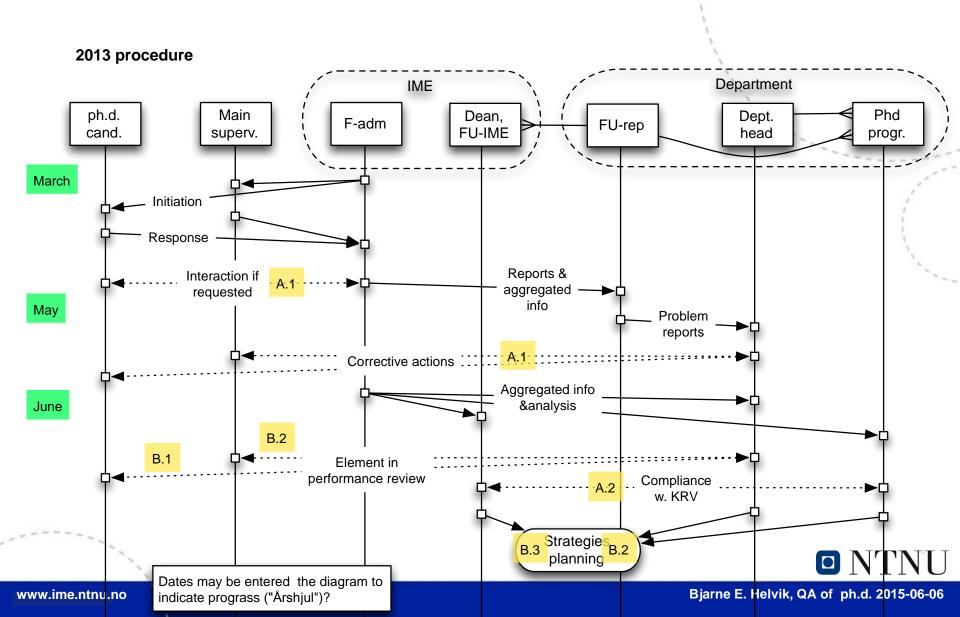
#### PhD - Academic Assessment

Please respond to the following statements regarding your doctoral/fellowship period to date? So far, I have ... (Percentage of PhD candidates strongly or partly agreeing to the given statements)

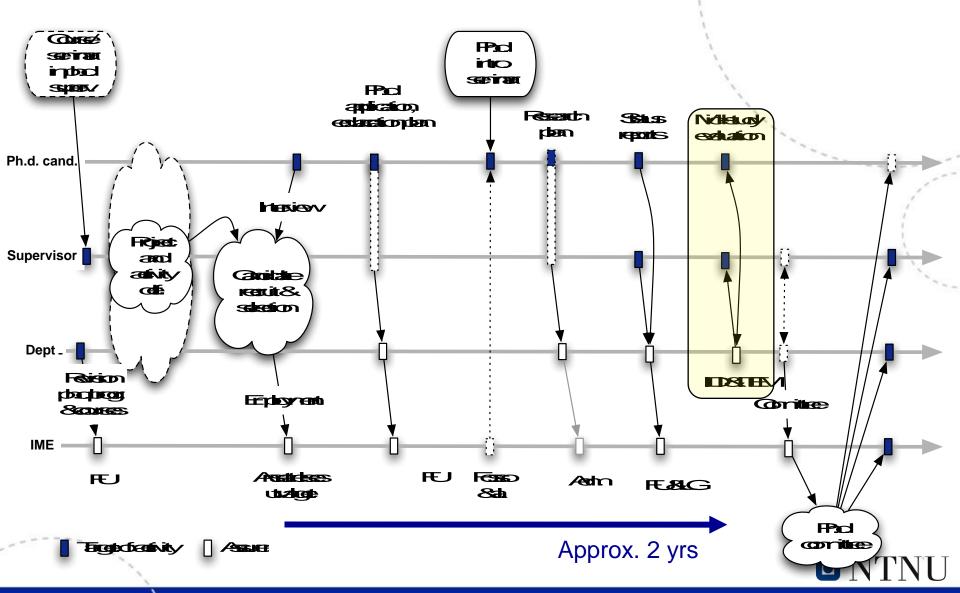


<sup>\*</sup> Undersøkelse blant forskerforbundets stipendiatmedlemmer innen fagområdet matematikk og naturvitenskap, NIFU STEP Rapport 38/2009

## Annual reporting and follow-up proc. (Draft)



## Mid-study evaluation [IDI, ITEM, Elkraft, optional]



# Mid-study evaluation

Department	Computer & Info Sci IDI	Telematics - ITEM
Committee	<ul><li> 3 Supervisors</li><li> IDI section FU rep. (w/o confl.)</li></ul>	<ul><li>Research area coordinator, (w/o)</li><li>Most "expert" ( w/o conflicts)</li></ul>
Basis	<ul> <li>Revised and extended research plan</li> <li>Oral presentation (Status and plans)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Draft introductory part of thesis</li> <li>Completed work/papers</li> <li>Detailed plan for completion</li> <li>Oral presentation</li> </ul>
Form	<ul> <li>2 h meeting.</li> <li>Open – low attendance.</li> <li>Presentation, Q-A, discussion.</li> <li>Closed committee disc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2 h research area meeting.</li> <li>Open – high attendance</li> <li>Presentation, Q-A, discussion.</li> <li>Closed committee disc.</li> </ul>
Feedback	<ul> <li>Oral during meeting</li> <li>Written with "conclusion", recommendations, tentative revision requirement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Oral during meeting</li> <li>Written with "conclusion", recommendations, tentative follow up from the department</li> </ul>

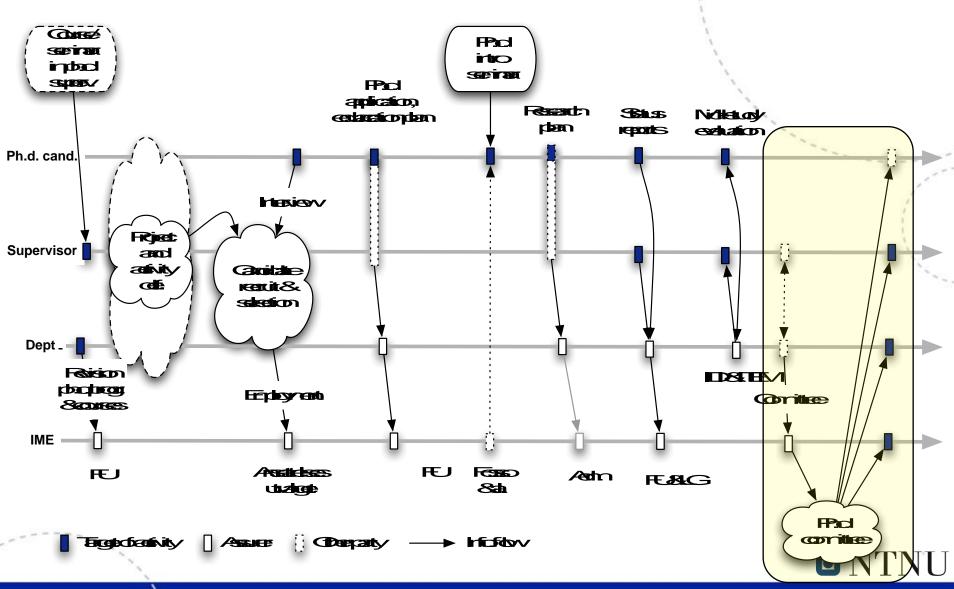


# Mid-study evaluation II

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Department	Power Engineering Elkraft	Electronics and Telecom.
Committee	<ul> <li>Supervisors</li> <li>External member</li> <li>International member</li> <li>NTNU sci. staff</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Supervisor</li><li>One member from group</li><li>One member outside group</li></ul>
Basis	<ul> <li>The entire project is subject (not just the candidate)</li> <li>≥ 1 week preparations</li> <li>Oral presentation</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Work performed, planned</li><li>Publications, visits, presentations</li><li>Duty work, other activity</li><li>Oral presentation</li></ul>
Form	<ul> <li>30 min. presentation</li> <li>Closed committee and student meeting. Content, progress, plans, adjustments, supervision, conflict handling</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Department-wide seminar</li><li>30 min presentation</li><li>Committee evaluation</li><li>Social arrangement</li></ul>
Feedback	<ul> <li>Signed report motivating alt.:</li> <li>On track</li> <li>Actions to improve progress</li> <li>Why it should be aborted.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>General progress</li><li>Strong points</li><li>Proposals for issues to focus on</li></ul>

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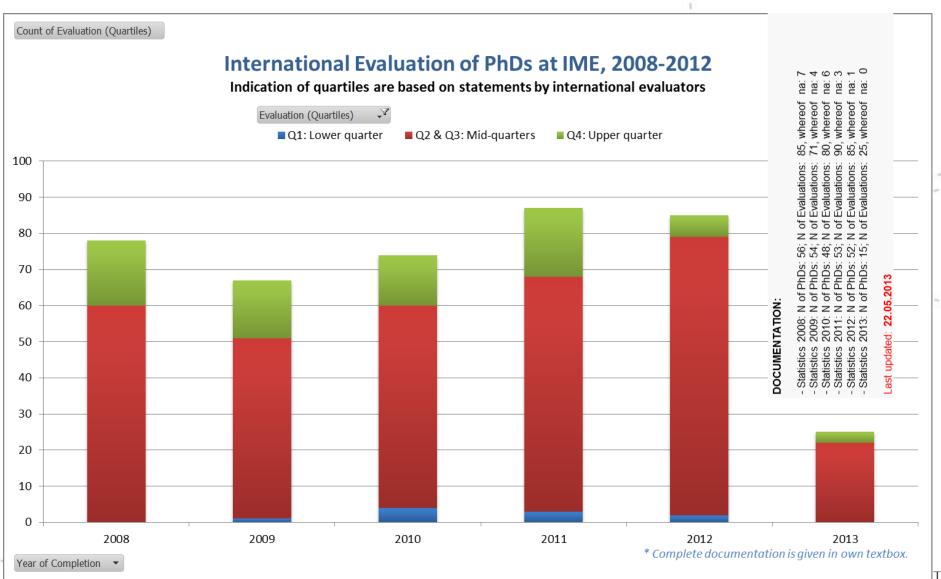
## **Evaluation of thesis - disputation**



# Origin of international members of ph.d. assessment committees, 2008-2012



### International Evaluation of PhDs at IME 2008-2012



## On the agenda

Continued development of the status reporting and associated QA process

How to approach the Norwegian labour market for intern. PhDs. Get supervisor course/seminar up and running annually

Follow up the implementation of NTNUs QA system; Reporting & actions; Dept.s – IME - NTNU

International co-operation on PhD education

Mid-study evaluation process in all programmes; Sharing of experience

Continued enforcement of QA activities; cf. general NTNU measures (e.g. handbook/quidelines)

Improved start up procedures: Candidate assessment, Prestart research plan, Shorter initial lead times

In depth evaluation of PhD programmes 2016

