Stellingen accompanying the thesis

Surface Formation Routes of Interstellar Molecules A Laboratory Study

1. Hydrogenation of CO ice provides an efficient pathway to form both interstellar solid H_2CO and CH_3OH at low temperatures.

Chapters 2 and 7

2. The water formation reaction network described by Tielens & Hagen (1982) is more complex than proposed.

Chapters 3 - 6

- 3. The surface formation of CO_2 is chemically linked to the formation of H_2O in the ice. Chapter 7
- 4. CO₂ can be formed in the solid phase with and without energetic input.

 Chapters 7 and 9
- 5. Surface reactions in simple ices may reveal a complex solid state chemistry.
- 6. A bottom-up and a top-down approach have one thing in common: the middle.
- 7. The past decades have proven the importance of a good interaction between astronomical observations, laboratory experiments and astrochemical modeling.
- 8. The research of knowledge brings wealth.
- 9. Finishing a PhD is like climbing a long mountain route: the sky is the limit and falling down is not an option.
- 10. H-atom bombardment as an email subject header may attract the attention of non-scientists.
- 11. Extreme climatic conditions are the worst enemies of cyclists.
- 12. My best proposition is the one I have not written yet.