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Propositions

accompanying the dissertation

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1. Even seemingly perfect crystals are imperfect, if you look closely.
2. Expertise in one field creates a tunnel vision while competence in multiple fields risks a loss of focus; you cannot have both.
3. Working in two departments leads to an identity crisis: you belong to both and don't belong to either.
4. To be clever, you must first be lazy.
5. Salt-laden buildings and PhD's motivation share a common theme: progressive decay.
6. If nature was an artist, chemistry would be her paintbrush.
7. We are dangerously moving towards research of the AI, by the AI and for the AI.
8. "Science gives power, but remains impersonal, purposeless and almost unconcerned with our application of the knowledge it puts at our disposal."
– Jawaharlal Nehru, *The Discovery of India*, 1946.
9. One wonders how far the current campus policy of introducing deposit-based plastic cups contributes towards a sustainable environment.
10. The limitations in research push the wheels of science.

These propositions are regarded as opposable and defensible, and have been approved as such by the promoters dr. B. Lubelli and prof. dr. ir. E. Schlangen.