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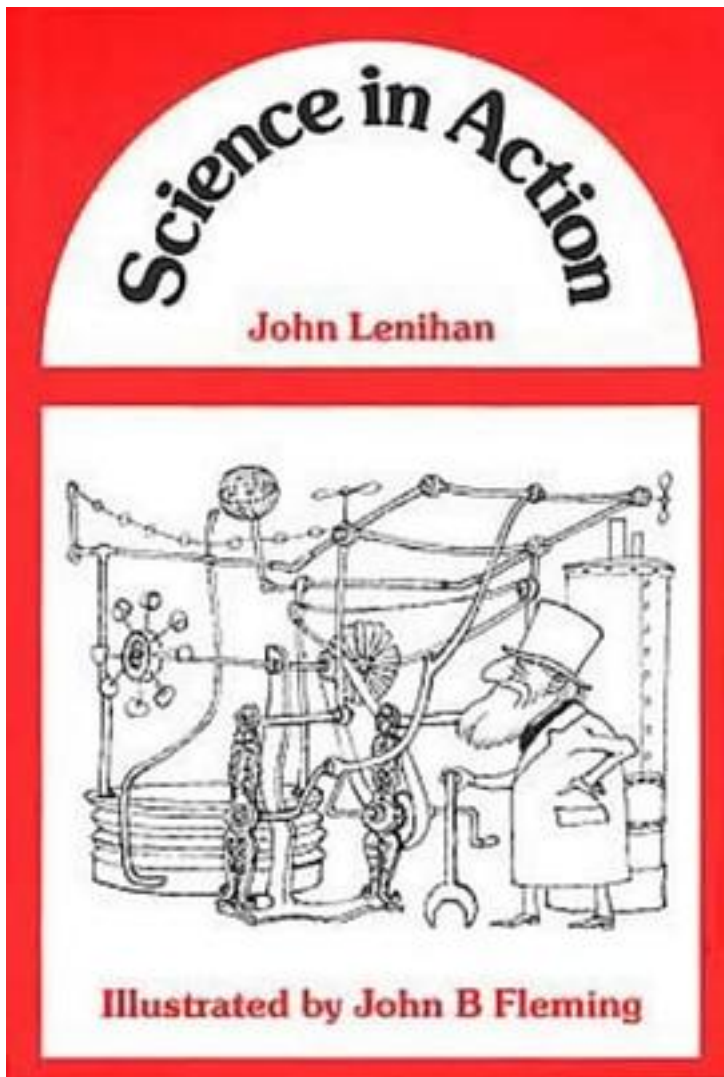

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Science and technology have immense authority and influence in our society, yet their working remains little understood. The conventional perception of science in Western societies has been modified in recent years by the work of philosophers, sociologists and historians of science. In this book Bruno Latour brings together these different approaches to provide a lively and challenging analysis of science, demonstrating how social context and technical content are both essential to a proper understanding of scientific activity. Emphasizing that science can only be understood through its practice, the author examines science and technology in action: the role of scientific literature, the activities of laboratories, the institutional context of science in the modern world, and the means by which inventions and discoveries become accepted. From the study of scientific practice he develops an analysis of science as the building of networks. Throughout, Bruno Latour shows how a lively and realistic picture of science in action alters our conception of not only the natural sciences but also the social sciences and the sociology of knowledge in general. This stimulating book, drawing on a wealth of examples from a wide range of scientific activities, will interest all philosophers, sociologists and historians of science, scientists and engineers, and students of the philosophy of social science and the sociology of knowledge.

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评论

特别喜欢Latour这种刨根究底的研究风格。我个人觉得Actor Network theory可适用性真的挺强的，尤其适用少数人如何让多数人买账的场景，非常马基雅维利.
核心是所谓专家的科学研究和日常常识，其实差别在于能够用来捍卫主张的资源的多少，科学家能够调用比普通人更大的网络来捍卫主张，而科学的延展也在于网络的延展而不是所谓主张自身也有多少科学性。这么一想来，在社会科学里，诠释占劣势也是可以理解了，毕竟能调动的只是研究者一张嘴，甚至连访谈都调动不了，因为研究者声称能了解更深的结构，而结构是什么研究者也争吵不休。意外之喜是看见L承认社会中的稳定，认为社会中的稳定在于官僚机构，并把它归结为administrative science，感觉可以借机发挥一下

A critical study of 20th century physical science as in the process of its very production - 圆了我高中时期的幻想>

A funny book! My favorite part is his refutation against the "social studies of science" or "the social construction of technology". The description of a Great Divide between few scientists and the "irrational" mass is also insightful. ===============================
Latour早年的STS对我来说尚有可接受可欣赏的地方。

写的跟唠嗑一样

这个国内已经有中文版了哦。

比we have never been modern好读也有意思多了！

披太鸡巴抽象老！

读着这个我满脑子都是「什么玩意儿啊拉图尔老师……」，想法不错，文风扣一分。

本书宗旨在于描写实验室八卦 揭穿科学神坛哈哈哈（前言可爱

Borrowed from MIT.

写得太好了。结合近期自己重组题目的经历简直一一对应。

当年上课的时候完全没领会这本书的价值。当我写完论文的时候，讶异为啥导师对我的 introduction跟general
discussion基本挑不出毛病，才明白原来我在写作过程中用了无数大牛为我的claim打掩护呀，哈哈哈哈哈

STS Core Seminar reading

看了大半本，忘了是哪几章了。啃得非常痛苦。我只能说我不认同他的观点，很少有作者能够让我读得如此恼火了——从我的角度来看，他根本不懂科学，无非是用花里胡哨的词语包装一下科学发现的过程（which并不改变科学的本质），再以偏概全强调一下科学发现过程中的政治因素（学术政治的确有，可是我个人并不觉得这是科学的本质）。总之就是一本认为"科学的本质是政治"的神作。我知道作者有名，我知道拥趸众多，我知道我人微言轻批评他不合适，但是我如果在大街上看到有人这么说我只会觉得是民科。

文体也太好玩儿了，像看小说一样。

读完这本才能读懂Reassembling the

Social里面老爷子唠唠叨叨的究竟是在干什么。ANT理论必读，从methodology到framework大小层次全部包抄，但是当我们真的通过actants的强弱同盟而不是社会结构来看这个世界，道德责任自主性都到哪里去了，压迫反抗公民义务又都到哪里去了呢？嗯，这个估计要去读后面latour的matters of concerns了。

A neo-liberal man's drive to maximize interests is at the heart of this narrow, fragile network. (Per Nadia's seminar on 2/20/2020)

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书评

一本对"科学超脱性"（detachment of science）进行祛魅的书：1、技术性论文（technical papers）中潜藏的修辞术"使异议者感到孤独"，参考文献的层积化特性使试图反驳的读者仿佛感觉自己面对的是一些成群而来的天才从而羞赧地闭上了嘴。2、实验室中的小九九更不必多说了。3...

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