Noting the age of Kuhn's work raises this book's second major problem; the absence in it of any discussion of philosophy, sociology or history of science of the last thirty years. There is no discussion of Kuhn's thought, before or after Hoyningen-Huene's corrections, in relation to any developments since Kuhn, which makes his discussion relevant to current science studies only by implication or extension from what this book contains.

When reading Hoyningen-Huene the constant question that occurred to me, even as I admired the attention to detail, is 'why?', why would anyone want to read it rather than either Kuhn in the original or current science studies. At its best Reconstructing Scientific Revolutions is a lucid account and correction of one of the most influential philosophers of science, at its worst it is an irrelevant exercise in scholasticism.

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