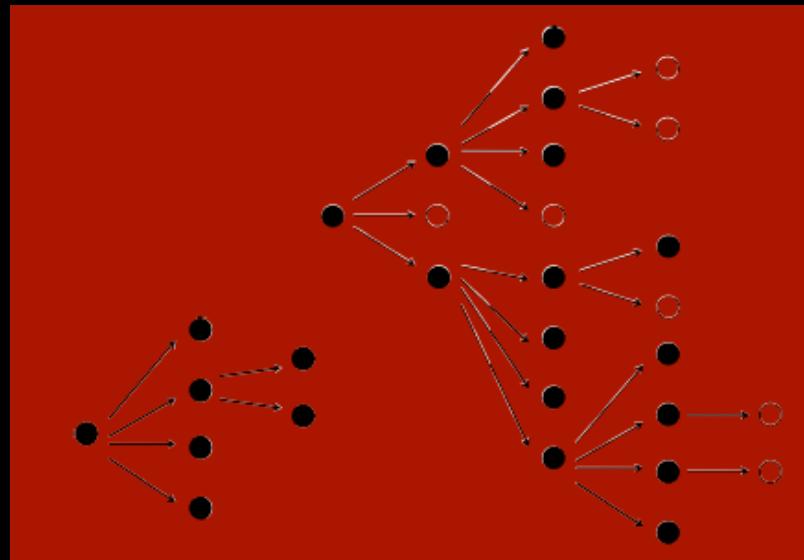


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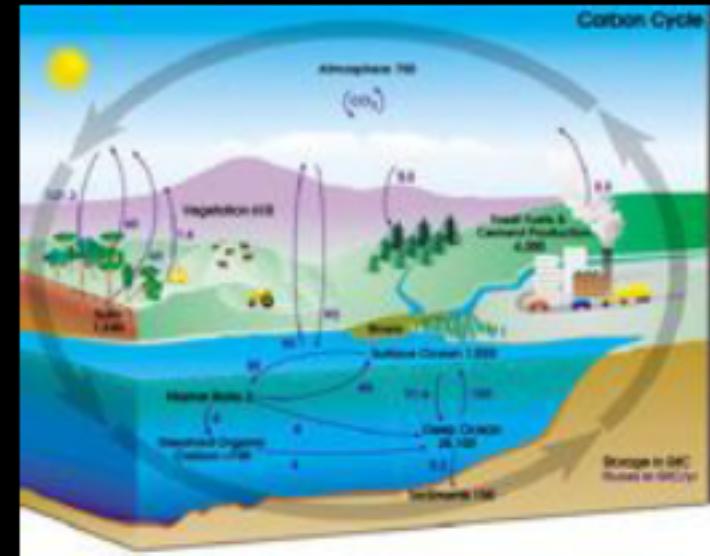


Types of Models

- Physical



- Conceptual

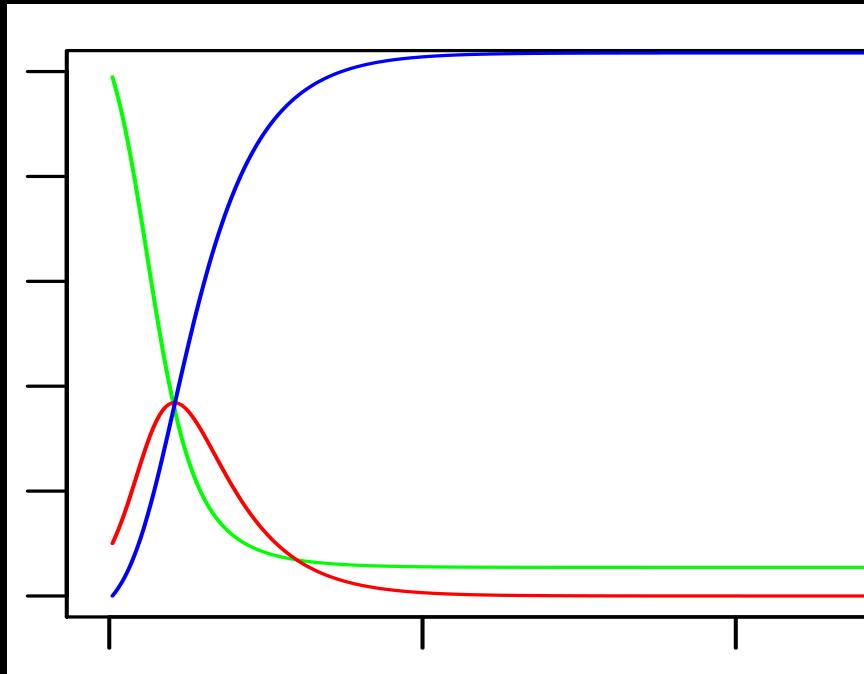


- Mathematical

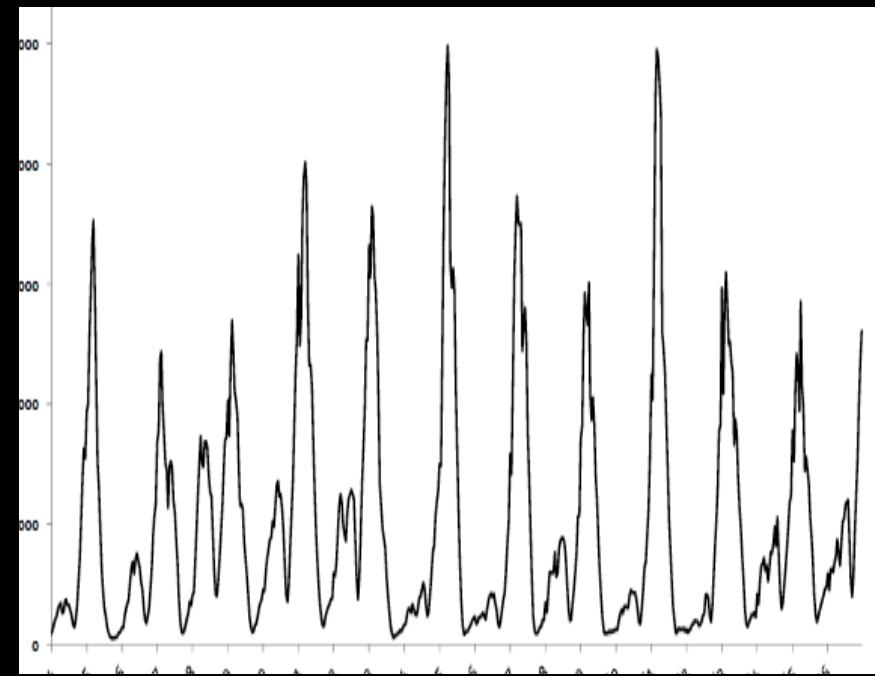


$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a} \ln f_{a,\sigma^2}(\xi_1) = \frac{(\xi_1 - a)}{\sigma^2} f_{a,\sigma^2}(\xi_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(\xi_1 - a)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$
$$\int T(x) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x, \theta) dx = M \left(T(\xi) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln L(\xi, \theta) \right) \int_{\Xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \pi(\xi)$$

Generally, the idea of the **model** is to recapitulate the **data**



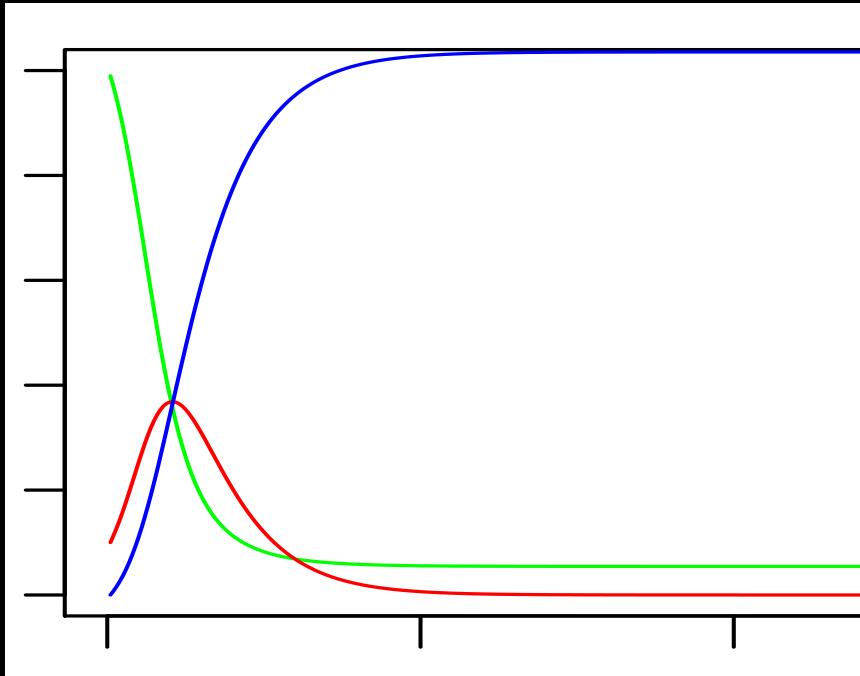
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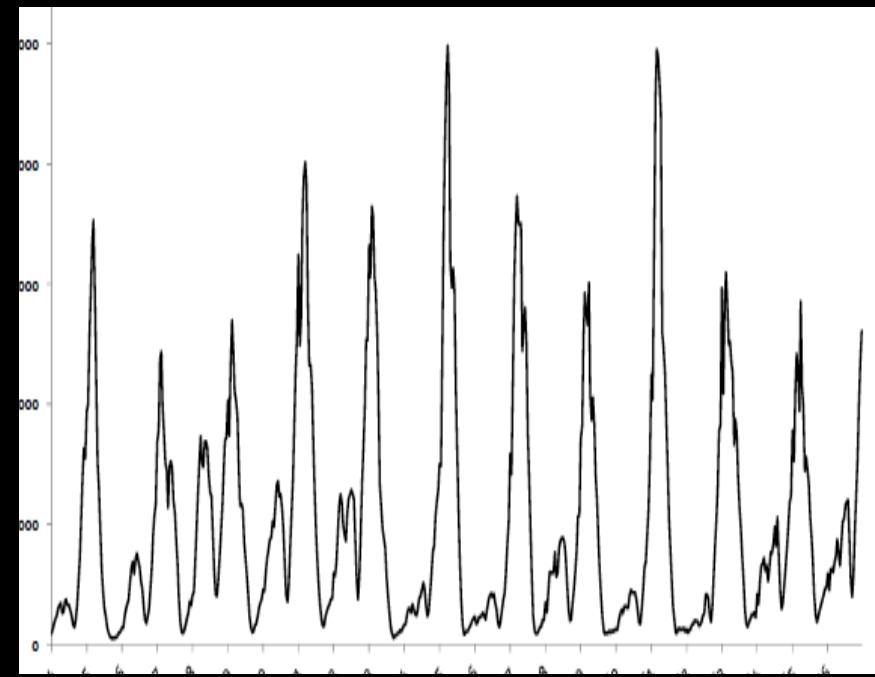
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But, sometimes, data are complex!



Models



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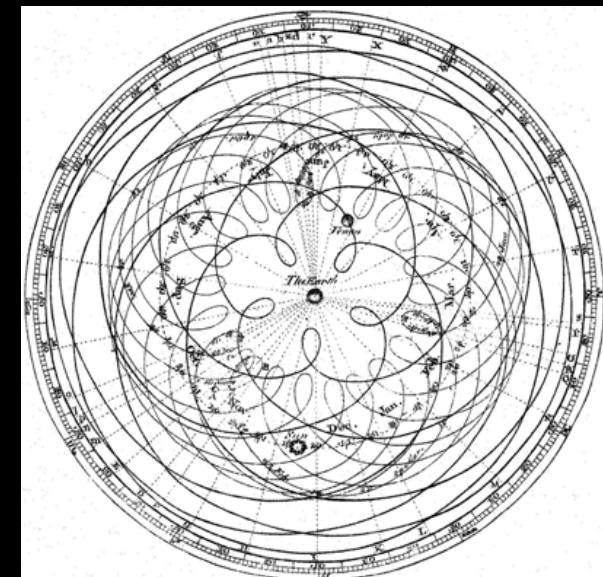
Claudius Ptolemy, AD 90-168



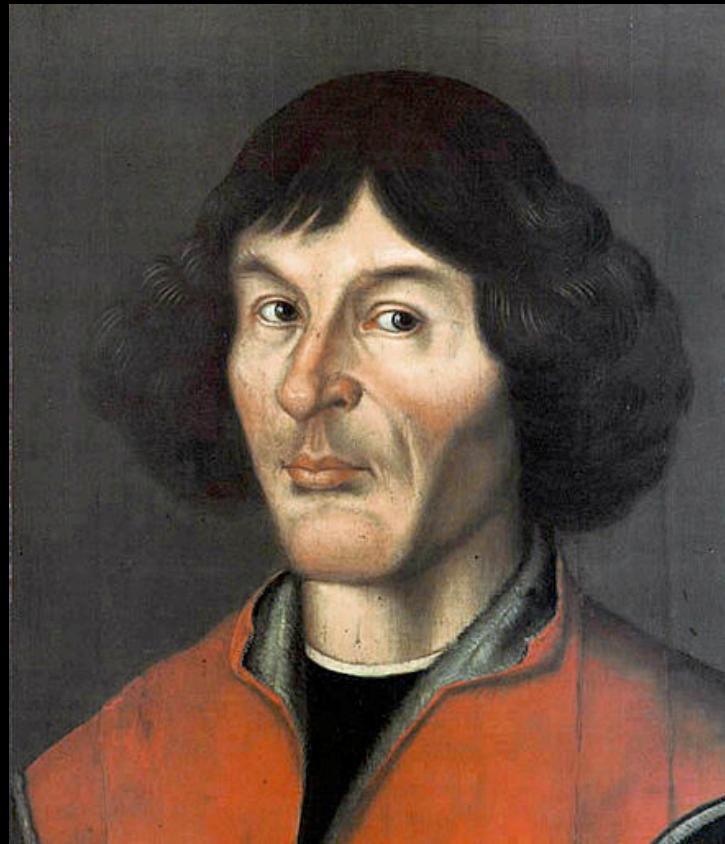
Model:

All planets and moons in the solar system cycle around the Earth (“epicycles”)

Forged **data** to support his model!



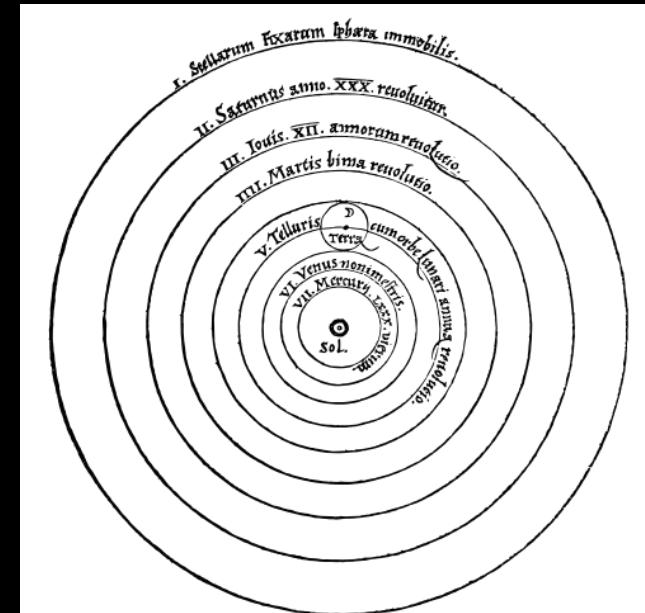
Nicolaus Copernicus, 1473-1543



Model:

All celestial bodies orbit the sun.

But he didn't have any data!

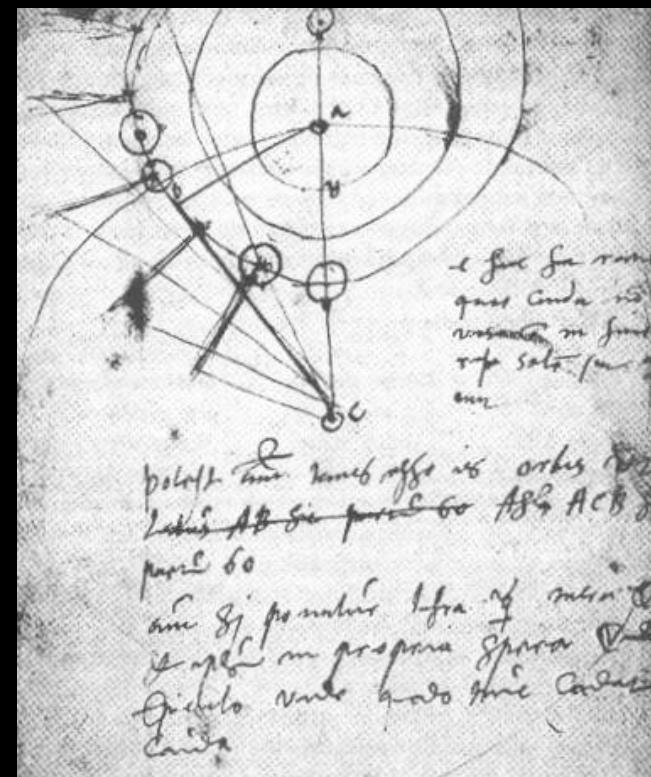


Tycho Brahe, 1546-1601



Collected very a large amount of precise data but still remained loyal to the Ptolemaic model.

Compromised -
Adapted Model:
The sun and the
moon orbit the
Earth but
everything else
orbits the sun

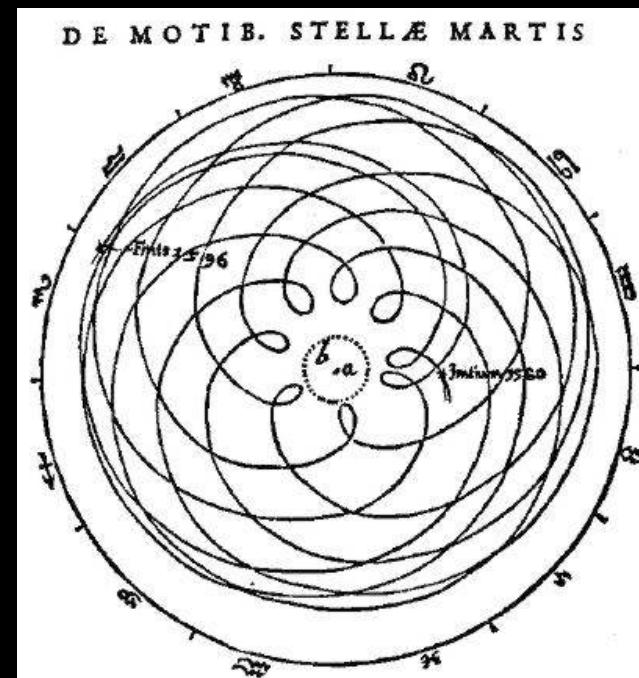


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Used Brahe's data to fit Copernicus' model

New Paradigm:
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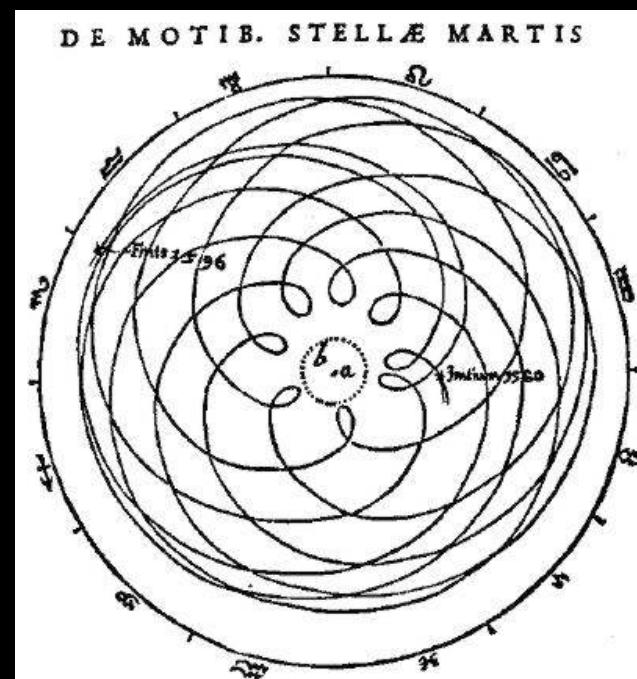
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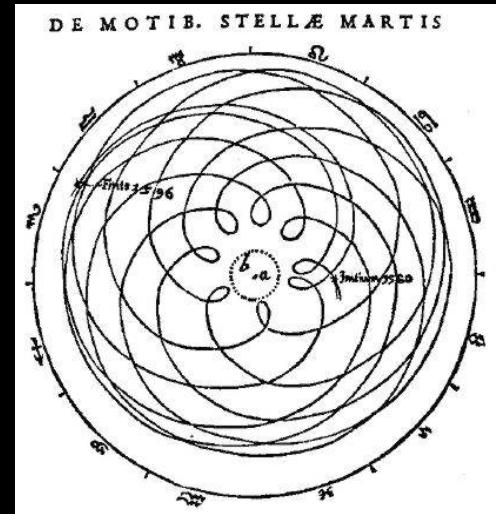
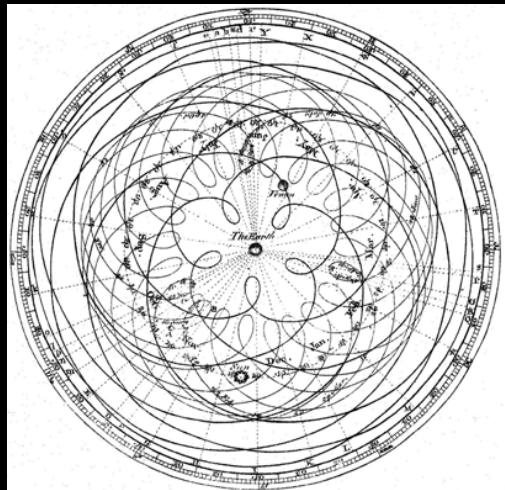
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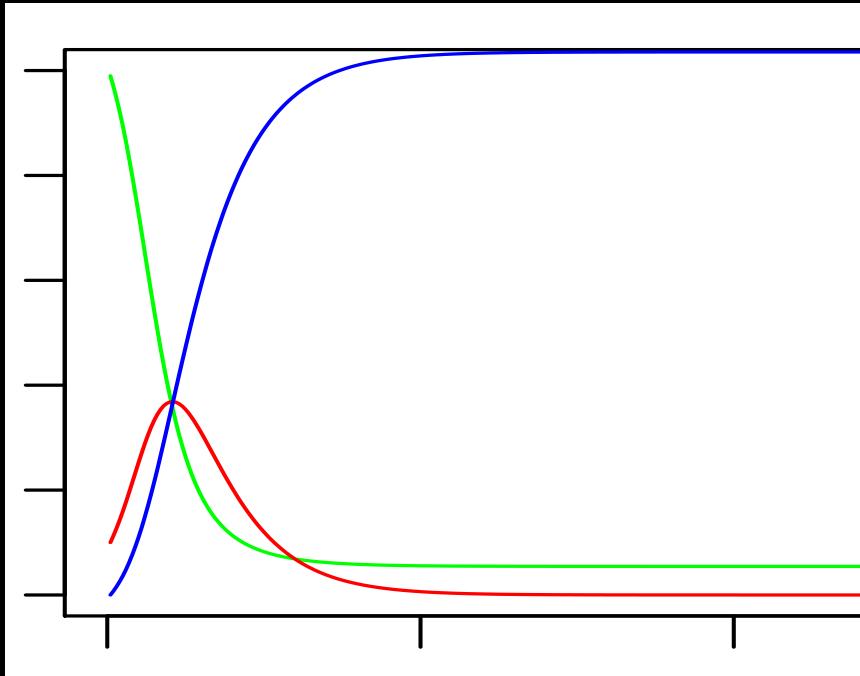


The Utility of Models

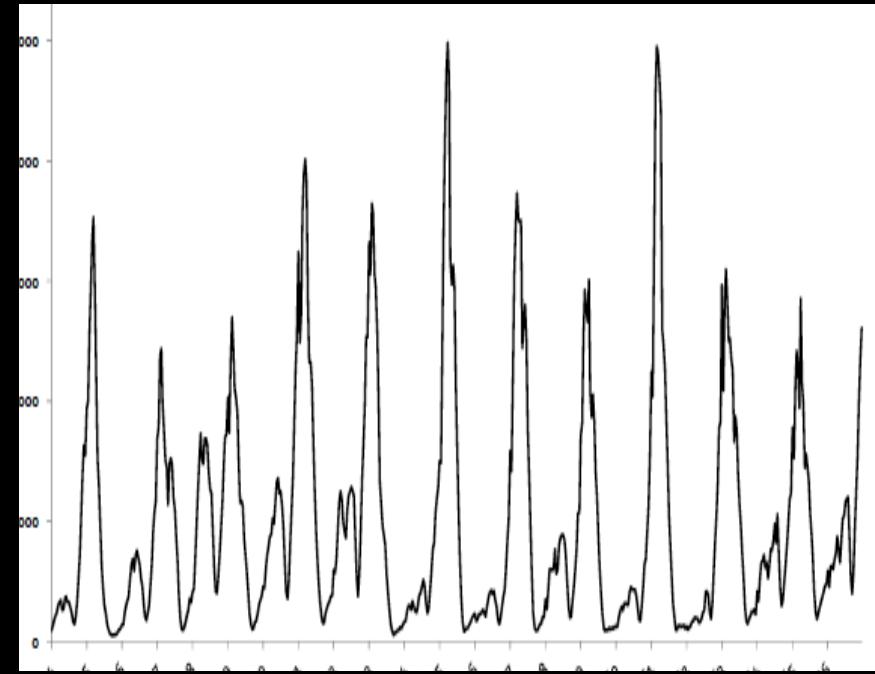


- “All models are wrong, but some are useful.”
– George Box
- We use models to **predict**, but also to **explain**.

If we can get the **model** to recapture the **data**,
then maybe the **model** can help explain what's
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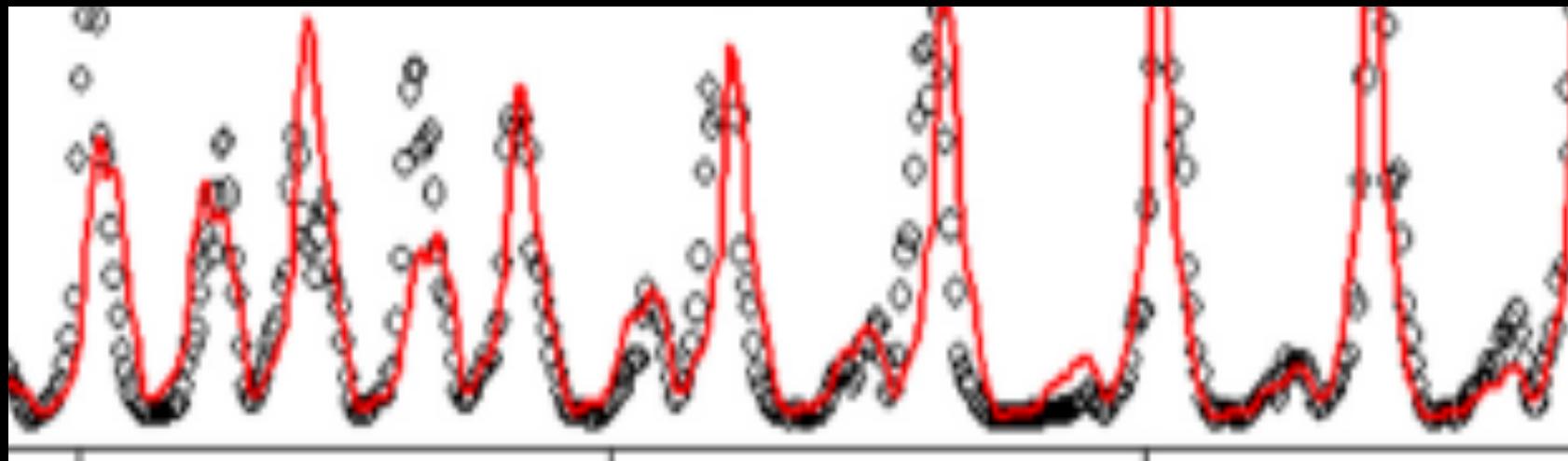


Models



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Model Fitted to Data

Road Map

schedule and materials live at:

<https://carabrook.github.io/E2M2.html>

Road Map

- Lectures
- Tutorials/Activities
- Independent Work

Sunday: “Thinking About Data”

- Models and Data
- Linear regression & simple stats
- Exploring and Visualizing Data in R
- Basic statistical modeling in R
- Student introductions & presentations

Monday: “Deeper Thinking About Data”

- Intro to Mixed Modeling
- Intro to Occupancy Modeling
- Mixed modeling in R
- Occupancy modeling in R
- Formulating research questions

Wednesday: “Fitting Models to Data”

- Model Fitting in Practice – the Basic Concept
- Alternative Approaches to Model Fitting
- Epidemic Cards
- Model Fitting with Epidemic Cards
- Model Telephone

Tuesday: “Thinking About Mechanism”

- Intro to Compartmental Models & Differential Equations
- Building mechanistic models in R
- Dynamical Fever
- Refining research questions for modeling
- Defining a model world

Thursday: “Refining Your Work”

- Modeling Extensions: Metapopulation Theory, Including Heterogeneity, etc.
- Intro to Network Modeling
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- Spatial Modeling & Statistics in R
- Final research plans

Friday: “Putting it All in Perspective”

- Model Evaluation and Comparison
- Modeling in Practice: The Lifecycle of a Modeling Project
- Model Selection with Age-Prevalence Data
- Research plan work time

Monday: “Sharing Your Work”

- Final student presentations