

# Introduction

Note: It is critical that parameters be identifiable (i.e., parameters can be uniquely determined from observations). For:

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

the parameter sets:

$$\theta = [m, c, k] \text{ and } \theta = [1, c/m, k/m]$$

yield the same state values.

$x$

Approximated  
Embedded Model

$$\bar{\tau}_m = (\cancel{m}, \cancel{c}, \cancel{k}, \theta)$$

$$k = \text{const}$$

$$\theta = k$$

$$\epsilon_m(\cancel{m}, \cancel{k}; \alpha)$$

$$c \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_c, \sigma_c^2)$$

$$\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_c \\ \sigma_c \end{bmatrix}$$

Inadequacy  
Model

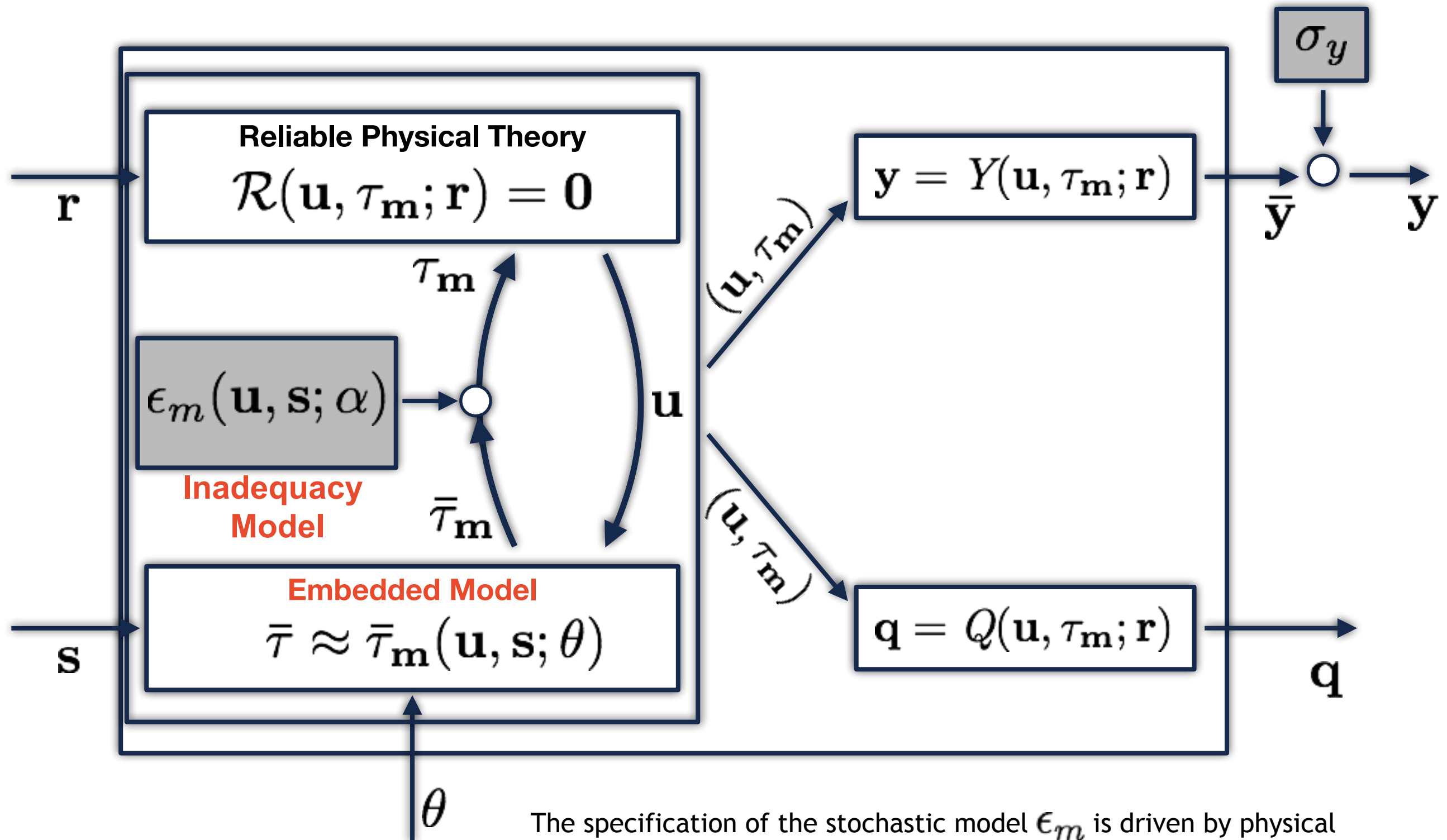


$$y = x$$

$$q = \max(\dot{x})$$

# The Predictive Validation Process

Alternatively, we can move the non-deterministic model upstream to the embedded component, which is the main source of uncertainty (generally).



The specification of the stochastic model  $\epsilon_m$  is driven by physical knowledge about the nature of the error, and it is **problem-dependent**.