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**Error Propagation dynamics of PIV-based pressure calculation  
2: from Poisson equations to Kirchhoff plates** ZHAO PAN, JARED WHITE-  
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to investigate the dynamics of error propagation from PIV-based velocity measure-  
ments to the pressure calculation. Rather than measure experimental error, we  
analytically investigate error propagation by examining the properties of the Pois-  
son equation directly. Our results provide two contributions to the PIV community.  
First, we quantify the error bound in the pressure field by illustrating the math-  
ematical roots of why and how PIV-based pressure calculations propagate. Second,  
we design the “worst case error” for a pressure Poisson solver. In other words, we  
provide a systematic example where the relatively small errors in the experimental  
data can lead to maximum error in the corresponding pressure calculations. The 2D  
calculation of the worst case error surprisingly leads to the classic Kirchhoff plates  
problem, and connects the PIV-based pressure calculation, which is a typical fluid  
problem, to elastic dynamics. The results can be used for optimizing experimental  
error minimization by avoiding worst case scenarios. More importantly, they can be  
used to design synthetic velocity error for future PIV-pressure challenges, which can  
be the hardest test case in the examinations.

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