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One of the simplest and the most important results in elliptic theory is the maximum principle. It provides sharp estimates for the solutions to elliptic PDEs in  $L^\infty$ . It holds on arbitrary domains for all (real) divergence form elliptic operators. The well-posedness of boundary problems in  $L^p$ ,  $p < \infty$ , is a far more intricate and challenging question, and without additional assumptions on the operator  $L^p$  bounds can fail for any finite  $p$ .

As it turns out, the matters come down to the fundamental Rellich inequalities. The Rellich identity ascertains that the tangential and normal traces of a harmonic function have equal  $L^2$  norms. For the Laplacian and for more general symmetric elliptic operators Rellich identity is a result of a short and elegant integration by parts argument. However, already for very special complex matrices of a block form Rellich is equivalent to the celebrated profound Kato square root problem of the operator theory. I will discuss the recent (one-sided) Rellich estimates for real non-symmetric operators, the novel analysis techniques leading to them, perplexing counterexamples, as well as challenging open problems in the theory. (Received February 10, 2014)