



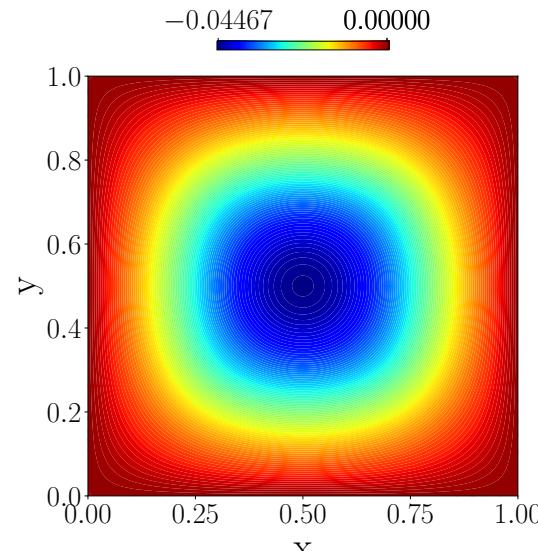
# Meta Learning of Interface Conditions for Multi-Domain PINNs

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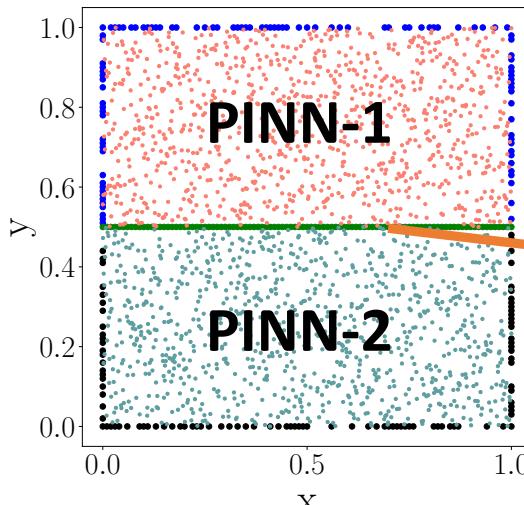
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# PINNs with Domain Decomposition



(a) Solution at  $s = 20$



(b) Subdomains

Some 2D Poisson Equation with an interior-square source parameterized by  $s$

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = \tilde{f}(x, y; s)$$

where  $(x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ ,  $\tilde{f}(x, y; s) = f(x, y; s) / \max_{x,y} f(x, y; s)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y; s) = & [\operatorname{erf}((x - 0.25)s) - \operatorname{erf}((x - 0.75)s)] \\ & \cdot [\operatorname{erf}((y - 0.25)s) - \operatorname{erf}((y - 0.75)s)], \quad s \in [0, 50] \end{aligned}$$

Interface  
Conditions

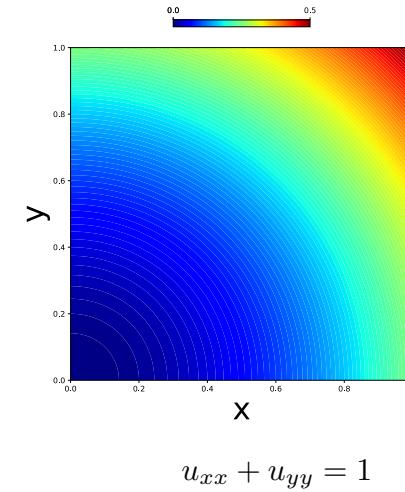
## Advantages

- Reduce problem complexity
- Possibly use simpler NNs
- Allow parallelization

# How to select problem-specific interface conditions?

- Each problem, according to its own properties, might demand a **different** set of conditions
- Adding inappropriate conditions can hurt the performance
- Naively adding *all* conditions increases the optimization challenge

Model	$L_2$ Relative Error
PINN	$1.05\text{e-}3 \pm 4.38\text{e-}4$
$I_{u_{avg}}$	$4.28\text{e-}3 \pm 2.63\text{e-}3$
$I_{u_{avg}} + I_{rc}$	$3.92\text{e-}3 \pm 2.25\text{e-}3$
$I_{u_{avg}} + I_c$	$9.45\text{e-}4 \pm 2.85\text{e-}4$
$I_{u_{avg}} + I_{rc} + I_c$	$9.77\text{e-}4 \pm 3.45\text{e-}4$
$I_{u_{avg}} + I_{rc} + I_{gr}$	$4.57\text{e-}3 \pm 3.18\text{e-}3$
$I_{u_{avg}} + I_c + I_{yy}$	<b><math>5.26\text{e-}4 \pm 1.97\text{e-}4</math></b>
$I_{u_{avg}} + I_{rc} + I_{gr} + I_c + I_{yy}$	$9.34\text{e-}4 \pm 3.18\text{e-}4$



# META Learning of Interface Conditions (METALIC)

1. Given a parameterized PDE family  $A$  and domain decomposition:  
each PDE in  $A$  is parameterized by  $\beta \in \mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$
2. Given a set of interface conditions  $\mathcal{S} = \{I_1, \dots, I_s\}$

Goal:  $\beta \in \mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d \longrightarrow I(\beta) \subseteq \mathcal{S}$

The **best set of conditions** for  
the multi-domain PINNs to  
solve the PDE parameterized  
by  $\beta$

# METALIC-Single: contextual MAB for the entire training course

condition set 1



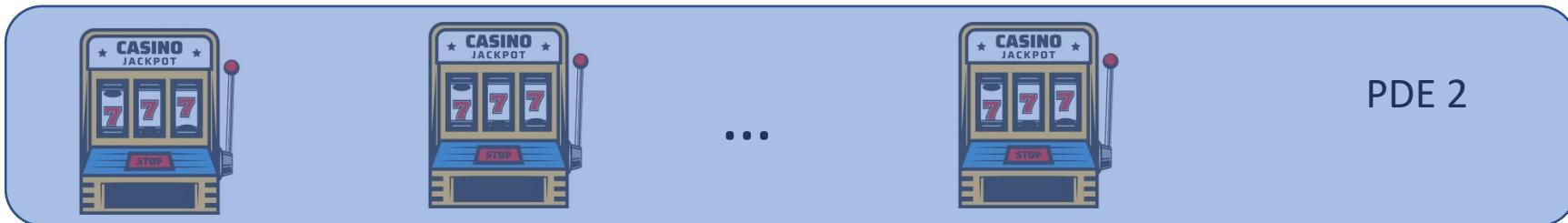
condition set 2



condition set q



PDE 1



PDE 2

⋮



⋮



PDE N

⋮

- Payoffs varying across different PDEs
- Payoffs are correlated according to PDE parameters

# METALIC-Single: *contextual* MAB for the entire training course

- State/context space: PDE parameter space  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$
- Action space  $P$ : the power set of  $S = \{I_1, \dots, I_s\}$ , i.e., all subsets of  $S$ . Each action means pulling the lever of one slot machine
- Reward: the negative  $L_2$  relative solution error
- Reward function:  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{P}, r(\cdot, \cdot))$

$$r : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$vec = [0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0]$

PDE parameters

Interface condition set

Negative solution error  
of the entire training of  
multi-domain PINN

# METALIC-Single

- Use GP to online estimate the reward function

$$r \sim \mathcal{GP} \left( 0, \kappa \left( [\beta, \mathbf{a}], [\beta', \mathbf{a}'] \right) \right) \longrightarrow \text{Gaussian noise model for the observed reward}$$
$$y \sim \mathcal{N}(y|r, \sigma_0^2)$$

PDE parameters      Binary encodings of the action: e.g., 1001100

$$\kappa \left( [\beta, \mathbf{a}], [\beta', \mathbf{a}'] \right) = \kappa_1(\beta, \beta')\kappa_2(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}')$$
$$\kappa_1(\beta, \beta') = \exp(-\tau_1 \|\beta - \beta'\|^2)$$
$$\kappa_2(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}') = \exp \left( \tau_2 \cdot \frac{1}{q} \sum_{i=1}^q \mathbb{1}(a_i = a'_i) \right)$$

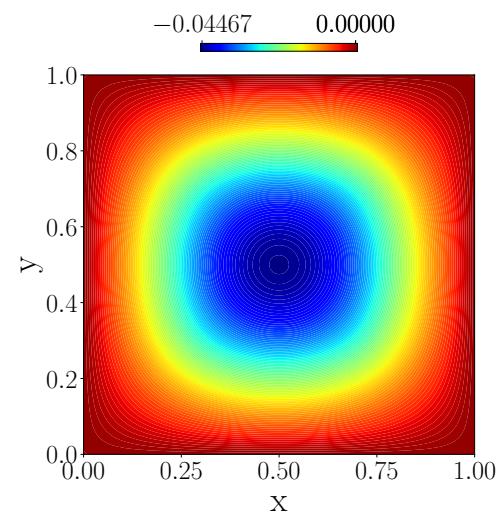
# Experiments

2D Poisson Equation

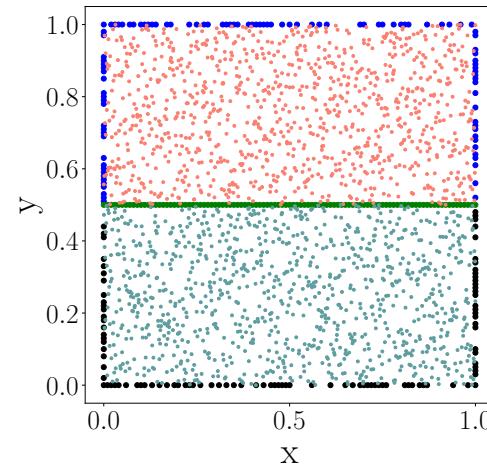
$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = \tilde{f}(x, y; s) \quad (x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$$

$$\tilde{f}(x, y; s) = \frac{f(x, y; s)}{\max_{x,y} f(x, y; s)}$$

$$f(x, y; s) = [\operatorname{erf}((x - 0.25)s) - \operatorname{erf}((x - 0.75)s)] \\ \cdot [\operatorname{erf}((y - 0.25)s) - \operatorname{erf}((y - 0.75)s)],$$



(a) Solution at  $s = 20$



(b) Subdomains

# Experiments

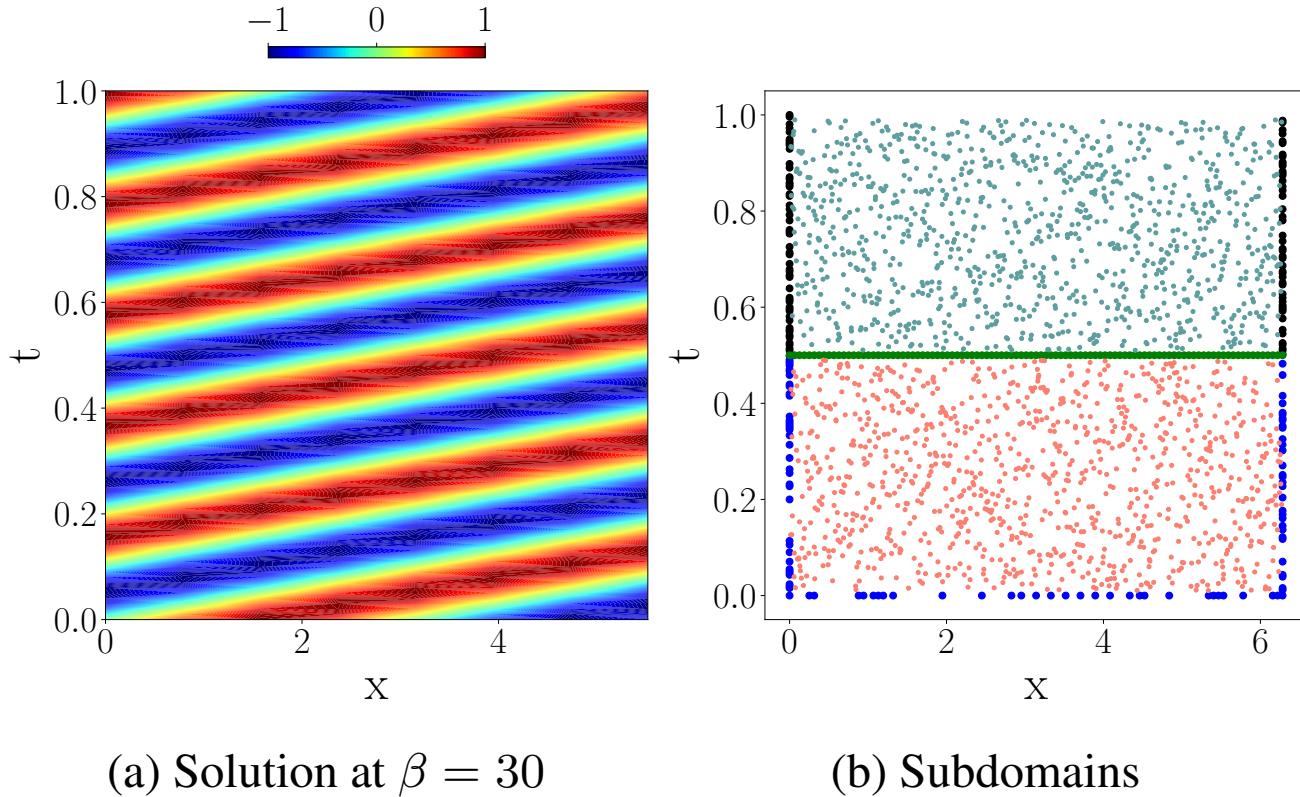
1D Advection Equation

$$u_t + \beta u_x = 0$$

$$x \in [0, 2\pi], t \in [0, 1]$$

$$u(x, t) = h(x - \beta t)$$

$$h(x) = \sin(x)$$



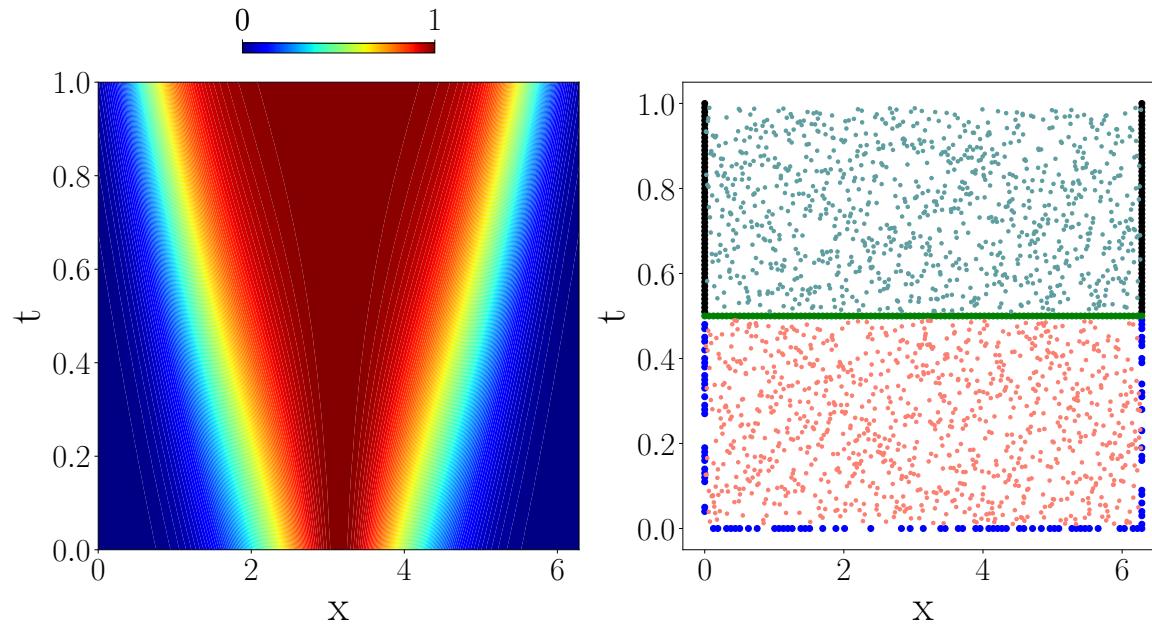
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1D Reaction Equation

$$u_t - \rho u(1 - u) = 0$$

$$x \in [0, 2\pi], t \in [0, 1]$$

$$u(x, 0) = e^{-\frac{(x-\pi)^2}{2(\pi/4)^2}}$$



(a) Solution at  $\rho = 5.0$

(b) Subdomains

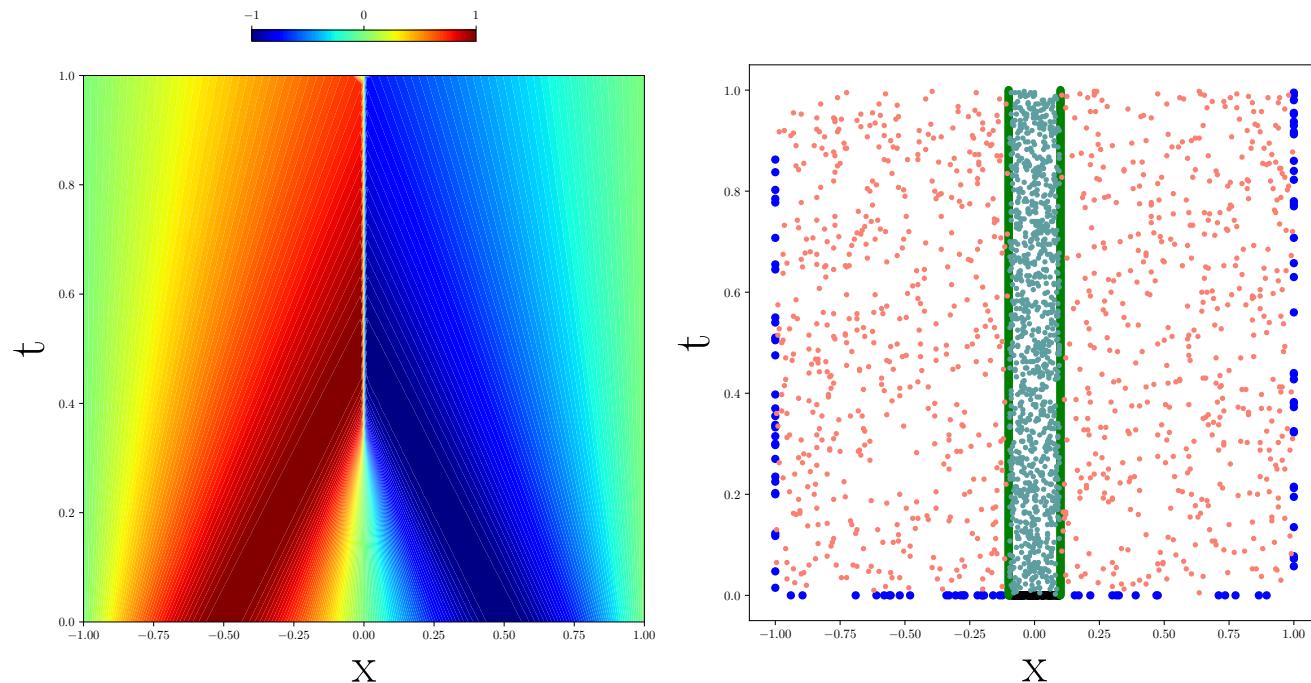
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Burger's equation

$$u_t + uu_x = \nu u_{xx}$$

$$x \in [-1, 1], t \in [0, 1]$$

$$u(x, 0) = -\sin(\pi x)$$



(a) Solution at  $\nu = 0.001$

(b) Subdomains

# Online performance: #plays vs. accumulated solution error

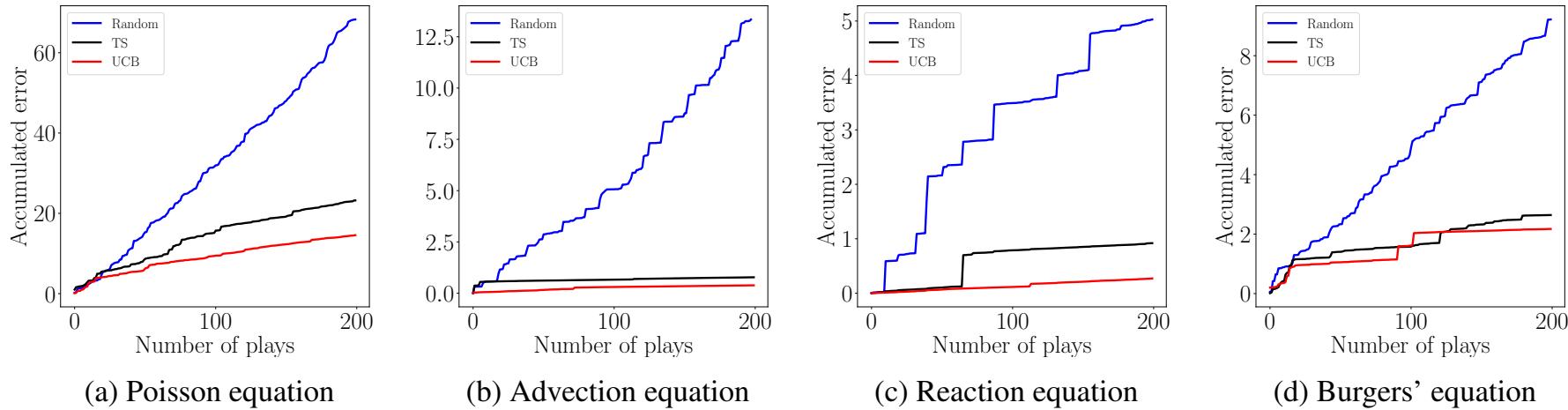


Figure 6: Online performance of METALIC-single.

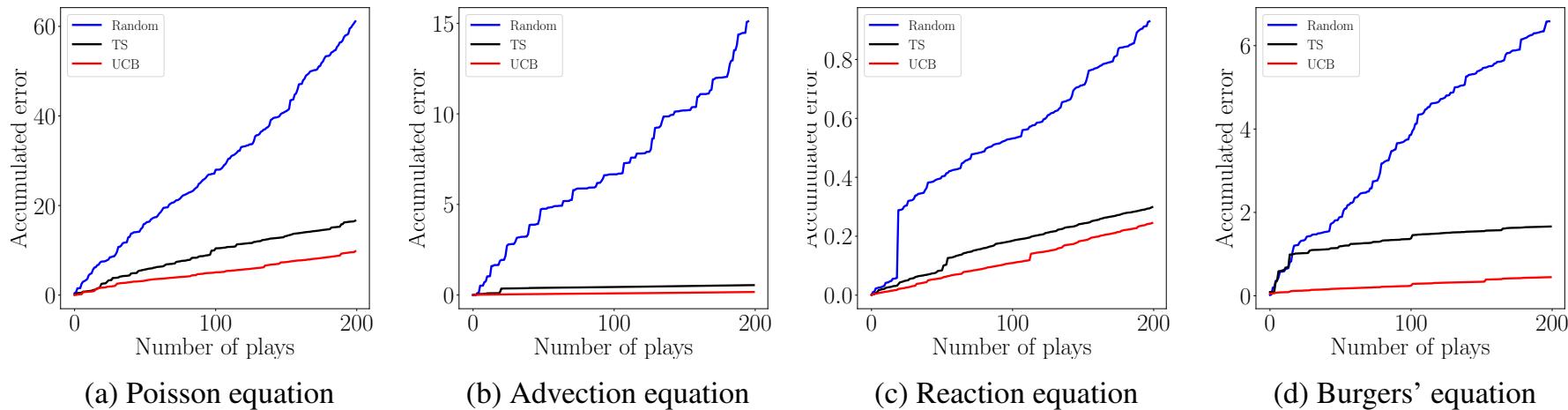
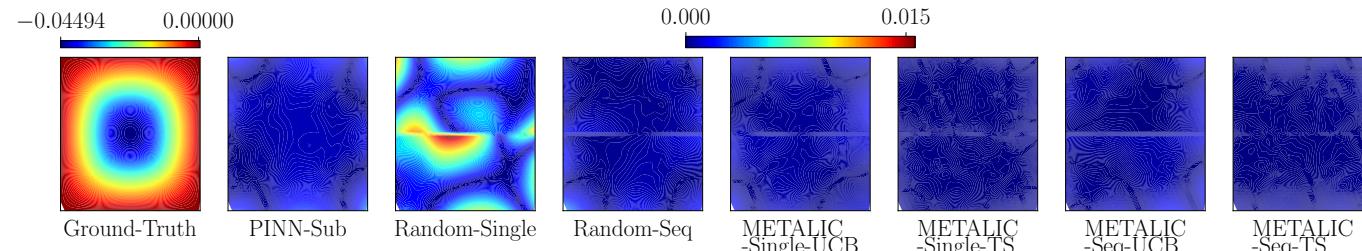
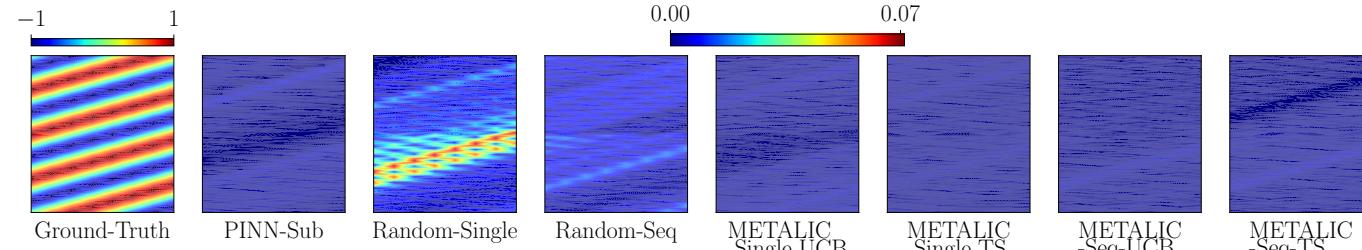


Figure 7: Online performance of METALIC-seq.

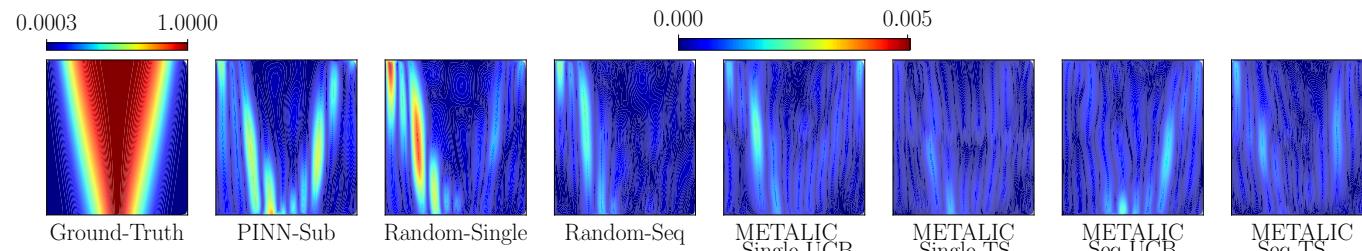
# Point-wise error



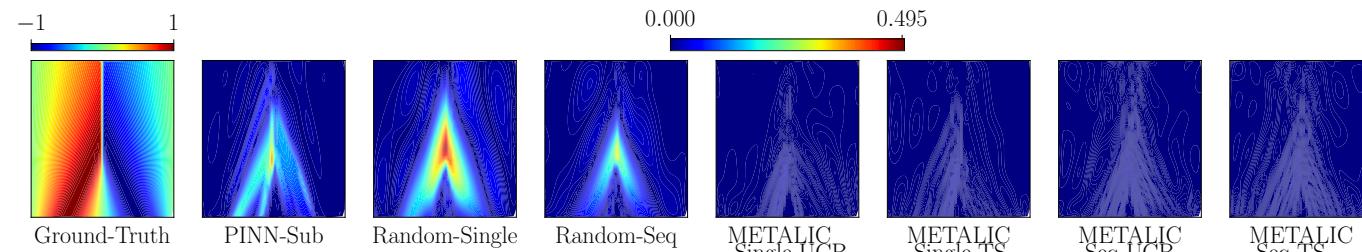
(a) Poisson equation ( $s = 46.1$ )



(b) Advection equation ( $\beta = 24.02$ )



(c) Reaction equation ( $\rho = 4.1$ )



(d) Burgers' equation ( $\nu = 0.0036$ )

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