Linking SDSU Computational Science and Industry

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## Why? Mutually beneficial

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<td>Expose students to “real-world” problems</td>
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SDSU computational science resources

• Wide range of faculty from mathematics, science, and engineering spanning a variety of specialties (fluid dynamics, materials science, biophysics, bioinformatics, signal processing, data mining, computational and numerical expertise)

• Ph.D and M.S. students

• Computational resources (e.g. cluster, visualization)
How? Multi-tiered strategy

- Develop classes designed to streamline transition to industry (enhance teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills) (no cost to industry)

- Provide access to faculty/student teams for specific problems ($)

- Develop focused consortiums with multiple faculty and associated students ($)
Example: class development

- Computation Sciences 670
  - Intended to mimic industry environment
  - Small group of students address a specific problem and write report
  - Faculty act as consultants
  - Teamwork and flexibility
  - Objectives based in part on previous comments during ACSESS meetings
Sample problems

- Signal analysis of brain waves
- Numerical modeling of spark plasma sintering
- Analysis of customers preferences (Netflix)
- Will accept problems from industry (no charge)

Model of temperature distributions during spark plasma sintering – J. Talley
Faculty/student teams

• Provide support for a specific student(s) to work on a problem.
• Includes some allocation for faculty and computer resources.
• May form part of a student thesis
• One summer ~ $10,000
Consortium

- Research on a given problem supported by yearly fees (for example, seismic wave imaging).
- Gain access to latest results and codes.
- Yearly workshop to show results.
- Need group of companies.
Conclusions

• Industry participation is essential for success.
• Beneficial to industry as well.
• Wide range of options with considerable flexibility.
• Contact me with questions or comments

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