



Linking SDSU Computational Science and Industry

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Why? Mutually beneficial

SDSU benefits	Industry benefits
<i>Expose students to “real-world” problems</i>	<i>Source of well-trained new employees</i>
<i>Additional source of support for students</i>	<i>Access to specialized academic firepower and resources</i>

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
 - Enhance teamwork and flexibility
 - Objectives based in part on previous comments during ACSESS meetings

Sample problems

- Time series analysis and signal detection in noise.
- Numerical modeling of spark plasma sintering
- Analysis of customers preferences (Netflix)
- We will accept problems from industry (no charge)

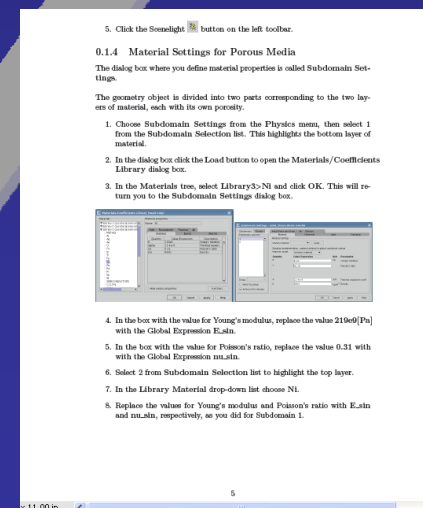
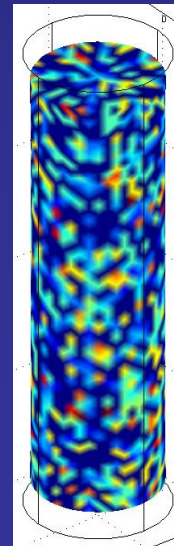
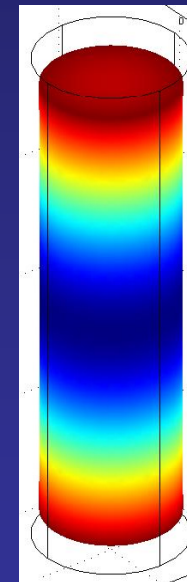
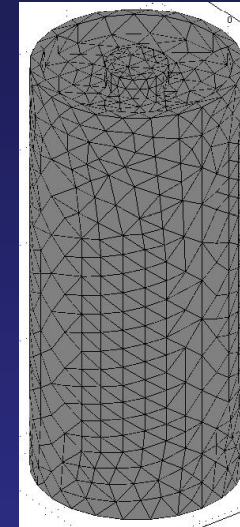
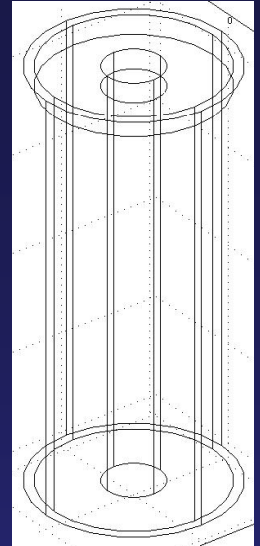
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Tasks:

- Solve sintering problem using finite difference
- Write documentation
- Presentation (powerpoint & poster*)

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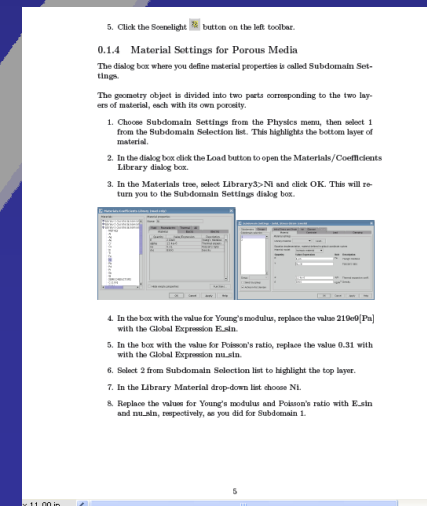
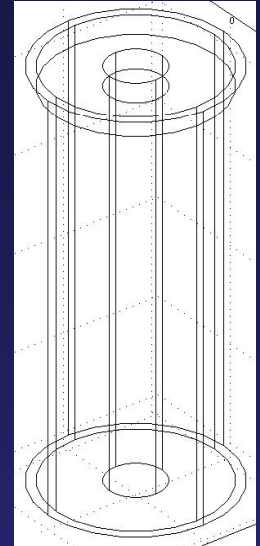
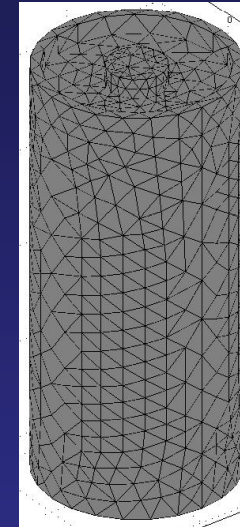
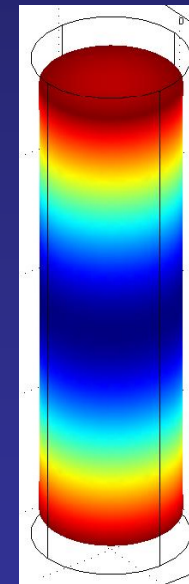


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Faculty/student teams

- 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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