

Final Project

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Important Dates

- All deadline at 23:59 Taipei time

Date	Individual Track	Team Track
6/4	(1) Registration for everyone. (2) Proposal for team participants.	
6/11	First-round submission	Method design
6/18	Second-round submission	Experiment setting submission
6/25	Final-round and report submission	Report submission

Project Choice 1 – Team Track

- **Team: 2 to 3 members**
- **Report: ≥ 4 pages**
 - ACM template
 - Double column
 - Figures, tables, and about 2.5-3k words
- **Code**
 - GitHub repo
 - Working demo
 - Simple UI for TAs and classmates to give their inputs and check the predictions

- Download template from <https://www.acm.org/publications/proceedings-template>
 - Use header `\documentclass[sigconf,review]{acmart}`
- Use overleaf to compile <https://www.overleaf.com/>

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Intermediate Reports

- For weeks 1, 2, and 3
- Strongly recommend to use ACM template
 - Easier to integrate and accumulate
 - Page, language, template, and content are not limited
- Content/purpose of proposal
 - Which dataset/platform you are going to use
 - What are your ideas
 - What potential impact you can make
 - What is your plan to achieve your goal
 - Method idea
 - Development schedule

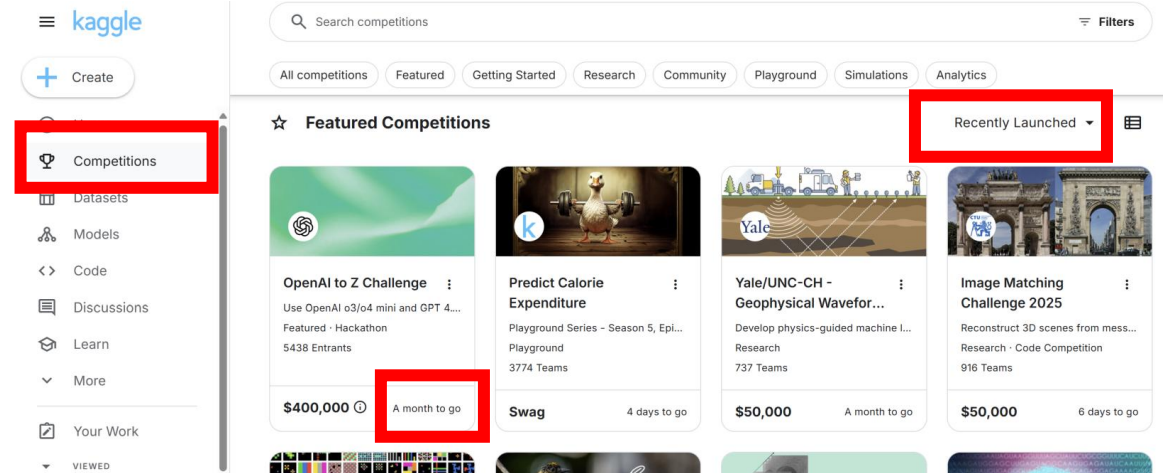


Main Components

- Mandatory in English
- Predictive task (15%)
- Dataset (15%)
- Model (20%)
- Literature (10%)
- Results (40%)

Predictive Task

- Identify a predictive task
 - Your task needs to “predict” something
 - Mostly supervised learning
 - What is your evaluation metric?
- Don't need to start from scratch
 - Ongoing Kaggle competitions
 - Ongoing open source project
 - Latest paper with open source codes
- Reproducing existing works is **NOT** your contribution
- And the significance of contributions strongly affects your score



Kaggle interface showing the 'Competitions' section. The 'Competitions' link in the left sidebar is highlighted with a red box. The 'Featured Competitions' section displays four competitions, with the 'OpenAI to Z Challenge' highlighted by a red box. The 'Recently Launched' filter is also highlighted with a red box.

Competition Name	Prize Pool	Time to Go	Teams
OpenAI to Z Challenge	\$400,000	A month to go	5438 Entrants
Predict Calorie Expenditure	Swag	4 days to go	3774 Teams
Yale/UNC-CH - Geophysical Wavefor...	\$50,000	A month to go	737 Teams
Image Matching Challenge 2025	\$50,000	6 days to go	916 Teams



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is acceptable

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Dataset

- Identify a dataset with at least 50,000 instances
- Assumptions
- Perform data analysis
 - Basic statistics
 - Properties
 - Interesting findings
- These analysis should **support your assumptions** and **connect to your solution design**



Model

- What is your proposed model?
 - Fine to use models taught in class
 - Explain your choice
 - Any new features? Any challenges from your observations?
 - Any unsuccessful trials?
- How to tackle these challenges?
 - Reference and 3rd party libs are okay
- Any training issues?
 - Scalability, overfitting, underfitting, timeout issue, etc



Literature

- Has your task/dataset been studied before?
- Has your idea been applied to other tasks before?
- Are you proposing a brand-new task?
- What are the state-of-the-art works of your task?
- What is the main difference between yours and related works?
- Do you have similar contributions/conclusions with related works?



Results

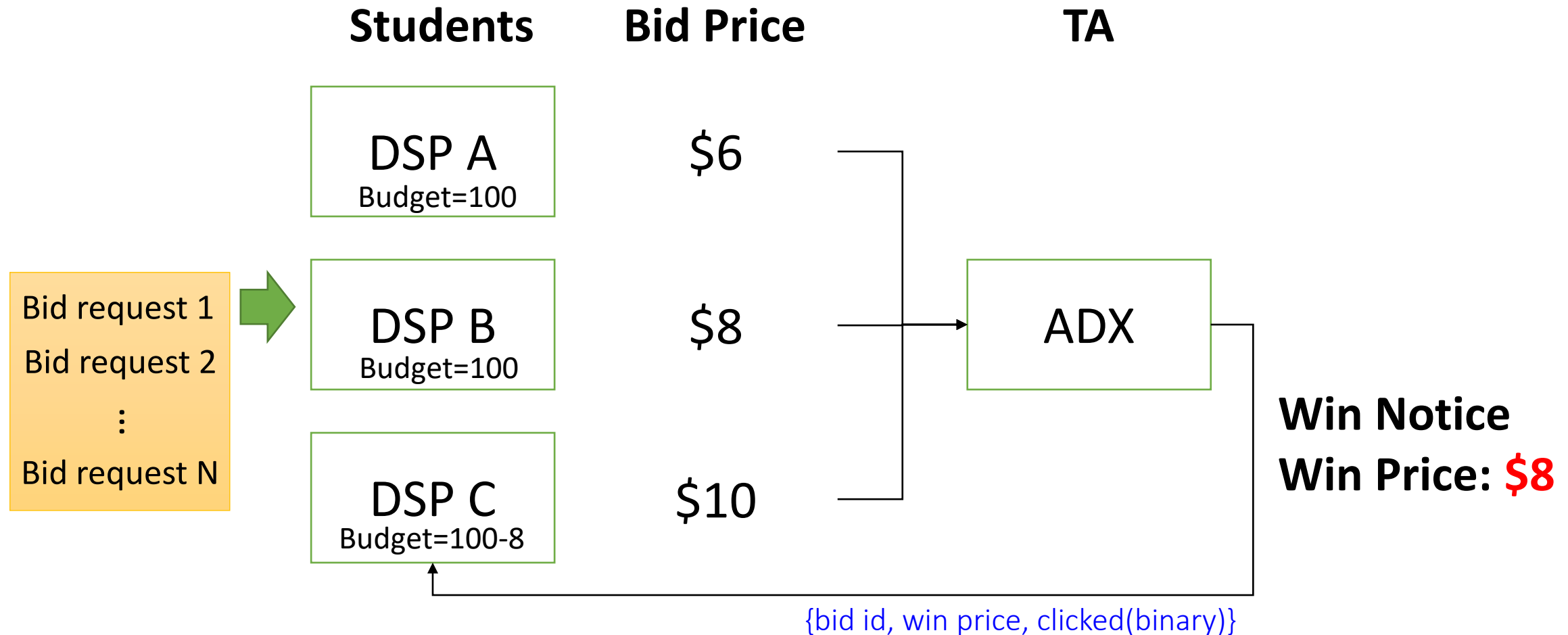
- Why can your model outperform state-of-the-art methods?
- How much is the improvement? Is it significant?
 - Comparisons between baselines and your methods needed
- Are your proposed features/modules effective?
 - Ablation tests are needed
- How to set your hyperparameters?
 - Objective function curve needed
- Case study – failed cases for future work
- What are your main conclusions/contributions?



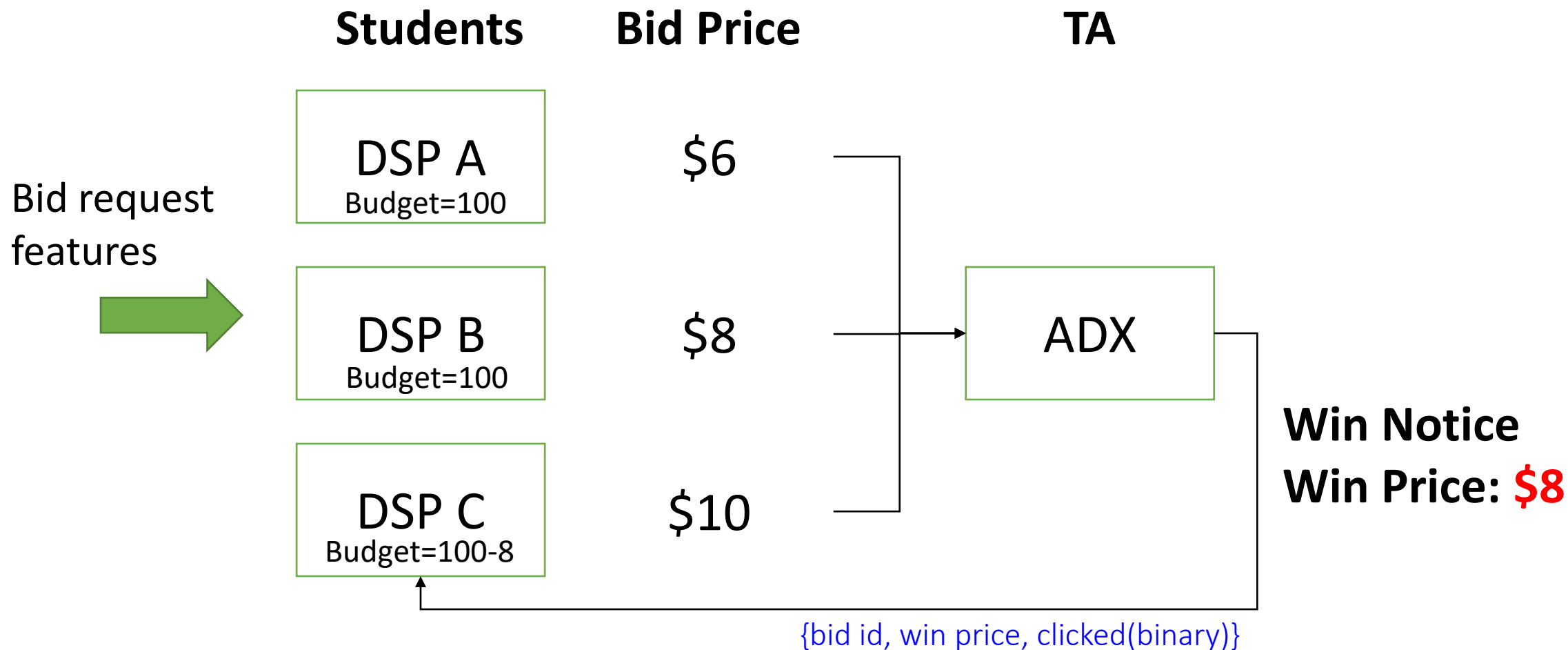
Project Choice 2 – Individual Track

- Join an advertisement bidding game individually
 - You are a bidding agent for an advertiser
 - Your goal is to maximize KPI by winning bids with a given budget
- **Report: 3-4 pages**
 - ACM template
 - Double column
 - Figures, tables, equations, etc
- Participants are prohibited to share information with each other

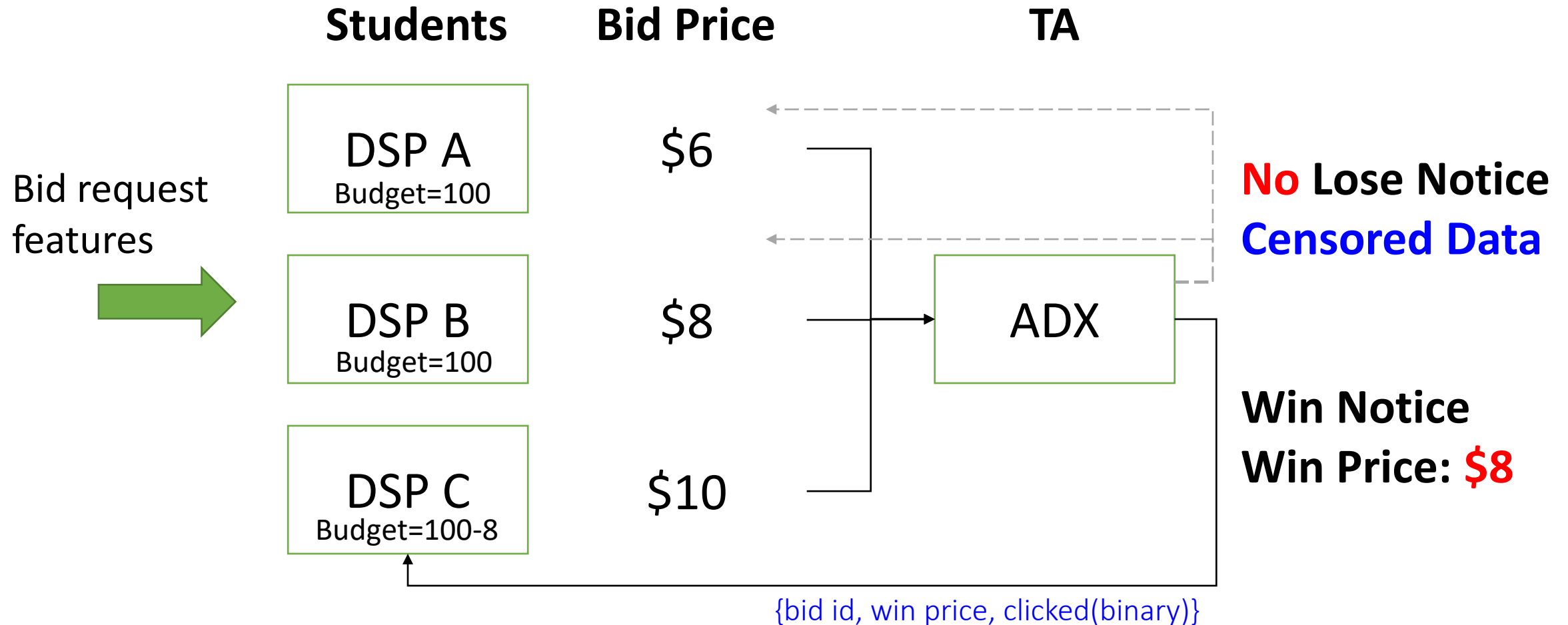
Bid Request Stream



Second-Price Auction (SPA)



Censored Data



Bidding Strategy

- Given a stream of bid requests and their features, ad features (**budget**, ad content, target audience), etc
- Determine bid prices for each bid request
- Such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \text{KPI} \\ \text{s. t. } & \sum \text{cost} \leq \text{Budget} \end{aligned}$$





KPI

- Win = display an ad to audience (impression+1) -> if clicked (click+1)
- For this project: **#clicks > #impressions**
- The ranking results among participants will reflect on final scores

Dataset and Procedure

- 4-day training and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd testing sets
 - Consecutive days, millions of bid requests
- All submission deadline at 23:59 Taipei time

No result exchange
between students!

Date	Student Deadline	TA Release
6/4	Registration	training and 1 st testing
6/11	1 st day bidding price	1 st day result and 2 nd day testing
6/18	2 nd day bidding price	2 nd day result and 3 rd day testing
6/25	3 rd day bidding price and report	Final results

Basic Statistics

	Training	Testing (total)
#Impressions	1,760,309	~130M
#Clicks	1,319	~1,000
Average CTR	0.07%	-
Average CPM	68.88	-

See `feature_meaning.xlsx` for feature details.

Bidding Submission Data Format

- Row data
 - Testing: {bid id, feature}
 - Submit: {bid id, bid price}
 - Feedback:
 - If you win a bid: {bid id, win price, clicked(binary)}
 - Receive nothing if lose
- File name: {student-id}_day{number}.csv
 - E.g., 0586004_day1.csv for the 1st testing day
- Any data read fail on our side (e.g., naming or formatting) will cause you 0 grade

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Other Game Rules

- All prices in integer
- Daily budget: \$5,000 (i.e., \$5,000 for each testing date individually)
- Winner is charged when winning a bid request
- For tie-breaking
 - Randomly choose a winner
 - Win price:
 - **If there is a distinct second-high bid price:** the distinct second-high bid price
 - **Else if everyone ties and the highest bid price > 2:** the highest bid price – \$1
 - **Else:** no winner

Main Components

- Same as team project if not specified
- Dataset (20%)
- Model (20%)
 - How you utilize online updating?
- Literature (20%)
- Bidding Results
 - (report) Training results on the first 4 days and testing results (20%)
 - Performance test, ablation tests, hyperparameter settings
 - Ranking results among all participants for the 1st to the 3rd testing days (20%)
 - Click (15%) and impression (5%)

General Rules for Using GAI

- Plagiarism and the Use of ChatGPT or similar LLMs Papers that include text generated from a large-scale language model (LLM) such as ChatGPT are prohibited unless the produced text is presented as a part of the paper's experimental analysis. Note that this policy does not prohibit authors from using LLMs for editing or polishing author-written text. [AAAI' 25]
- Generative AI models, including ChatGPT, BARD, LLaMA, or similar LLMs, do not satisfy the criteria for authorship of papers published in IJCAI 2025. If authors use an LLM in any part of the paper-writing process they assume full responsibility for all content, including checking for plagiarism and correctness of the entire submission. [IJCAI' 25]
- Justify your contributions against GAI if you are collaborating with them



Make Your Choice!

- <https://reurl.cc/dQolb2>
- Registration closes on 6/4



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