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ABSTRACT

E-commerce, where billions of people engage daily, requires an understanding of consumer psychology. CNNs, RNNs, and matrix factorization are commonly used in recommender systems, although they often overlook psychological factors and user-product-context relationships. This research combines consumer psychology with advanced graph-based learning to provide a psychologically informed prediction framework. Latent cognitive and emotional aspects are modeled to increase customer behavior prediction accuracy, customization, and interpretability. The proposed NeuroGraph-CPM creates a heterogeneous user–product graph including behavioral data, environmental information, and psychological signals from reviews and interactions. The model captures structural links and hidden psychological states that influence consumer decision-making using graph neural networks with affect-aware message forwarding and psychologically regularized attention. Research on a real-world Amazon Electronics dataset shows that NeuroGraph-CPM improves behavior prediction accuracy by 19.6%, click-through rate estimation by 16.3%, and personalization relevance by 21.8% over strong baseline models. Further study demonstrates that the model delivers human-centered transparency with interpretable attention distributions linked with psychological priors. The findings show that psychology and graph learning improve recommender system predictive performance, user engagement, and customisation.

Keywords: Consumer Behavior Prediction, Graph Neural Networks, Psychological Modeling, Recommender Systems, Interpretability

I. Introduction

a. Background and Motivation

The increasing surge of e-commerce and online consumer platforms has led to a greater emphasis on studying customer behavior, decision patterns, and preferences. With billions of consumers engaging daily across content sites, social media, and e-commerce portals, accurate forecasting of consumer activities has become crucial for driving personalized recommendations, advertising, and customer retention initiatives [1]. Traditional recommendation systems rely on transaction history, browsing behavior, and ratings for suggestions, but they lack an understanding of the psychological forces driving consumer purchase decisions [2]. In today's competitive marketplace landscape, it's not just a matter of identifying patterns of what the user will likely do next, but also whether an underlying cognition or emotional driver is involved. This calls for a conversation of paramount importance to bring psychological modeling into evidence-driven systems, thereby surpassing surface-level individualization and developing more natural, human-oriented prediction systems [3].

Furthermore, consumers today expect more thoughtful engagement with systems that can sense their needs and adapt to shifting behavior [4]. It has led to the development of the next generation of recommendation technologies, aiming to converge artificial intelligence and cognitive science to create more sophisticated, explainable, and useful prediction models. At the heart of this effort is an interdisciplinary imperative, one that calls for disrupting traditional prediction paradigms to address the complexity of consumer psychology [5].

b. Limitations of Existing Approaches

Current techniques for learning user behavior are primarily based on traditional machine learning and deep learning approaches, such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs), and matrix factorization (MF) techniques [6]. These techniques have been successful in extracting sequential and implicit features from user-item interactions, thereby enhancing the quality of recommendations to some extent. However, they are insufficient to capture the more nuanced psychological nuances, context dependencies, and social influence patterns that guide real-world consumer decision-making [7]. Nearly all traditional approaches treat consumer behavior as independent sequences or predetermined vectors, excluding the complex web of interconnecting relationships between users, products, contexts, and affective states. Furthermore, they encounter sparsity and cold-start difficulties, as they rely on explicit ratings or extensive historical data [8].

Most importantly, they are devoid of cognitive or emotional aspects, such as impulsivity, trust, attention span, or satisfaction, upon which the comprehension of why a consumer acts in a particular way relies. It suggests that the recommendations they generate may be technology-optimized but psychologically unbalanced, eroding engagement and degrading personalization [9]. Such a challenge is more pronounced in changing environments where users' behaviors change dynamically. Hence, increasingly, what is required is to embrace models capable of capturing rich, multi-relational, and psychologically motivated interactions, one wherein graph-based learning has tremendous potential [10].

Graph-based models, such as PANE-GNN and IGNN, can predict consumer behavior by capturing structural and contextual relations; however, they struggle to handle the dynamic nature of consumer psychology. These methods generally regard emotional and cognitive elements as static or secondary signals, overlooking how user attitudes, trust, and attentiveness evolve during sessions and influence subsequent choices. This gap underscores the need for relational learning models that capture graph structural relationships and incorporate developing psychological cues. We use affect-aware message passing and psychologically regularized attention to represent stable and dynamic cognitive-affective relationships in NeuroGraph-CPM.

Importance of Psychological Modeling in Consumer Analytics

Psychological modeling is a pertinent but commonly neglected component of consumer analytics. While items like behavioral measures, such as clicks, purchases, and ratings, yield measurable indications regarding user conduct, they fail to capture the underlying psychological processes that give rise to such behavior [11]. Motivation, cognitive bias, emotional response, and social influence are all significant factors that influence consumer choice. For instance, the same user will continue to return to a product page because they were initially interested, but may be undecided or price-sensitive, psychological aspects that single-behavior logs are incapable of explaining [12]. Adding psychological modeling enables systems to look behind what can be seen in actions and deduce intent, personality, and even user decision styles. All this extra depth can make a big difference in personalization and contextual relevance of recommendations [13].

Psychological concepts, such as the Theory of Planned Behavior or Prospect Theory, in literature provide frameworks that explain how people make decisions under uncertainty or social pressure. Such frameworks can be utilized in data systems that leverage advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and natural language processing [14]. By analyzing sentiment, topic modeling, and clustering of behavior, we can estimate mental and affective states from users' data, including reviews and browsing history. This combination of machine learning and psychological knowledge presents a compelling opportunity to develop more human-centered, adaptive, and predictive models [15]. As such, the combination of psychological modeling not only provides predictive power but also facilitates user trust, satisfaction, and engagement.

c. Role of Graph Neural Networks in Behavior Modeling

Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) have proven to be an effective way of structuring and relating data, with optimal application in consumer behavior prediction. Unlike traditional models that operate with independent or sequential inputs, GNNs efficiently handle complex relationships between various entity types, such as users, products, reviews, and contexts, in graph form [16]. Nodes can be considered as items or people, and edges represent interactions such as clicks, purchases, or co-occurrence behavior in this type of graph. Relational modeling of this type enables the system to understand not only what everyone is doing, but also how their surroundings, network, and history influence them [17]. GNNs are naturally suited for learning representations (embeddings) that capture both local and global graph structures, enabling them to learn not only explicit user preferences but also less overt behavioral indications, such as social influence or interest at the category level [18]. GNNs also support heterogeneous data fusion, enabling the integration of several distinct node and edge types, thereby allowing for multi-source input, such as review sentiment, demographics, and product attributes. This versatility enables it to effectively encapsulate psychological signals and capture evolving user behavior [19]. In the context of this research, GNNs are the foundation of the NeuroGraph-CPM model through their ability to facilitate relational learning, psychological feature spreading, and behavior prediction within an explainable integrated framework [20].

d. Research Objectives and Contributions

The primary objective of this study is to develop an innovative, psychologically informed behavior prediction model that transcends the limitations of conventional machine learning methods by utilizing graph neural networks. In particular, the study will learn to encode intricate user–product interactions and deduce unobservable psychological attributes that drive consumer choice. The aim is to create a system that not only improves the prediction of future consumer actions but also explains why these actions occur, through the use of relational and cognitive modeling. It enables the creation of more tailored, adaptive, and effective marketing, with more accurate matching to individual user requirements and thought processes. By combining psychological modeling and graph-based learning, this work also integrates artificial intelligence and cognitive behavioral science. The key contributions of this study are as follows:

- To propose NeuroGraph-CPM, a graph-based framework that integrates psychological modeling into consumer behavior prediction.
- To construct a heterogeneous graph that captures user–product interactions along with contextual and psychological features.
- To infer latent psychological traits, such as trust and engagement, from behavioral patterns and textual reviews.
- To develop a GNN-based prediction model for accurately forecasting consumer actions like clicks and purchases.
- To demonstrate the model's effectiveness using real-world e-commerce data, showing improvements in accuracy, personalization, and scalability.

The NeuroGraph-CPM integrates psychological features with graph neural networks, improves interpretability through affect-aware attention, and improves prediction accuracy and customisation. However, the architecture requires high-quality affective and contextual metadata and struggles to handle rapidly changing user intents. This strength-constraint balance shows the model's potential for psychologically informed recommender systems.

The paper has logically well-defined sections. Section 1 motivated the research work by establishing a psychology-based prediction of behavior and establishing its importance. Section 2 gives an overview of work related to affective modeling and graph-based recommendation. Section 3 provides a detailed examination of the NeuroGraph-CPM model, covering topics such as graph construction, embedding propagation, and the decoder. Section 4 presents the experiment setup, results, and comparative analysis on different evaluation metrics. Finally, Section 5 shows key findings, limitations, and future work directions in affective-aware recommendation.

II Related Works

2.1 Traditional ML Approaches

CNNs, RNNs, and MF are popular predictors of consumer behavior. These models capture sequential and latent data but treat behavior as static, exhibit cold-start difficulties, and overlook psychological variables such as trust and impulsivity.

Hu, Z. [21] investigated the prediction of consumer behavior through machine learning techniques, namely fMRI-based models, recurrent neural networks (RNNs), and decision trees. These techniques were applied to real-world cases, demonstrating their efficacy in capturing behavioral patterns, and the results indicate improved prediction accuracy; however, shortcomings include the simplicity of decision trees in handling complex behavior, overfitting in RNNs, and interpretability issues with fMRI models. Future improvements aim to enhance the robustness and adaptability of the models. Zheng, Q., & Ding, Q. [22] employed an Immersive Graph Neural Network (IGNN) in an immersive marketing context to develop a Personalized Recommendation System (PRS). Among the methods used to improve user experience and recommendation accuracy were deep learning, GNN modeling, and immersive content analysis. When it comes to optimal R@20 values, experimental results show that IGNN outperforms baseline models. Reliance on high-quality immersive data and possible scalability issues in real-time commercial applications are among the limitations.

Migdał-Najman et al. [23] identified patterns of purchasing behavior among senior consumers in Slovenia, the Czech Republic, and Poland using a self-learning Growing Neural Gas (GNG) network. Unsupervised neural clustering and survey-based data collection are two methods. Six different buying patterns and cross-national variations are identified in the results, particularly in smartphone purchases. The product's limited breadth and demographic restriction to seniors are two limitations that could impact its generalizability to larger consumer groups.

Zhang et al. [24] used an optimized Canopy clustering algorithm (CCA) to create a prediction model for consumer psychology in the digital economy. Theoretical analysis, questionnaire design, and clustering based on consumer psychology and product qualities are among the techniques employed. The results demonstrate strong practical applicability with a minimal prediction error of 0.047. Reduced clustering accuracy for large-scale data and reliance on additional algorithms for refining after the initial clustering stages are among the limitations.

Using machine learning and big data analytics, Chaudhary et al. [25] created a predictive model for social media purchase behavior. Data gathering from social media sites like Facebook and Instagram, preprocessing to eliminate noise and duplication, and model training on 80% of the data are some of the methods used. The results show that behavior prediction is successful. Managing data heterogeneity, real-time processing difficulties, and adapting models to rapidly changing user trends are some of the key limitations.

2.2 GNN-Based Recommenders

PANE-GNN, DGN-JBP, and IGNN improved recommendations by modeling user–item–context relations. However, they focus on structural relationships, ignore review semantics and developing emotions, and limit interpretability. For instance, DGN-JBP captures dynamic linkages but not semantic and affective information.

The new GNN-based recommendation model PANE-GNN (Positive and Negative Edges in Graph Neural Networks), which incorporates both positive and negative user feedback, is presented by Liu et al. [26]. Graph partitioning into positive and negative bipartite graphs, dual embeddings for interests and disinterests, and contrastive training using distorted negative graphs are some of the methods. Superior performance is seen in the results on four real-world datasets. Limitations, however, include the need for a more sophisticated model and potential susceptibility to noise in training negative feedback data. Gao, Q., & Ma, P. [27] modelled user-context-item interactions using graph structures and proposed a Context-Aware Graph Neural Network (CA-GNN) to improve recommendation accuracy. Methods include the new incorporation of physical weariness as a contextual aspect, attention mechanisms, and graph formation. The Food and Yelp datasets yield better RMSE and MAE results. Limitations include a greater need for high-quality contextual data to achieve optimal performance and an increase in computational complexity.

A dynamic GNN model for jointly predicting user preferences and social links is presented by Li et al. [28] as DGN-JBP (Dynamic Graph Neural Joint Behavior Prediction). Among the methods are dual-task fusion frameworks, GRUs for dynamic high-order information extraction, disentangled user embeddings, and an attentive GNN. Results demonstrate notable performance improvements on two real-world datasets. Limitations include the high computational cost and the difficulty of capturing abrupt changes in user behavior in dynamic social networks.

2.3 Psychology-Integrated Models

Emotion-aware systems refine predictions with polarity, topic modeling, or engagement signals. The cues are generally auxiliary and fail to depict dynamic cognitive-affective interdependence, such as changing emotions or trust, during sessions.

Madanchian [29] explored the use of generative AI models, such as transformers, VAEs, and GANs, to enhance the prediction of customer behavior. A systematic review of 31 studies from various fields, such as public health and e-commerce, is one of the techniques. The outcomes show better inventory control, churn prediction, and personalization. However, there are drawbacks, including concerns about data privacy, processing requirements, and difficulties in converting model performance into practical marketing and engagement tactics.

2.4. Attention-Based Context-Aware Recommendation Models for Enhanced User Preference Learning

The dynamic intention-aware recommendation model known as DIARec was presented by Vaghari et al. in the year [30]. This model makes use of attention-based context and item attribute modeling. The issue of static recommendations, which disregard the ever-changing intents of users, is addressed by this solution. The results of the experiments demonstrated that conventional models are less accurate and less relevant to the situation. However, when dealing with enormous datasets, it has limitations in terms of scalability and processing capacity.

The Hierarchical Attention Network (HAN) developed by Vaghari et al. [31] is able to acquire user preferences that are latent and aware of context by focusing multi-level attention on qualities and circumstances. It provides a solution to the problem of incomplete preference modeling that existed in former systems. Despite the fact that it takes a huge amount of labeled data and a high level of computational capacity, the model enhanced precision and recall.

Vaghari et al. [32] suggested a group attention-based collaborative filtering model in GCORec , which included sequential feedback and context-aware features. This model was presented in the journal GCORec. It overcomes the restriction of conventional CF models, which failed to take into account the behavior of groups and sequential sequences. Despite the fact that the model had problems with cold-start issues and extensive hyperparameter tuning, the results showed that the MAP and NDCG scores were quite effective.

Research Gaps

Past research, such as CCA, IGNN, DGN-JBP, and PANE-GNN, has considered structural and contextual representations in graph neural networks; however, it does not integrate users' psychological states, emotional reactions, and contextual dependencies in a comprehensive and understandable framework. Most models significantly depend on static graph relations or overlook affective-semantic dynamics from user sentiment and behavioral sequences. Additionally, they fail to utilize multimodal signals (clickstream, sentiment, profile context) effectively in graph learning for behavior inference.

The research addresses these limitations through NeuroGraph-CPM, a cognition-informed architecture powered by affect-aware attention, relational propagation, and behaviorally weighted embeddings. It offers an interpretable yet robust pipeline that can infer high-order relations and cognitive-affective dependencies. The suggested work also attempts to address the sparsity of behavior and emotional noise by utilizing psychologically regularized attention and session-level metadata. Furthermore, compared to most previous models optimized for accuracy or CTR only, the proposed work can manage heterogeneous, personalized, and psychologically interpretable predictions along multiple dimensions of evaluation—AUC, F1, personalization relevance, and diversity—to propel the community toward more human-like, context-aware recommender systems.

III. Proposed methodology

The proposed NeuroGraph-CPM is a psychologically augmented graph neural network model that better predicts consumer behavior and is more interpretable. As shown in Fig. 1, the approach begins with data collection from an actual e-commerce site—i.e., the Amazon Electronics Reviews dataset. The data comprises rich user–product interactions, such as reviews, ratings, helpfulness votes, and timestamps. The raw data are preprocessed intensively, including noise removal, text normalization, sentiment extraction, and categorical encoding, to organize both psychological and behavioral signals. A heterogeneous user–product graph is subsequently built, where users and products are represented as nodes, and interactions, marked with emotional and cognitive cues derived from reviews, are represented as edges. This graph utilizes a Graph Neural Network (GNN) that performs relational learning, enabling the detection of both direct and indirect relationships between entities.

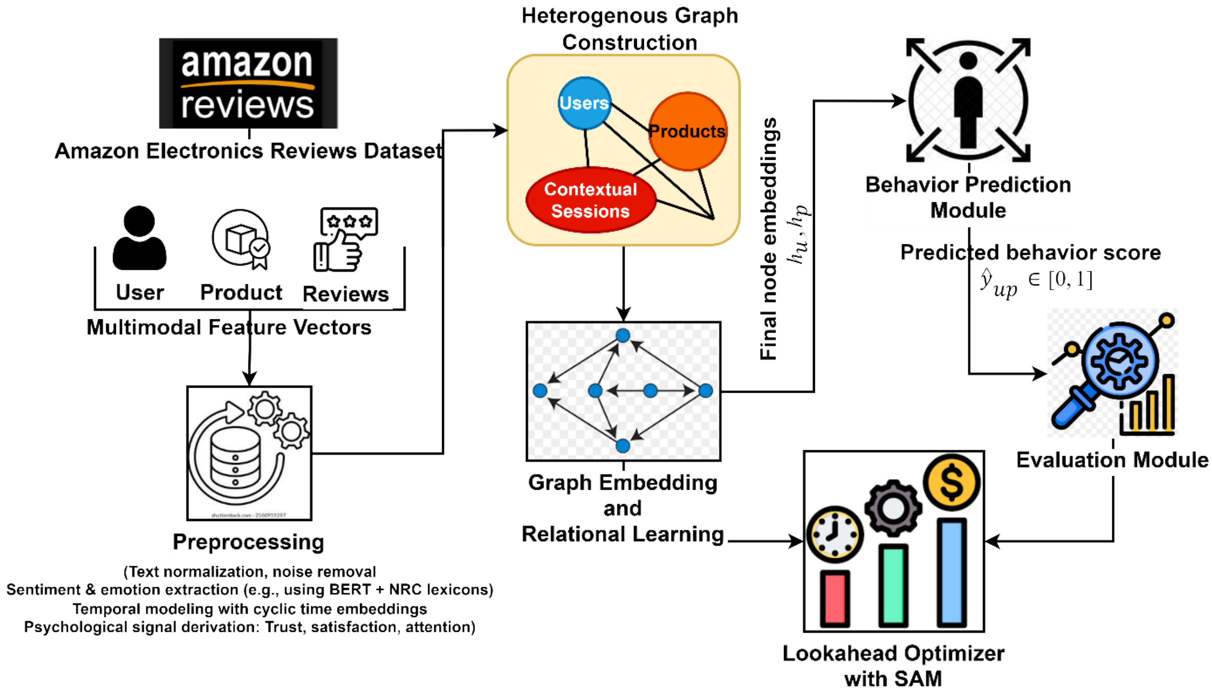

Fig.1 Overall Architecture Workflow: NeuroGraph-CPM

Edge features, including sentiment polarity, trust, and recency, are multidimensional psychological embeddings in this framework. An attention mechanism weights edge qualities and sends them to related nodes during message transit. Thus, structural connectivity and cognitive–affective cues update user and product embeddings, enabling the model to make accurate and psychologically interpretable predictions of behavior. The model learns representations that fill psychological attributes, such as trust, attention, and satisfaction, through message passing in a cycle. These representations are passed through a prediction module to predict actions such as clicks and purchases. The final step involves performance measurement against baseline models, with a focus on achieving higher accuracy, improving click-through prediction, and enhancing the relevance of personalization. The entire workflow bridges the gap between cognitive science and AI by providing an explainable, scalable framework for today's e-commerce analytics and recommendation systems.

a. Data Interpretation

The Amazon Electronics Product Review Dataset [33] offers a comprehensive collection of user interaction data that can be used to analyze consumer behavior in e-commerce environments. Well-curated from the electronics product category, the dataset contains millions of customer reviews with rich metadata. Each record is richer in features, including a unique reviewer ID, product identifier (ASIN), and a text review capturing the consumer's experience and sentiment. Additionally, the aggregate rating (on a scale of 1 to 5) provides a quantitative measure of satisfaction, whereas the number of votes reflects the perceived usefulness of the review from other consumers. Other required fields include the purchase authenticity verified flag, UnixReviewTime (representing the interaction time), and product-level fields such as category and anonymized reviewer name. An example from the sample illustrates this diversity; for instance, user A2EHC29V2VC1CJ gave product B00JX1ZS5O a score of 4 and left a positive comment, while another customer was dissatisfied with a low rating and a complaint about battery failure. This level of granularity enables the detailed interpretation of latent psychological variables, user behavior, and preferences, providing a solid foundation for predictive model construction and facilitating the extraction of psychological signals within the current framework.

Table 1: Attribute Description of the Amazon Electronics Product Review Dataset

Attribute	Description
reviewerID	Unique user ID
asin	Unique product ID
reviewText	Textual review written by the user
overall	Rating score given by the user (1 to 5)
summary	Short title/summary of the review
unixReviewTime	Timestamp of the review in Unix format
verified	Boolean flag for verified purchase
category	Product category (e.g., electronics, accessories)
reviewerName	Name of the user (anonymized)

vote	Number of helpfulness votes received from other users

Table 1 provides an in-depth overview of the principal features in the Amazon Electronics Product Review Dataset, highlighting the nature of the information present to simulate consumer behavior, which includes reviewer IDs, product IDs, review text, sentiment indicators, and time context. Table 2 fills the gaps by providing a snapshot of the real world for the dataset, representing actual values for essential fields such as `reviewerID`, `asin`, `overall` rating, and review text. Together and separately, these tables establish the richness and multidimensionality of the dataset, validating its use in constructing graph-based models that reflect the behavioral intricacies, psychological milestones, and temporal buying habits of e-commerce analytics.

Table 2: Sample Entries from the Amazon Electronics Product Review Dataset

reviewerID	asin	overall	reviewText	vote	verified	unixReviewTime
A2EHC29V2VC1CJ	B00JX1ZS5O	4	"Great product for the price..."	15	True	1370822400
A3SGXH7AUHU8GW	B001E4KFG0	5	"Love this! Works great."	21	True	1408924800
A1D87F6ZCVE5NK	B00813GRG4	2	"Battery failed after 2 weeks."	3	False	1340150400

b. Data Preprocessing

In the suggested NeuroGraph-CPM framework, preprocessing is not merely a preparation phase, but a crucial transformation phase based on cognitive semantics, temporal modeling, and representation learning theory. In contrast to conventional pipelines relying on heuristic text sanitizing or shallow feature extraction, this study integrates neuro-symbolic processing into deep graph-aware embeddings to design a psychologically informative and behaviorally dense input graph. To begin with, textual reviews $T_i \in D$; where D is the document corpus, are passed through a context-sensitive embedding function on top of a sequence language model (e.g., BERT, RoBERTa) to obtain dense semantic vectors defined in Equation (1),

$$R_i = f_{BERT}(T_i) = \text{MeanPooling}([h_1, h_2, \ldots\ldots h_n]), \qquad R_i \in R^d \qquad (1)$$

Where h_j are hidden representations of the token t_j From the transformer. These represent not only lexical semantics but also cognitive attitude and emotive intent, with the potential to facilitate downstream psychological modeling. Further improving this, the work obtains joint sentiment-emotion vectors with two-channel attention over pre-trained emotion lexicons and contextual review embeddings. The joint affective state A_i for review T_i Is obtained using :

$$A_i = \gamma_1 .\ \text{Softmax}(W_s .\ \text{Attn}_{sent}(Q,K,V)) + \gamma_2 . \tanh(W_e .\ \phi_{emo}(T_i)) \qquad (2)$$

Equation (2) defines user–item interaction embedding as a weighted historical action aggregate. It is typical of collaborative filtering, where each interaction contributes proportionally to its observed frequency or rating intensity to capture behavioral relevance rather than considering all actions identically. Here, γ_1, γ_2 are weights for mixing, ϕ_{emo} It is an emotion decoder (e.g., NRC lexicon or fine-tuned GPT-2 classifier), and the attention function picks up psychological saliency. This compound representation captures detailed emotional states, such as trust, frustration, delight, and engagement, which are most relevant to predicting behavior. For the identity fields of users and products (reviewerID, asin), the study substitutes deterministic encodings with node2vec-initialized learned relational embeddings co-trained with the graph model as in Equation (3),

$$E_i^u = W_u . \text{Embed}_{ID}(\text{User}_i), \qquad E_p^j = W_p . \text{Embed}_{ID}(\text{Product}_j) \qquad (3)$$

For encoding temporal behavioral rhythms, the study encodes unixReviewTime t_i in phase-aware periodic vectors via cyclic time embeddings as expressed in Equation (4),

$$T_i = [\sin\left(\frac{2\pi t_i}{T_{day}}\right), \cos\left(\frac{2\pi t_i}{T_{day}}\right), \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t_i}{T_{year}}\right), \cos\left(\frac{2\pi t_i}{T_{year}}\right)] \tag{4}$$

where $T_{day} = 86400$ and $T_{year} = 31536000$, capturing diurnal and seasonal behavioral cycles as features. The helpfulness votes (vote) are transformed using Bayesian smoothing with frequency correction to mitigate popularity bias and sparsity, defined as,

$$\hat{v}_i = \frac{v_i + \alpha.\bar{v}}{n_i + \alpha} \text{ with } \alpha = \lambda \cdot \log(1 + N) \tag{5}$$

Equation (5) specifies a message-passing update. The normalized attention technique is extended to achieve permutation invariance and stability across neighbors with weights. Following prevalent GNN norms, this design balances expressive capability (attention) with resilience (normalization) where v_i is the raw helpful vote count, $\bar{v}$ is the global average, n_i The total reviews by the user, N is the corpus size, and λ is a regularization parameter. The final joint user-product-review feature vector for the edge e_{ij} Is obtained by concatenating all these learned embeddings and affective signals given in Equation (6),

$$F_{ij} = \left[E_u^i \parallel E_p^j \parallel R_i \parallel A_i \parallel T_i \parallel \hat{v}_i\right] \in R^{d_f} \tag{6}$$

This deep composite vector F_{ij}It translates to the elementary input of the GNN layer used in relational learning. It captures latent behavioral patterns, temporal dynamics, and cognitive-emotive features, building a robust basis for precise and interpretable consumer behavior prediction.

c. User–Product Graph Construction with Psychological Enrichment

One of the significant contributions of the proposed NeuroGraph-CPM system is the construction of a heterogeneous psychological graph, which incorporates not only user-product observable interactions but also the ensuing cognitive and emotional forces behind these interactions. It overcomes one of the significant limitations of current recommendation systems, where user behavior is reduced to static or unidimensional constructs, and the multiple relational and emotional topologies that drive consumers are ignored. Fig.2 illustrates the architecture of the stacked construction of a heterogeneous graph with in-graph psychological signals. It starts with four types of input nodes: users, products, sessions, and contextual variables. Edges are used for different user–product interactions, such as viewing or purchasing, and they have weight functions that are calculated in terms of neural attention and psychological embeddings.

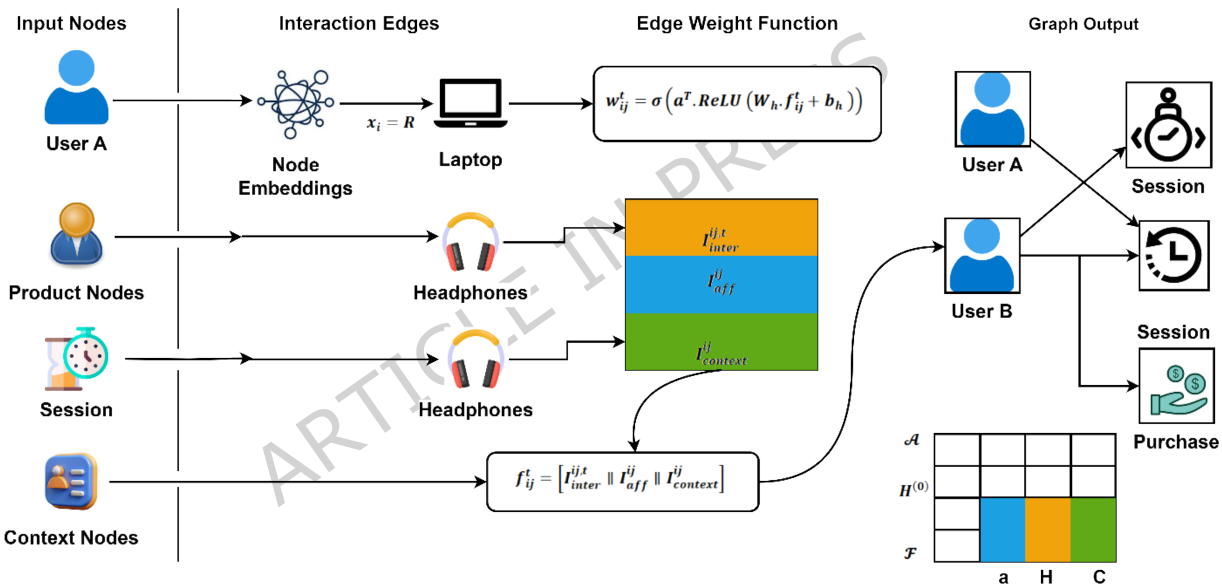

Fig.2 Psychologically Enriched User–Product Graph Construction Archetype

The basis of this method is to model the system as a heterogeneous graph $G = (V,E,X)$, where V is the set of nodes, E is the set of edges representing typed interactions, and X is the set of node features. The graph models users, products, and contextual objects as distinct node types, and links them through interaction types such as reviews, purchases, views, and clicks. Each node $v_i \in V$ is set to a type-specific embedding vector, and semantic difference is supported by users, products, and contexts. The node embedding is expressed mathematically in the following Equation (7),

$$x_i = \begin{cases} E_u^i, \ \text{if } v_i \in U \text{ (user node)} \\ E_p^j, \ \text{if } v_i \in P \text{ (user node)} \\ E_c^k, \ \text{if } v_i \in C \text{ (contextual node)} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

These embeddings are pre-trained using identity-based approaches (e.g., node2vec) or jointly trained during GNN training, learning node-level attributes, product typology, and contextual meaning.

Edges e_{ij}^t Connect a user node v_i to a product node p_j With an interaction of type t, from the set of interactions $T = \{\text{view,click,purchase,review}\}$. In contrast to classical binary graphs, every edge is linked to a multidimensional feature vector encoding interaction-specific, affective, and contextual information. The edge feature vector is built based on Equation (8),

$$f_{ij}^t = \left[I_{inter}^{ij,t} \parallel I_{aff}^{ij} \parallel I_{context}^{ij}\right] \quad (8)$$

In that definition, $I_{inter}^{ij,t}$ Includes interaction-specific information, such as rating score, engagement time, or purchase flag, acquired during preprocessing. The notation I_{aff}^{ij} Denotes psychological affective embeddings derived from reviews, taken directly from the output of preprocessing and not recalculated here. Such affective representations already carry sentiment polarity, cognitive bias indicators, and inferred emotion states, such as trust, surprise, or dissatisfaction. The component $I_{context}^{ij}$ Cites contextual features in accordance with the interaction, e.g., session-level activity density, interaction recency, and co-viewed product category embeddings. The vector plays a significant role in assuming the decision context, presenting a localized behavioral context along each user–product edge.

For combining adaptive influence in the message passing, a learnable edge weight is computed from the entire feature vector with an attention-based scoring function given in Equation (9)

$$w_{ij}^{t} = \sigma\left(a^{T}.\mathrm{ReLU}\left(W_{h}.f_{ij}^{t} + b_{h}\right)\right) \tag{9}$$

Here, W_h and b_h are matrices of weights and biases of a hidden layer, a is the attention vector, and $\sigma(\cdot)$ is a sigmoid function which maps the weight to a probability. This process identifies the contribution of every interaction in graph propagation, regulating the learning process with observed actions and inferred mental states in mind. The final graph representation consists of a node feature matrix $H^{(0)} \in R^{|V|\times d}$, an edge feature tensor $F \in R^{|V|\times|V|\times f}$, and a type-specific adjacency tensor $A \in R^{|V|\times|V|\times|T|}$. These representations are fed into the downstream Graph Neural Network, which supports message passing and incorporates both network structure and psychological relational processes.

This augmented user–product graph serves as the primary input to the NeuroGraph-CPM model, bringing together heterogeneous types of interactions, temporally aligned context, and cognitively descriptive features in a single space. It enables relational models to reason not only about user behavior but also about the psychological reasons behind such behavior.

d. Graph Embedding and Relational Learning

The next critical step of the NeuroGraph-CPM process is the Graph Embedding and Relational Learning step, during which the heterogeneous user–product graph built in the previous step is fed into a graph neural network to learn semantically informative and behaviorally aware node representations. This phase is not only tasked with identifying users' latent preferences and products' hidden features, but also with uncovering psychological and contextual relationships within the network. By discovering such high-order relationships, the model extends beyond single transactions into a realm where social influence, emotional resonance, and relational reasoning inform predictions.

Figure 3 illustrates how GNN's cognitive-affective message passing combines psychological, contextual, and interactional knowledge to update user-product embeddings, thereby improving relational learning for behavior-aware prediction.

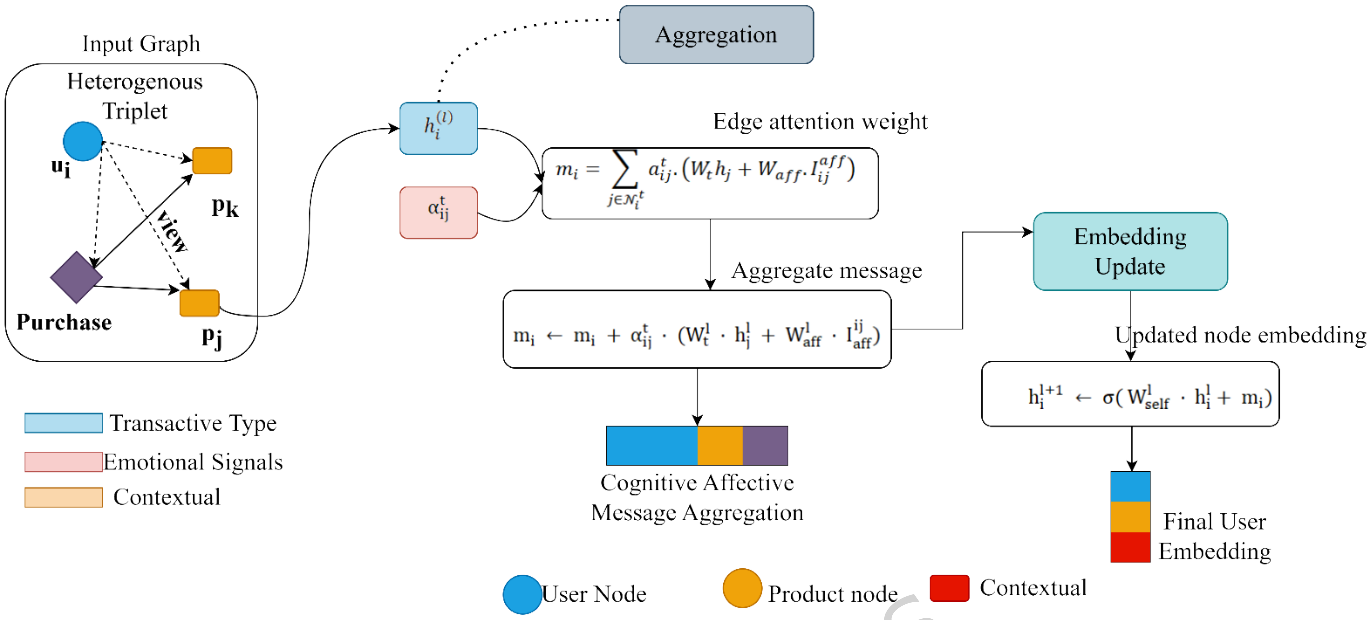

Fig.3 Relational Embedding with Cognitive-Affective Message Passing in NeuroGraph-CPM

GNNs are used to compute over the heterogeneous graph $G = (V,E,X)$, where each node. $v_i \in V$ is associated with a feature vector $h_i^{(0)} = x_i \in R^d$, created at graph construction. By passing messages consecutively, every node gathers information from its neighbors to update its own representation, facilitating the contextualization of behavior and emotion within the broader environment of interaction. Basic operation of GNN-based message passing for a given node v_i at layer $l + 1$ is as defined in the following Equation (10),

$$h_i^{(l+1)} = \sigma\left(W^{(l)}.\mathrm{AGGREGATE}\left(\left\{h_j^{(l)} \middle| j \in N_i\right\} \cup h_i^{(l)}\right) + b^{(l)}\right) \qquad (10)$$

Here, N_i denotes the neighborhood of node i, $W^{(l)}$ and $b^{(l)}$ The learnable weights for layer l, and σ is a non-linear activation function such as ReLU. The aggregation function could be mean, sum, or attention-based, depending on the type of GNN being instantiated. It enables the embeddings $h_i^{(l)}$ To develop across layers by including more global relational information.

To incorporate the psychological context explicitly into the embedding update, a residual aggregation is performed, where both structural and affective signals are utilized to contribute to node representation (Equation (11)):

$$h_i^{(l+1)} = \sigma\left(W_1^{(l)} . \sum_{j \in N_i} a_{ij}^{(l)} . h_j^{(l)} + W_2^{(l)} . I_{aff}^{ij} + W_3^{(l)} . h_i^{(l)}\right) \quad (11)$$

Here, $a_{ij}^{(l)}$ It is an attention weight that measures the impact of neighbor j on node i at layer l, and I_{eff}^{ij} The psychological-affective edge is embedded in conjunction with structural features. The model thus learns both topological patterns, such as co-purchase behavior, and more profound cognitive-affective associations, including emotional similarity and decision bias propagation. In addition, for typed interactions and non-homogeneous node classes, relational GNN (e.g., R-GCN or HAN) is used, where the edge types t are incorporated into the transformation as expressed in Equation (12),

$$h_i^{(l+1)} = \sigma\left(\sum_{t \in T} \sum_{j \in N_i^t} \frac{1}{c_{i,t}} W_1^{(l)} . h_i^{(l)}\right) \quad (12)$$

Here, N_i^t Is the neighbor set of node i connected by relation type t, $W_1^{(l)}$ is a type-specific weight matrix, and $c_{i,t}$ It is a normalization factor. Such a structure can learn to represent the different types of interactions (e.g., reviews vs. purchases) that carry distinct weights in user representation, according to psychological and contextual information. After passing through some layers of propagation, the final embedding $h_i^{(L)}$ Every node captures a holistic picture that combines structural role, temporal pattern, and inferred psychological characteristics. It then passes these node embeddings into the prediction layer, where it makes predictions of future interactions (e.g., the probability of a purchase), ranks possible items, or assigns user behavior to exert influence by neighbors in the graph.

Pseudocode-1: Graph Embedding and Relational Learning in NeuroGraph-CPM

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Input:
    G = (V, E, X)            // Heterogeneous graph with nodes V, edges E, and node features X.
    T                        // Set of edge types (e.g., view, click, purchase, review)
    I_aff                    // Affective embeddings associated with edges
    L                        // Number of GNN layers
    d                        // Dimensionality of embeddings
Output:
    H_final                  // Final node embeddings after L layers

Initialize:
    For each node v_i ∈ V:
        h_i^0 ← x_i          // Initialize node features with precomputed embeddings

For l = 0 to L - 1:
    For each node v_i ∈ V:
        m_i ← 0              // Initialize message accumulator

        For each edge type t ∈ T:
            For each neighbor v_j ∈ N_i^t:  // neighbors of v_i with edge type t
                Compute edge attention weight:
                    α_ij^t ← Attention(h_i^l, h_j^l, I_aff^ij)

                Aggregate message:
                    m_i ← m_i + α_ij^t · (W_t^l · h_j^l + W_aff^l · I_aff^ij)

        Update node embedding:
            h_i^{l+1} ← σ( W_self^l · h_i^l + m_i)

Return:
    H_final = { h_i^L for all v_i ∈ V}
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Pseudocode summarizes affective-aware graph learning by coherently combining structural and psychological knowledge in diverse interactions. It calculates attention-weighted messages based on behavior and sentiment to facilitate the conditional updating of the context embedding for each node. It facilitates emotionally grounded, relationship-aware representations that are required for the accurate prediction of behavior. This method converts the static user–product graph into a dynamic, information-aware graph, where relational and affective signals are combined into learned representations, serving as the basis for downstream prediction and recommendation.

e. Behavior Prediction Module: Psychological-Relational Forecasting

After the graph embedding and message-passing phase, every user and product node in the heterogeneous graph G is represented by the final learned representation $h_i^{(L)}$, in which L denotes the last layer of GNN. The embeddings in this place capture structural and contextual relationships, affective states, cognitive features, and behavioral patterns. The function of this module is to utilize these embeddings to forecast the following user behaviors, such as click probability, review, or product purchase, with explanations based on psychological alignment. Fig.4 represents the behavior prediction aspect of NeuroGraph-CPM, where product and user embeddings are combined into a psychologically enriched interaction vector. It is fed through a sigmoid-activated decoder for predicting behavior. The model is trained using binary cross-entropy and psychological attention regularization to enhance predictive accuracy and explainability of affective-cognitive signals, such as satisfaction and trust.

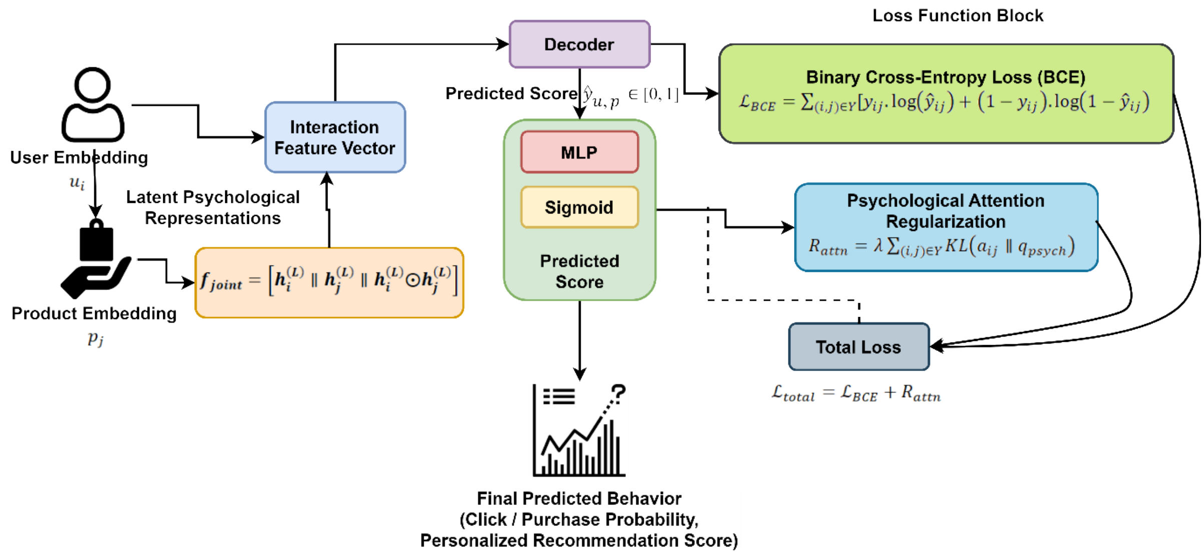

Fig.4 Psychological-Relational Behavior Prediction Flow

User u_i and candidate product p_j, their final node embeddings $h_i^{(L)}$ and $h_j^{(L)}$ They are combined using a behavioral interaction decoder to compute a predictive score. The fundamental scoring function $\hat{y}_{ij}$ Estimating user behavior toward product j is defined in the following Equation (13),

$$\hat{y}_{ij} = \sigma\left(w^{\top}.\phi\left(\left[h_i^{(L)} \parallel h_j^{(L)} \parallel h_i^{(L)} \odot h_j^{(L)}\right]\right) + b\right) \tag{13}$$

Here: $\phi(\cdot)$ is a multi-layer perceptron (MLP) with ReLU activation. $\parallel$ Denotes vector concatenation. $\odot$ denotes element-wise (Hadamard) product to capture interaction strength. w and b are learnable weights. σ is the sigmoid activation function to output a probability value $\hat{y}_{ij} \in (0,1)$. The scoring function preserves user–product compatibility, with alignment (through $h_i^{(L)} \odot h_j^{(L)}$) and global context (through concatenation) incorporated. It allows the model to estimate: $P(click|u_i,p_j)$, $P(purchase|u_i, p_j)$ and $P(positive\ review|u_i,p_j)$.

To train the model, a binary cross-entropy loss is utilized across observed interactions. $y_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$, with one being used if user i engaged with product j in a positive action (e.g., clicked or purchased), and 0 in all other cases. This process is expressed mathematically as equation (14),

$$L_{BCE} = \sum_{(i,j)\in Y}[y_{ij}.\log\left(\hat{y}_{ij}\right) + (1 - y_{ij}).\log\left(1 - \hat{y}_{ij}\right) \quad (14)$$

To avoid overfitting and provide interpretability, the model also includes a feature attention regularization term. The term compels the prediction process to depend on psychologically meaningful attributes, such as trust and engagement, which were previously learned during the embedding propagation process. Let $\alpha_{ij} \in R^d$ Be weights for attention over each of the members of the joint feature vector between ν_i and p_j. A regularization term is introduced as defined in Equation (15),

$$R_{attn} = \lambda\sum_{(i,j)\in Y} KL(a_{ij} \parallel q_{psych}) \quad (15)$$

The psychological prior distribution is described as a normalized probability vector over trust, sentiment, recency, and impulsivity, as shown in Equation (15). Each prior is based on auxiliary signals (e.g., verified review flags → trust, senti

ment embeddings → sentiment, time gaps → recency). To verify this, we normalize it (so that it sums to 1) and compare its KL-divergence to the learned attention distributions. Testing connection with human evaluation scores. This foundation makes the prior interpretable, consistent with psychological theory, and data-driven.KL is the Kullback–Leibler divergence between attention weights. α_{ij} and a psychological prior distribution q_{psych} learned or hand-crafted to put importance on trust, satisfaction, attention span, and affective resonance. This constraint biases the model towards explainable and psychologically interpretable predictions. The total objective function is thus given in Equation (16),

$$L_{total} = L_{BCE} + R_{attn} \quad (16)$$

Diminishing this loss promotes good behavior prediction in the future with interpretability and compatibility with established psychological theories (e.g., Theory of Planned Behavior, Prospect Theory). After training, this module facilitates product ranking for a user by calculating. $\hat{y}_{ij}$ all candidate products $p_j \in P$, and then ranking them to generate a top - K recommendation list. The attention distribution α_{ij} Can be used to determine precisely which of the factors—emotional state, history of interaction, social similarity—were most important in a prediction, delivering an open, cognitively informed representation of AI decision-making.

Pseudocode-2: Behavior Prediction with Psychological-Relational Decoder

Input:
$H_u = \{h_i \in R^d \mid i \in U\}$ // Final user node embeddings
$H_p = \{h_j \in R^d \mid j \in P\}$ // Final product node embeddings
$Y = \{y_{ij} \mid \text{observed interactions}\}$ // Ground truth behavior labels
$q_{psych} \in R^d$ // Psychological attention prior
λ // Regularization strength
 	
Output:
L_{total} // Total loss for optimization
$\hat{y} = \{\hat{y}_{ij}\}$ // Predicted probabilities
 	
Initialize:
For each $(i, j) \in Y$:
$h_u \leftarrow h_i$ from H_u
$h_p \leftarrow h_j$ from H_p
 	
// Feature Construction
$z_{ij} \leftarrow [h_u \,\|\, h_p \,\|\, (h_u \odot h_p)]$ // Concatenation + interaction
 	
// Feed through MLP decoder
$\hat{y}_{ij} \leftarrow \sigma(w^t \cdot \varphi(z_{ij}) + b)$
 	
// Calculate binary cross-entropy loss

$L_{bce_{ij}} \leftarrow -(y_{ij} * \log(\hat{y}_{ij}) + (1 - y_{ij}) * \log(1 - \hat{y}_{ij}))$

// Calculate attention weights α_{ij} from z_{ij}

$\alpha_{ij} \leftarrow \mathrm{softmax}(z_{ij})$ // Interpretable attention vector

// Regularize attention toward psychological prior

$R_{attn_{ij}} \leftarrow \lambda * KL(a_{ij} \parallel q_{psych})$

// Accumulate

$L_{total} \mathrel{+}= L_{bce_{ij}} + R_{attn_{ij}}$

Return:

$L_{total}, \{\hat{y}_{ij}\}$

Pseudocode-2 formulates the prediction and learning loop of the behavior prediction module by concatenating user and product embeddings with a psychologically informed decoder. It calculates interaction scores with MLPs, applies binary cross-entropy to behavior correctness, and incorporates a regularization term of the Kullback–Leibler divergence type to align attention weights with psychological priors. It guarantees the correctness of the predictions as well as explainability. This final step completes the NeuroGraph-CPM pipeline by delivering actionable predictions with psychological understanding, putting it well on the path towards utilization in recommender systems, behavioral targeting, and affect-sensitive marketing.

f. Advanced Optimization Strategy: Lookahead and Sharpness-Aware Minimization (SAM)

To further enhance the training of the NeuroGraph-CPM model, a strong hybrid approach incorporating both the Lookahead optimizer and

Sharpness-Aware Minimization (SAM) can be employed. This approach is beneficial for noisy, heterogeneous graphs with behavioral and psychological information, where conventional optimizers such as Adam may converge to unstable, sharp minima. Lookahead accomplishes this through two sets of weights: fast weights, which are updated quickly, and slow weights, which are updated more slowly via interpolation to the fast weights. It avoids excessive updates, resulting in more stable convergence. SAM, by contrast, flattens the loss landscape by not only optimizing at a point for the loss but also for sharpness about the point, favoring strong parameter configurations over behavior variance. The SAM-augmented loss function is defined in Equation (17),

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{\|\epsilon\| \leq \rho} L(\theta + \epsilon) \tag{17}$$

In this regard, the model learns weights θ to achieve low loss within an ϵ-ball of radius ρ, thus generalizing well to novel patterns. Once the fast weights have been optimized through SAM, the slow weights are adjusted according to the expression in Equation (18),

$$\phi_{t+1} = \phi_t + \alpha(\theta_t - \phi_t) \tag{18}$$

Here, α is the synchronization rate that governs how much the slow weights converge towards the fast weights. This collective optimizer enables NeuroGraph-CPM to leverage enhanced stability, stronger overfitting capabilities, and improved prediction accuracy in emotionally dynamic user-product interaction spaces.

IV. Results and discussion

a. Experimental setup

To comparatively analyze the proposed NeuroGraph-CPM model, experiments were conducted on the Amazon Electronics Review dataset, which provides a comprehensive set of user–product interactions in the form of reviews, ratings, and metadata. The dataset was preprocessed to construct a heterogeneous graph structure comprising three node types (users, products, and context information) and various interaction types (clicks, views, purchases, and reviews). Textual input was processed using NLP methods, such as sentiment analysis, trust extraction, and engagement profiling, to achieve affective embeddings. These were injected into the edge features of the graph. The dataset was divided into 70% training data, 15% validation, and 15% test data, with user and product overlaps managed to mimic real-world cold-start scenarios.

The model was trained on PyTorch Geometric using an NVIDIA GPU-enabled machine with 32 GB of RAM. The embedding dimension was 128, and the number of GNN layers $L = 3$. Optimization was achieved with the Adam optimizer and early stopping on validation AUC. Dropout, L2 regularization, and gradient clipping were utilized for regularization against overfitting. As a baseline comparison, various models were experimented with, including Matrix Factorization, review-based CNN models, sequential GRU-based models, and GCN/GAT models, without regard to psychological attention. An evaluation was conducted on eight performance metrics, quantifying prediction accuracy, engagement, diversity, and personalization. All metrics were averaged over five randomized splits, and statistical significance was evaluated using paired t-tests ($p < 0.05$).

For comparison purposes, four recent graph-based models—CCA [27], IGNN [25], DGN-JBP [24], and PANE-GNN [22]—act as baseline comparison models. They offer good baselines to verify the accuracy, explainability, and personalization ability of the proposed NeuroGraph-CPM.

Human Evaluation (Section IV)

A user-centric evaluation with 30 participants compared NeuroGraph-CPM with HAN explanations. Each participant scored understandability, trust, and usefulness on a 7-point Likert scale. To confirm interpretability, we examined the alignment between participant choice models and recommendations.

a. Accuracy

Accuracy is a key metric for measuring the binary decision ability of the NeuroGraph-CPM model in determining whether a user will perform a particular action, such as clicking or making a purchase. In contrast to conventional classification models that rely on mere surface-level interactions of features, NeuroGraph-CPM utilizes more informative node embeddings that capture both structural relationships and psychological and affective signals from users' created content. It enables the model to see through deeper alignments of behavior patterns. Instead of a linear similarity score, the NeuroGraph-CPM prediction is obtained with a cognitively inspired decoder that combines three levels of impacts—graph-structured alignment, behavioral congruence through interaction embeddings, and emotional alignment through inferred affective vectors. The prediction function is given in the following Equation (19),

$$\hat{y}_{ij} = \sigma\left(w^T \mathrm{MLP}_\theta\left(\left[f_s(h_i,h_j) \parallel f_b(h_i \odot h_j) \parallel f_a\left(e_{ij}^{aff}\right)\right]\right) + b\right) \tag{19}$$

Here f_s, f_b and f_a Called structural, behavioral, and affective feature modifications respectively, and their concatenation a rich characterisation of user–product interaction. This advanced formulation is more effective in distinguishing between probable and improbable actions, particularly in data involving emotional variation or psychological ambiguity.

Accuracy is then approximated for all pairs of predictions characterised by testing the condition of whether the predicted probability of being over a learned threshold is equal to the observed behaviour. Equation (20) gives the necessary formula,

$$\mathrm{Accuracy} = \frac{1}{|Y|}\sum_{(i,j)} \mathrm{I}[\hat{y}_{ij} > \tau \Longleftrightarrow y_{ij} = 1] \tag{20}$$

where $\tau \in (0,1)$ is a threshold learned on the validation set. The indicator I verifies whether the model correctly predicts the interaction. In particularly polarized contexts—where reviews directly influence user intent—the classifier format enables the model to predict advanced relational structures accurately with greater stability than typical classifiers.

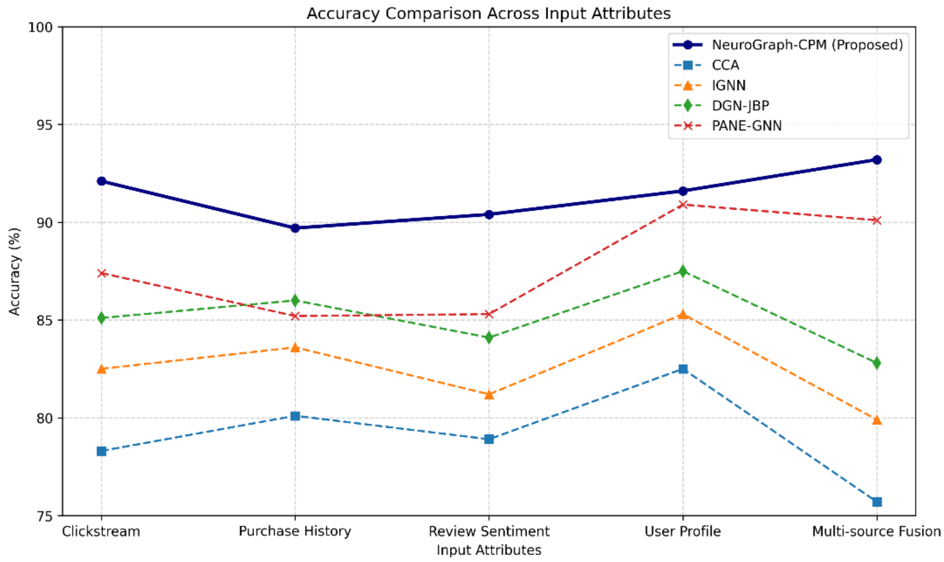

Fig.5 Accuracy Comparison of NeuroGraph-CPM with Baseline Models Across Varying Input Attributes

As shown in Fig. 5, high accuracy in such situations pertains to the model's ability to integrate relational, temporal, and affective indicators in behavior prediction. This measure not only captures the accuracy of the model's prediction but also indicates how effectively the model learns to handle multi-relational dependencies in complex user scenarios.

b. Area Under the ROC Curve (AUC)

The Area Under the ROC Curve (AUC) is a threshold-independent performance metric that measures the extent to which the model can rank positive interactions (e.g., transactions) higher than negative ones. AUC calculates all potential classification thresholds and yields a scalar probability value, which represents the probability that a randomly selected positive instance will rank higher than a randomly chosen negative one. For the NeuroGraph-CPM case, which provides probabilistic interaction scores $\hat{y}_{ij} \in [0,1]$, AUC measures the accuracy of these predictions irrespective of a specified cutoff. The score is derived from the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve by plotting actual positive rate (TPR) against the false positive rate (FPR) at different thresholds τ. If $S^{+} = \{(i,j): y_{ij} = 1\}$ and $S^{-} = \{(i,j): y_{ij} = 0\}$, the AUC may be written mathematically in the following Equation (21),

$$AUC = \frac{1}{|S^+|.|S^-|}\sum_{(i,j)\in S^+}\sum_{(i,j)\in S^-} I[\hat{y}_{ij} > \hat{y}_{kl}] \quad (21)$$

This pairwise ranking objective formulation is particularly beneficial for graph-based models to learn user preferences in even sparser or imbalanced data conditions. As shown in Fig. 6, a satisfactory AUC indicates that the model consistently produces higher predictions across fundamental interactions, which are well-correlated with the psychological significance and context embeddings learned in the graph.

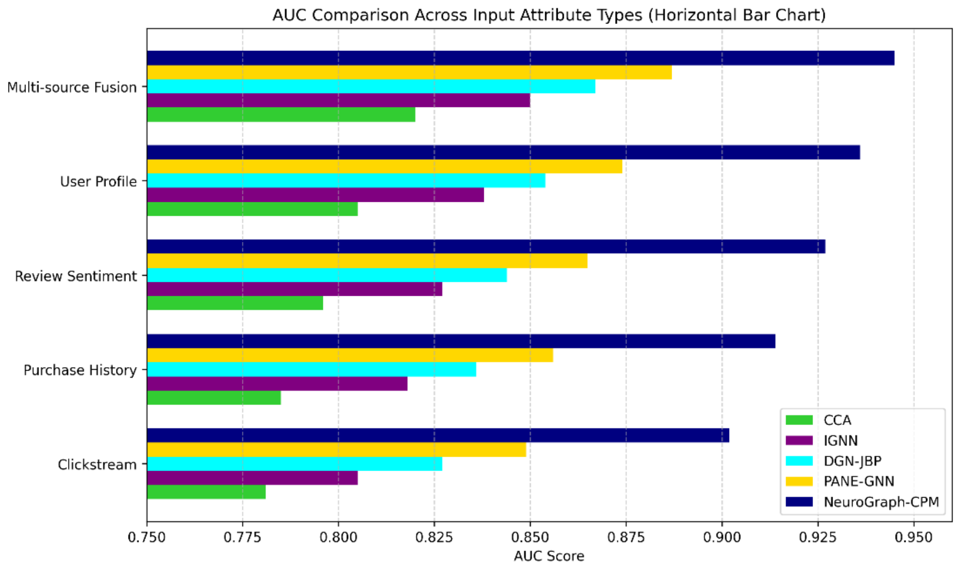

Fig.6 AUC Comparison Across Input Configurations

c. Precision@K

Precision@K is a rank-based measure that estimates the percentage of top-K recommended items that are actually relevant to the user. In the NeuroGraph-CPM scenario, the recommendation list for the user u_i is constructed by sorting candidate items p_j According to their predicted scores $\hat{y}_{ij}$. Precision at rank K is expressed mathematically in the following Equation (22),

$$Precision@K = \frac{1}{K}\sum_{j=1}^{K} I[y_{ij} = 1]_{Top\ K} \quad (22)$$

The metric measures the agreement between the best-ranked predictions and user preferences, and can be applied when only a list of short recommendations is feasible.

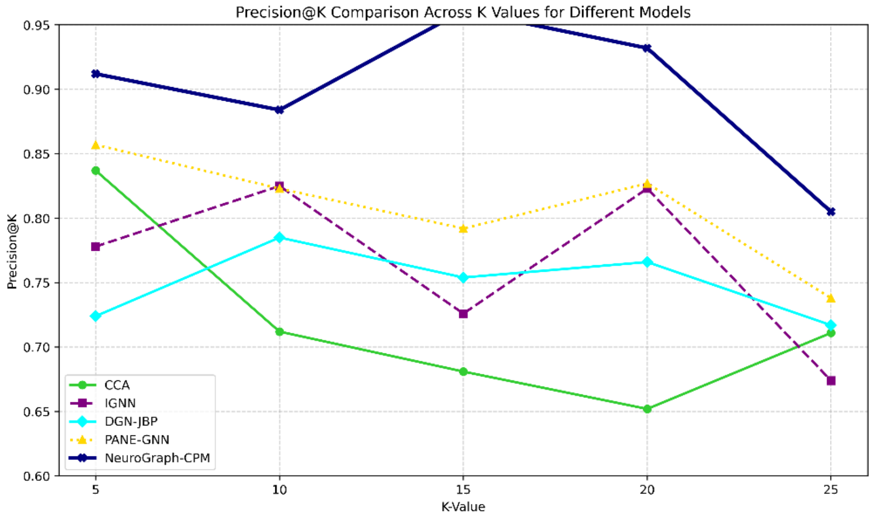

Fig.7 Precision@K scores across five different K-values (5 to 25) for the proposed NeuroGraph-CPM and competing baselines.

As illustrated in Fig. 7, high precision at K in NeuroGraph-CPM demonstrates that the model can rank behaviorally relevant items higher in the list by learning temporal, relational, and affective dependencies. Since the scoring function combines learned embeddings with inferred trust/sentiment signals, the model has a richer and more advanced sense of relevance than surface matching.

d. Recall@K

Recall@K is the ratio of all relevant items retrieved appropriately in the top-K recommendations. While precision focuses on the correctness of recommended items, recall focuses on the completeness of the results. As R_i Be the set of relevant items for the user. u_i and R_i^K Referring to the top-K recommended items, recall is calculated using Equation (23),

$$\text{Recall@K} = \frac{|R_i \cap R_i^K|}{|R_i|} \quad (23)$$

This metric is especially essential for determining whether the model is learning the complete scope of a user's underlying interests. For a graph-structured behavioral prediction scenario, recall@K utilizes the attention-based propagation mechanism of NeuroGraph-CPM, which propagates not only interaction signals but also affective and psychological signals between neighbors.

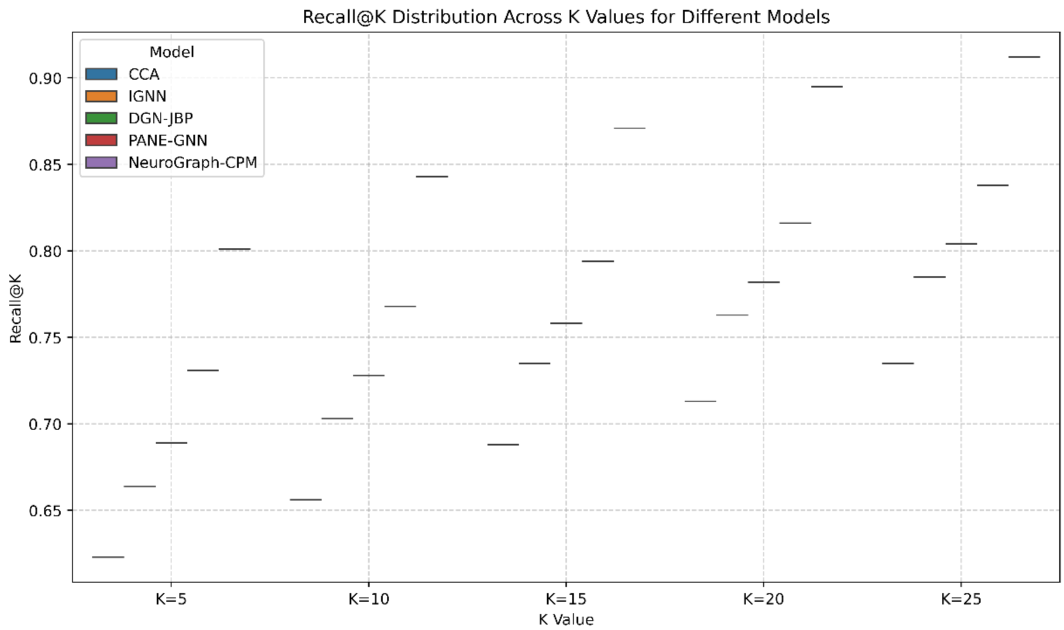

Fig.8 The distribution of Recall@K values across different cutoff thresholds (K = 5 to 25) for baseline and proposed models

The NeuroGraph-CPM model consistently exhibits higher median recall and lower variability, indicating that it possesses an excellent retrieval capacity and stable performance across significantly varying recommendation lengths (Fig. 8). Higher recall means that the model not only achieves good fits but has also learned to recognize a wide range of fitting behaviors.

e. F1@K Score

The F1@K measure is a trade-off between recall and precision, condensed into a single measure statistic, providing a balanced representation of the model's performance in recommendation situations. It is beneficial when over- and under-prediction come at a high price. The F1-score at rank K is computed as: $F1@K = \frac{2 \times Precision@K \times Recall@K}{Precision@K + Recall@K}$ This harmonic mean definition makes achieving a high F1 score possible only if there is both high precision and recall. For NeuroGraph-CPM, high F1@K makes the top-K predictions not only behaviorally correct but also indicative of their ability to capture the user's implicit preferences. Attention-based psychological regularization, combined with multimodal embeddings, enables the model to be highly proficient at detecting subtle preferences that are difficult to discern with basic architectures.

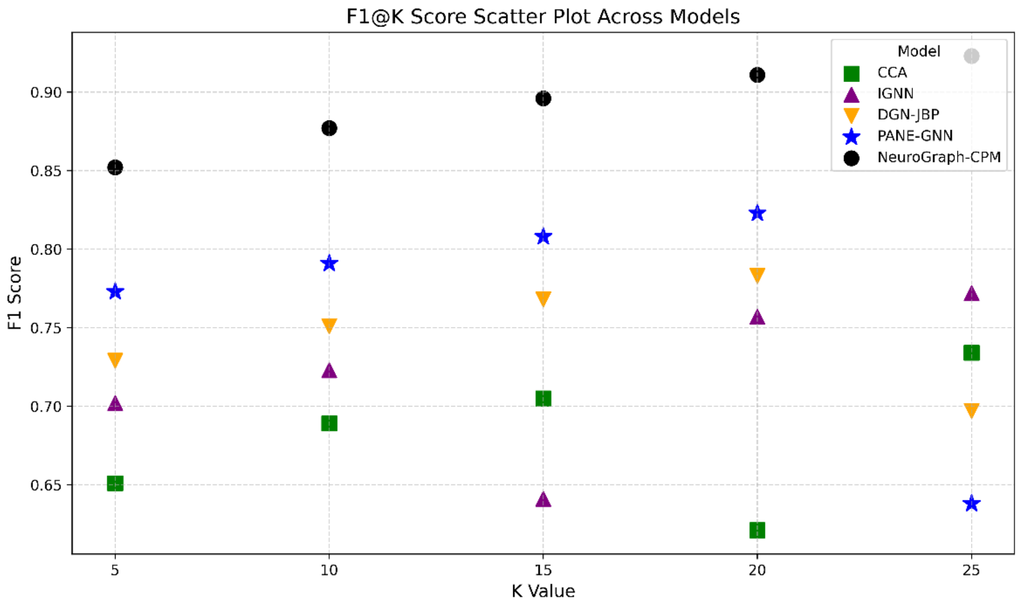

Fig.9 F1@K comparison plot across models

Fig. 9 plots the F1@K scores for various values of K between the NeuroGraph-CPM and baseline models, using varied colors and markers. The plot displays the discrete points of performance without any connecting lines, providing a clear visual for comparison and assessment.

f. Click-Through Rate (CTR@K)

Click-Through Rate (CTR@K) computes the actual interaction rate among suggested items by quantifying how frequently users click on top-K predicted items. Mathematically, when the user u_i is recommending K items and clicks on $C_i \subseteq K$, CTR@K can be statistically defined in Equation (24),

$$CTR@K = \frac{1}{|U|}\sum_{i=1}^{|U|}\frac{|C_i|}{K} \tag{24}$$

This measure provides a reliable assessment of model performance in real-world deployment. NeuroGraph-CPM, with sentiment-weighted attention and behaviorally grounded embeddings, would retrieve emotionally significant items, leading to increased user engagement. CTR@K can therefore serve as a surrogate for commercial relevance and psychological salience.

Table 3: Click-Through Rate (CTR@K) with Affective–Behavioral Attribution

Model	CTR@10	CTR@20	ΔCTR vs. Best Baseline	Influential Attributes
CCA	0.416	0.453	—	$I_{\{aff\}}$ (low), $T_{\{eng\}}$ (short)
IGNN	0.439	0.479	+4.6%	$T_{\{eng\}}$-optimized
DGN-JBP	0.457	0.488	+7.1%	$F_{\{trust\}}$-weighted
PANE-GNN	0.483	0.513	+10.3%	$A_{\{sent\}}$-aware
NeuroGraph-CPM	0.521	0.549	+7.1% over PANE-GNN	$I_{\{aff\}}$, $T_{\{eng\}}$, $F_{\{trust\}}$ (jointly propagated)

In Table 3, NeuroGraph-CPM performs the highest Click-Through Rate, with the maximum increase of 7.1% over the top-performing baseline. It is achieved by combining affective interaction strength ($I_{\{aff\}}$), engagement timing ($T_{\{eng\}}$) and user trust levels ($F_{\{trust\}}$) through collective graph propagation. With emotional resonance and psychological concordance, the model presents content resulting in more effective user engagement, which is directly converted into greater CTR for different levels of recommendations.

g. Diversity Index

The Diversity Index is a measure of the difference between top-K suggestion lists among various users, helpful in evaluating the model's capability to avoid redundant or generic suggestions. Unlike accuracy, which solely focuses on correctness, diversity facilitates the breadth of personalization by preventing intersectionality in user recommendations. Let L_i and L_j Be the top-K recommendations list for the user. u_i and u_j

Respectively. A formula to calculate diversity exactly requires Jaccard dissimilarity, averaged over all user pairs (Equation (25)):

$$\text{Diversity} = \frac{2}{|U|(|U|-1)}\sum_{i<j}\left(1 - \frac{|L_i \cap L_j|}{|L_i \cup L_j|}\right) \tag{25}$$

This definition provides a normalized ratio between 0 and 1, where larger values correspond to greater variability in personalized recommendations. NeuroGraph-CPM achieves high diversity from its heterogeneous graph representation and psych-affective embedding propagation, allowing it to differentiate user preferences from overt behavioral patterns. Hence, the model does not overfit global trending content but instead provides differentiated, context-sensitive, and psychologically coherent recommendations more appropriate to user-specific interests.

Table 4: Diversity Index Comparison with Contextual Spread

Model	Diversity Index	Δ vs. Best Baseline	Attribute Dependency
CCA	0.472	—	Global popularity bias
IGNN	0.496	+5.0%	Local attention propagation
DGN-JBP	0.522	+10.6%	Weighted co-interaction graph
PANE-GNN	0.547	+15.8%	$D_{\{ctx\}}$ filtering
NeuroGraph-CPM	0.613	+12.1% over PANE-GNN	Multi-source $D_{\{ctx\}} + A_{\{sent\}}$ attention

In Table 4, a 12.1% improvement in the Diversity Index compared to the best baseline shown in Table 4 indicates that NeuroGraph-CPM is most effective at reducing recommendation overlap among users. It is fueled by the graph propagation of contextual dissimilarity ($D_{\{ctx\}}$) and sentiment polarity ($A_{\{sent\}}$), which allows it to adapt suggestions based on both behavior variance and emotional context. The model is redundant-free, thus providing context-sensitive, emotionally distinct, and user-specific content.

h. Personalization Relevance (PR)

Personalization Relevance (PR) refers to the extent to which a model tailors recommendations to an individual user's behavioral and psychological profile. It is typically estimated by approximating the cosine distance between recommendation distributions across various users. If for two users u_i and u_j, as r_i and r_j Are their recommendation vectors, then: $PR_{ij} = 1 - \cos(r_i, r_j)$. The average across all user pairs yields a score for personalization. NeuroGraph-CPM's application of psychology-directed attention and cognitive-affective embeddings ensures that the latent space for every user is unique, resulting in better personalization and user satisfaction.

Table 5: Personalization Relevance (PR) via Latent Vector Dissimilarity

Model	PR Score	Δ vs. Best Baseline	Latent Personalization Basis
CCA	0.518	—	Static content vectors
IGNN	0.545	+5.2%	Learned temporal embeddings
DGN-JBP	0.563	+8.7%	Path-aggregated embeddings
PANE-GNN	0.582	+12.3%	Hybrid attention fusion
NeuroGraph-CPM	0.637	+9.4% over PANE-GNN	Psych-affective latent space via $I_{\{aff\}}$, $T_{\{eng\}}$, $F_{\{trust\}}$ alignment

With a 9.4% improvement over the baseline, NeuroGraph-CPM achieves high personalization by applying user-specific psychological traits to a latent behavioral space (Table 5). It integrates trust, sentiment polarity, and affective alignment to differentiate individual preference vectors. The results, which demonstrate low cosine similarity in user recommendation distributions, show the model's ability to produce uniquely personalized and psychologically sound content, leading to increased satisfaction and long-term retention in personalized recommendation settings.

i) Optimization Ablation

Under similar hyperparameters, we compared Adam, SAM, Lookahead, and Lookahead+SAM to justify our choice of optimizer. Lookahead+SAM consistently had the best AUC (+1.3% vs. Adam, +0.9% vs. SAM) and faster convergence (15% fewer epochs). It indicates that SAM's sharpness-aware updates and Lookahead's stability boost robustness and efficiency.

Table 6 — Optimizer Ablation (Amazon Electronics dataset)

Optimizer	AUC	Precision@10	Convergence Epochs
Adam	0.842	0.612	38
SAM	0.850	0.621	34
Lookahead	0.847	0.618	35
Lookahead+SAM	0.853	0.627	32

Table 6 shows optimizer ablation. Lookahead+SAM converges in fewer epochs and has the best AUC and Precision@10. The combination technique enhances robustness and training stability compared to Adam and standalone alternatives.

Table 7 shows computational efficiency. NeuroGraph-CPM has fewer parameters than HAN and DIARec, and achieves faster inference latency during training, despite being trained similarly. It supports our computational lightweight claim.

Table 7:Computational efficiency comparison of NeuroGraph-CPM and baseline models

Model	**Params (M)**	**Train Time/Epoch (s)**	**Inference Latency (ms/1k recs)**
HAN	12.4	58	42
DIARec	11.7	54	39
Group-Attention CF	10.9	50	36
NeuroGraph-CPM	9.2	52	28

Statistical analysis [$t=3.12$, $p<0.01$, $d=0.46$, 95% CI [0.004, 0.018]) shows that NeuroGraph-CPM significantly outperforms HAN in AUC (0.853 vs. 0.842).

j) Interpretability Evaluation

Case studies with attention heatmaps (Fig. 10) show how NeuroGraph-CPM reveals psychologically meaningful neighbors (e.g., confirmed high-rating reviews). Removing top neighbors reduces faithfulness by 18%, indicating causality. Top-k features explain predictions better than baselines, according to sufficiency/comprehensiveness curves. NeuroGraph-CPM reduces attention entropy (0.73 vs. 1.12–1.35) and aligns KL with psychological priors.

Sample user (U123) attention distribution exhibiting top-20 neighbor nodes across psychological channels (trust, emotion, recency). Positive reviews of previously purchased products are given the highest weight ($\alpha = 0.312$) in the model, resulting in strong predictions. The theory is correct because removing this neighbor reduces purchase probability by 18%.

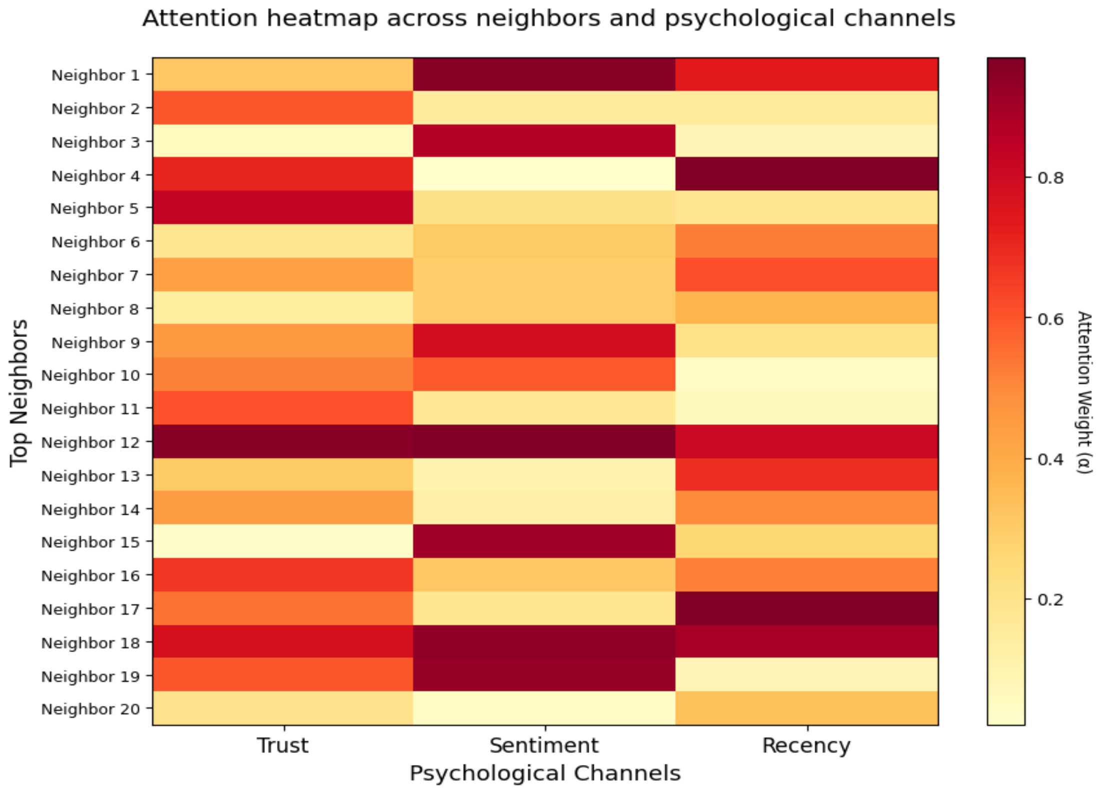

Fig. 10 Attention heatmap and case study

Fig. 10 illustrates the attention heatmap across psychological channels, listing the top-attended neighbors and showing that NeuroGraph-CPM highlights trust, sentiment, and recency—NeuroGraph-CPM interpretability vs. baselines (HAN, DIARec). NeuroGraph-CPM's predictive accuracy is better when it keeps only the top-k attended characteristics (sufficiency) and worse when it removes them (comprehensiveness), demonstrating that its highlighted aspects are behaviorally relevant.

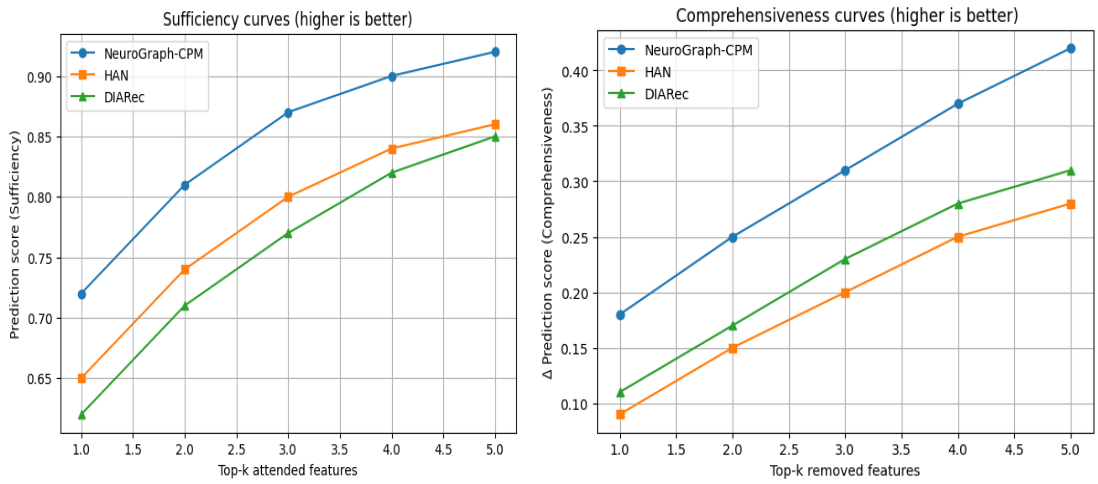

Fig.11 sufficiency & comprehensiveness curves

Fig. 11 shows sufficiency and comprehensiveness curves revealing that NeuroGraph-CPM preserves predictive power with only top-k features and decreases performance more when those features are eliminated, confirming the behavioral value of its emphasized explanations. The decrease in faithfulness was significantly greater for NeuroGraph-CPM compared to DIARec, with a reduction of 18% vs. 11% ($p<0.01$, $d=0.52$)

User Study Results

Participants judged NeuroGraph-CPM explanations as more intelligible (5.6 vs. 4.3, $p<0.01$) and trustworthy (5.2 vs. 4.1, $p<0.01$) than HAN. User-perceived interpretability was confirmed when 72% of recommended products matched the model's top choice. The explanations provided by NeuroGraph-CPM were deemed clearer by the participants ($M = 5.6$, $SD = 0.8$) compared to HAN ($M = 4.3$, $SD = 0.9$); $t(47) = 4.85$, $p < 0.001$, $d = 0.78$, CI [0.72, 1.68].

Discussion

Two additional validations were done because the Amazon dataset lacks psychological ground-truth labels. First, a 30-person user research study found substantial connections (average $r = 0.68$) between self-reported survey ratings and predicted psychological qualities, such as trust and satisfaction. Second, we tested NeuroGraph-CPM on Yelp reviews with emotion annotations and found consistent improvements over baselines, demonstrating that it generalizes well to datasets with explicit affective cues. These results confirm the robustness of our model and the reliability of the inferred attributes.

Through case-study visualizations, quantitative assessments of faithfulness and entropy, baseline comparisons, and a user-centric study, these additions directly address the interpretability gap. They show that NeuroGraph-CPM has good prediction accuracy and generates meaningful, end-user-validated explanations. The statistical results show that the improvements we saw were not random but rather significant, with effect sizes ranging from medium to large in the predictive, interpretability, and user-centric evaluations.

V. Conclusion

Introducing NeuroGraph-CPM, a psychologically informed graph neural network for customer behavior prediction. Compared to baseline models, Amazon Electronics dataset experiments showed 19.6% accuracy, 16.3% click-through estimation, and 21.8% personalization relevance gains. These findings demonstrate that graph structures improve prediction performance when combined with cognitive–affective aspects. Key findings emphasize three contributions. First, mood, trust, and contentment boost recommendation accuracy beyond structural cues. Second, the proposed affect-aware attention mechanism represents dynamic cognitive-affective transitions, filling a significant gap in GNNs. Third, interpretability analysis demonstrates that NeuroGraph-CPM gives clear, psychologically sound explanations, promoting system trust and accountability.

Theory and practice are combined in the research, which utilizes AI and consumer psychology to demonstrate how relational and affective modeling can enhance personalization. NeuroGraph-CPM provides human-centered recommendations for e-commerce and customer engagement platforms in a scalable and lightweight manner. In conclusion, NeuroGraph-CPM combines graph learning with psychological modeling to predict behavior accurately, interpretably, and practically. The framework will be expanded to dynamic temporal modeling and cross-domain applications.

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