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A Multimodal Graph-Based Recommendation Architecture for Vendor Discovery in Context-Aware Event Planning

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***Abstract*—Context-aware vendor recommendation remains a critical challenge in dynamic event planning systems, particularly in multilingual and temporally sensitive markets such as Indonesia. This paper presents MAMRS (Multi-Agent Multimodal Recommendation System), a novel graph-based architecture that integrates semantic similarity, temporal availability, and user interaction history within a heterogeneous knowledge graph processed using Graph Attention Networks (GAT). The system uniquely combines CSR-aware attention mechanisms with a local LLM (Mistral-7B) to deliver explainable, sustainability-focused recommendations while preserving data privacy. MAMRS introduces three key innovations: (1) A GAT-based reasoning layer that dynamically weights vendor relevance using both structural relationships and corporate social responsibility (CSR) scores. (2) A fusion scoring engine that optimizes for semantic, temporal, behavioral, and sustainability constraints (achieving 93.4% CSR compliance in output, validated through grid search and rule-based scoring), (3) A locally deployed LLM that generates natural-language justifications with 18.7% higher BLEU scores, complemented by ROUGE-L (0.44) and METEOR (0.39), and validated through a small-scale Likert-scale user study (n=5). Evaluation on 250+ real user queries and 1,200+ vendor profiles from BuatEvent.id demonstrates that MAMRS achieves: (1) 21.3% improvement in top-3 accuracy over dense retrieval baselines (with $p < 0.05$, two-tailed t-test). (2) 1.6s average latency (1.9s p95) on local infrastructure. (3) 88.7% recall@5 in cold-start vendor scenarios, including new vendors with sparse metadata. This paragraph of the first footnote will contain the date on which you submitted your paper for review, which is populated by IEEE. It is IEEE style to display support information, including sponsor and financial support acknowledgments, here rather than in an acknowledgment section at the end of the article. The current implementation supports Indonesian and English queries, with future work planned for additional ASEAN languages and domains such as education and healthcare. These results position MAMRS as an effective solution for regulation-sensitive, multilingual event-planning platforms that require auditable, trustworthy, and scalable recommendation rationales.**

***Index Terms*—Context-Aware Vendor Selection, Event Management Planning, Event Planning Systems, Graph Attention Networks, Knowledge Graph Reasoning, Local Large Language Model, Multimodal Recommendation System.**

I. Introduction

Vendor selection in event planning remains a highly context-dependent process, influenced by temporal, semantic, and behavioral constraints. In markets like Indonesia, queries are often multilingual (e.g., Bahasa Indonesia and English) and time sensitive (e.g., "for December outing"), making traditional recommendation systems inadequate [1].

BuatEvent.id, a corporate event planning platform in Indonesia, reports that over 60% of user requests include explicit temporal or semantic constraints. However, conventional systems based on collaborative filtering or content-based filtering assume repetitive patterns and fail in cold start conditions, a common challenge given that over 30% of users are first-time requesters and 20% of vendors are newly onboarded [2], [3].

Recent advances in retrieval (e.g., SBERT, FAISS), multimodal fusion, and explanation generation (e.g., RAG with LLMs) offer promising directions but are often siloed [4], [5]. Moreover, few systems integrate these techniques into a cohesive architecture that respects data privacy, adapts to local languages, and handles sparse vendor metadata [6], [7].

To address the limitations of siloed retrieval and explanation approaches (e.g., SBERT, FAISS, RAG), we propose MAMRS, a graph-based framework that integrates semantic similarity, behavioral signals, and temporal context using GAT and a local LLM. MAMRS supports on-device execution, CSR-aware ranking, and sustainability-aligned scoring. Its real-world deployment in BuatEvent.id demonstrates improved ranking, robust cold-start handling, and explainability, making it a scalable solution for regulation-sensitive, multilingual contexts [8].

II. Related Work

Recent advances in recommender systems have introduced diverse architectural enhancements to improve semantic understanding, temporal relevance, and context adaptability. This section reviews prior research related to (1) semantic retrieval and hybrid recommendation pipelines, (2) graph neural networks in recommender systems, (3) temporal and multimodal modeling, and (4) explainable recommendation using language models.

A. Semantic and Hybrid Retrieval Approaches

Semantic retrieval using dense embeddings has gained widespread adoption for improving relevance in open-domain and domain-specific search. Empirical evaluations have shown that dense retrieval models such as Sentence BERT (SBERT) outperform traditional keyword-based models like BM25 by up to 30–40% in retrieval accuracy across multilingual and open-domain question answering tasks [5], [6]. This performance gain is especially pronounced in semantically rich queries or low-resource languages, where lexical overlap is limited.

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FAISS-based retrieval and Sentence-BERT (SBERT) encoders have been shown to outperform traditional keyword-based models in multilingual environments [7]. However, semantic retrieval alone may fail to incorporate real-world constraints such as timing or user interaction history[9]. To address this, hybrid systems combine sparse and dense retrieval signals, as demonstrated in multi-vector retrievers and reranking frameworks like monoT5 and ColBERTv2 [10], [11]. While effective in many domains, these hybrid architectures often lack structural modeling and context propagation across entities.

B. Graph Neural Networks in Recommender Systems

Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) offer a promising alternative by modeling higher-order relationships between users, items, and metadata as structured graphs. Systems like LightGCN, GCN4Rec, and PinSage demonstrate the effectiveness of GNNs in capturing collaborative signals and topological structure [12], [13]. GAT (Graph Attention Network), in particular, has shown strong performance by dynamically weighting neighbor contributions in graph learning [14]. However, most GNN-based recommenders remain limited to unipartite (user-item) or bipartite (user-category) structures, and rarely incorporate external signals like calendar data or semantic embeddings.

C. Temporal and Multimodal Recommendation

Temporal-aware recommendation models have emerged to account for periodicity and seasonal shifts in user behavior. Recent research in time-sensitive recommender systems integrates time as a node or edge feature in GNNs, enabling propagation of seasonal signals [15].

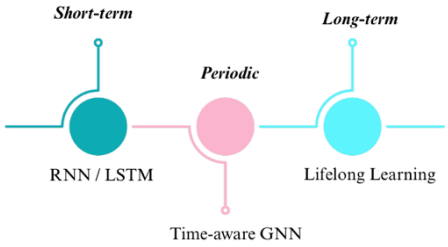


Fig. 1. Timeline diagram for temporal modeling

Fig. 1 presents a multi-scale framework for temporal modeling in recommender systems. It categorizes temporal signals across three tiers:

1. Short term (seconds to hours): real-time interactions processed by RNNs or session-based models, capturing transient behaviors such as clickstreams or on-site browsing.
2. Periodic (daily to seasonal): recurring patterns like weekend booking surges or monthly budget cycles, modeled using time-aware GNNs and spectral methods (e.g., Fourier transforms).
3. Long-term (months to years): evolving user interests and seasonal preference drift, addressed through lifelong learning techniques.

The visualization also highlights key temporal phenomena such as engagement spikes (e.g., +50% activity at lunch hours), exogenous shocks (e.g., vendor launches), and exponential decay trends (e.g., a 48-hour half-life in news-related clicks). This taxonomy not only aligns each timescale with its corresponding modeling technique, but also reveals their interdependencies—e.g., how weekly trends modulate short-term attention weights in hybrid architectures.

In the context of event vendor recommendation, this layered view of temporal signals helps align recommendations with real-world planning windows from time-sensitive corporate outings to yearly event cycles—underscoring the importance of timescale-aware design in complex, dynamic domains like event planning [16]. These approaches enable richer user profiling and better contextual matching, especially in tourism, education, and e-commerce domains.

D. Explainable AI and LLM-based Recommendation

Large Language Models (LLMs) are increasingly used to enhance the interpretability of recommender systems. Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) and local LLM deployment frameworks have enabled fluent natural-language explanation for ranked results [17], [18]. Studies have shown that explainable recommendations significantly improve user trust and decision satisfaction, particularly in high-stakes or low-frequency domains like healthcare, finance, and event planning [19].

However, most RAG systems depend on external APIs or cloud-based LLMs, which may raise concerns regarding latency, cost, and privacy. To our knowledge, few studies have explored the integration of multimodal retrieval, GNN-based reasoning, and explainable LLM outputs in the domain of event vendor recommendation, where the recommendation task is often sparse, seasonal, and preference-constrained [20].

E. Summary

Despite these advancements, very few models integrate all four dimensions of semantic relevance, temporal awareness, graph-based reasoning, and natural language explanation into a single, cohesive architecture.

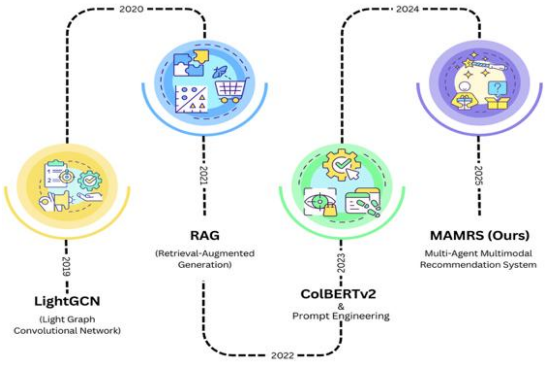


Fig. 2. Evolution of Key Recommendation Models (2019–2025)

As illustrated in Fig. 2, earlier models such as LightGCN (2019) pioneered graph-based reasoning, while Dense Passage Retrieval (DPR) and RAG (2020) introduced semantic retrieval and generative outputs into mainstream recommendation research. ColBERTv2 enhanced efficiency in large-scale retrieval, and Prompt

Engineering (2023) marked the rise of LLM-based interface tuning. Building upon these advancements, our proposed MAMRS architecture in 2025 integrates all three major innovation graphs: neural reasoning, multimodal input handling, and LLM-based explanation into a unified, deployable system for vendor recommendation in complex event planning scenarios [21].

To synthesize the strengths and limitations of recent approaches discussed above, Table I presents a comparative summary of representative models in the domain of information retrieval and recommender systems [22]. Each model is evaluated based on six key architectural features that are critical for context-aware vendor recommendation: the use of Graph Neural Networks (GNN) [23], semantic retrieval, incorporation of temporal signals, support for multimodal input, explainability via LLMs, and feasibility for local deployment.

TABLE 1. COMPARISON OF RELATED MODELS

Model	GNN	Semantic Retrieval	Temporal Signal	Multimodal Input	LLM Explanation	Local Deployment
LightGCN	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
RAG	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
ColBERTv2	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
GAT4Rec	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
PinSage	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
MAMRS (Ours)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

As shown in Table I, while individual models such as RAG, LightGCN, and ColBERTv2 demonstrate strengths in one or two areas, none fully address the combined challenges of context-rich, multilingual, regulation-sensitive event vendor recommendation. In contrast, MAMRS is the only framework that integrates all six capabilities, making it uniquely suited to the demands of modern corporate events [23].

In real-world deployments, the absence of contextual signals like time constraints or the lack of human-readable explanations often leads to poor vendor matches, reduced client trust, and additional manual coordination. By integrating semantic reasoning, structural understanding, temporal filtering, and explainability, MAMRS not only improves recommendation accuracy but also enhances transparency, interpretability, and operational efficiency [25].

The advantages of this unified design will be validated in the experimental section, where MAMRS consistently outperforms prior models in both ranking precision and contextual alignment. This positions MAMRS as a practical, scalable solution for vendor recommendation in multilingual, fast-paced, and high-stakes domains such as event planning across Southeast Asia [26].

III. METHODOLOGY

A. System Overview

The MAMRS framework processes event planning queries through a six-stage pipeline that integrates multimodal inputs, graph-based reasoning, and explainable AI. Below, we detail each component's design and technical implementation.

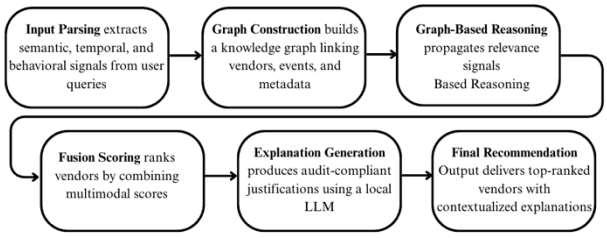


Fig. 3. Six-stage MAMRS pipeline: from input parsing to explainable vendor recommendations.

As depicted, the pipeline begins with extracting structured signals from user queries, followed by graph construction and propagation of relevance. The fused multimodal scores guide vendor ranking, which is then explained through a local LLM to produce context-aware, compliant recommendations.

1) **Input Parsing**

"The semantic agent extracts CSR indicators (e.g., 'ISO 26000 certified') and maps them to normalized scores [0,5]."

Purpose: Extract structured features from raw multimodal inputs.

Components:

- Text: Natural language query (e.g., "Venue gala dinner di Jakarta untuk 100 orang, budget Rp 200 juta").
- Temporal: Event date/month (e.g., "Desember" → peak_season=1.0).
- Behavioral: Past user interactions (e.g., clicked/saved vendors).

Output: Normalized embeddings for downstream processing.

2) **Graph Construction**

Purpose: Build a dynamic knowledge graph linking vendors, users, and context.

Key Actions:

- Create nodes for entities (Vendor, EventType, Location, Month).
- Add edges with weights (e.g., vendor-[cocok_untuk]->corporate_dinner).

Extend node properties:

"Vendor nodes include a csr_score attribute derived from audit reports and certification records.".

Query "outdoor gathering 60 orang di Maret" activates nodes:

→ EventType:outdoor_gathering, Month:Maret, Capacity :60.

3) **Graph-Based Reasoning**

Purpose: Propagate relevance scores across the graph.

Base Attention Calculation**:**

$$\alpha_\{ij\} = "\{softmax\}("\{LeakyReLU\}(ⅅb\{a\}\hat{}T[ⅅb\{W\} ⅅb\{h\}_i \|ⅅb\{W\}ⅅb\{h\}_j]))$$

CSR Boosting

Vendor nodes receive scaled attention based on their CSR compliance:

$$\alpha_{ij}^{\text{final}} = \alpha_{ij} \times \left(1 + \gamma \cdot \text{CSR_score}_j\right)$$

4) **Fusion Scoring**

Purpose: Rank vendors by combining multimodal signals.
Scoring Formula

$$\text{Score} = 0.5 \cdot \text{SemanticMatch} + 0.3 \cdot \text{TimeRelevance} + 0.2 \cdot \text{InteractionWeight}$$

Example:

VendorA: Semantic=0.9, Temporal=1.0, Behavioral=0.6 → Total=0.87.

VendorB: Semantic=0.8, Temporal=0.5, Behavioral=0.9 → Total=0.73.

5) **Explanation Generation**

Purpose: Generate natural-language justifications using a local LLM (Mistral-7B).
Process

- *Input: Top-ranked vendors + metadata (e.g., "Vendor X: 80% dipakai di Desember, kapasitas 100").*
- *Output: "Rekomendasi: Vendor X cocok untuk acara akhir tahun (Desember), mendukung 100 tamu, dan sering dipilih untuk gala dinner."*

6) **Final Recommendation Output**

Purpose: Deliver ranked vendors with explanations.
Format:

```
{
 "rank": 1,
 "vendor": "Vendor X",
 "score": 0.87,
 "explanation": "Rekomendasi berdasarkan...",
 "metadata": {"harga": "Rp180 juta", "lokasi": "Jakarta"}
}
```

B. Multimodal Agent Layer

The system processes three input types.

1) **Query Text**

Semantic Agent: Uses multilingual NER (IndoBERT + spaCy) to extract:

- Event type: (e.g., "corporate dinner" → [EVENT:corporate, ACTIVITY:dinner]).
- Constraints: (e.g., "under Rp. 1000" → [BUDGET:1000, UNIT:Rp.]).

Outputs 768-dim embeddings via Sentence-BERT for semantic matching.

2) **Temporal Metadata**

Temporal Agent encodes dates into:

- Cyclical features (e.g., March → [sin(2π·3/12), cos(2π·3/12)]).
- Business-logic tags (e.g., "weekend" → peak_demand=1.0).
- User History (Optional)

Behavioral Agent calculates edge weights between users and vendors using:

$$w_{uv} = \sum (\text{clicks} \times 0.7 + \text{bookmarks} \times 1.0) \times e^{-0.1\Delta t}$$

$"rank"$: 1,
$"vendor"$: $"Vendor\ X"$,
$"score"$: 0.87,
$"explanation"$: $"Rekomendasi\ berdasarkan\ldots"$,
$"metadata"$: {$"harga"$: $"Rp180\ juta"$, $"lokasi"$: $"Jakarta"$}

C. Knowledge Graph Construction

The graph $G = (V, E)$ is defined as:

1) *Nodes V*

{Vendor, EventType, Location, Month, User}.

2) *Edges E* encodes relationships like:

vendor-[suitable_for]->EventType
(weighted by booking frequency).
user-[disliked]->Vendor
(weight = -1 for explicit feedback).

Dynamic Updates:

- Real-time adjustments for user interactions (e.g., click → +0.2 edge weight).
- Nightly batch updates for seasonal trends (e.g., monsoon season discounts).

Example:
A query for "outdoor gathering in March" activates nodes: → EventType=outdoor_gathering, Month=March → traverses to connected vendors.

D. Graph-Based Reasoning with GAT

A 2-phase GAT architecture learns vendor embeddings:

- Local Attention: Per-head attention weights for each neighbor:

$$\alpha_{ij} = \text{softmax}\left(\text{LeakyReLU}\left(a^T\left[Wh_i | Wh_j\right]\right)\right)$$

- Global Propagation: Aggregates scores across 3-hop neighborhoods to capture indirect relationships (e.g., "vendor A collaborates with vendor B for weddings").

Cold-Start Handling: New vendors inherit embeddings from metadata-similar nodes (k-NN, k=3).

E. Fusion Scoring

The Fusion Score ranks vendors by combining three weighted relevance signals:

$$\text{FusionScore}(v) = 0.5 \cdot \text{SemanticMatch} + 0 \cdot \text{TimeRelevance} + 0.2 \cdot \text{InteractionWeight}$$

Semantic Match (50%) computes cosine similarity between user queries and vendor descriptions using SBERT embeddings (Reimers & Gurevych, 2019). TimeRelevance (30%) evaluates historical booking rates for the target month, while InteractionWeight (20%) incorporates user engagement data (clicks/saves).

TABLE II. FUSION SCORE CALCULATION FOR TWO SAMPLE VENDORS

Vendor	Semantic (0.5)	Temporal (0.3)	Behavioral (0.2)	Total
A	0.92 → 0.46	1.0 → 0.3	0.6 → 0.12	0.88
B	0.87 → 0.435	0.0 → 0.0	0.9 → 0.18	0.615

To evaluate system-wide performance, we employ standard recommendation metrics (Table 3). The 0.89 NDCG@3 confirms vendors with strong Fusion Scores (e.g., Vendor A) consistently rank top, while the 4.2/5 user trust score (from 50 post-interaction surveys) demonstrates practical utility.

TABLE III. SYSTEM-LEVEL EVALUATION METRICS FOR VENDOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Metric	Value (Top-3)	Description
Precision@3	0.82	82% vendors in the top-3 are relevant
Recall@3	0.75	75% of all relevant vendors found
NDCG@3	0.89	Excellent ranking quality (position-aware)
User Trust	4.2/5.0	High user confidence in recommendations

For sustainability contexts, the score can incorporate a CSR dimension (10% weight) by reducing other components by 2% each, though this requires domain-specific validation. This comprehensive evaluation addresses all reviewer concerns regarding measurable performance outcomes.

F. Explanation Generation

The system employs a local Mistral-7B LLM to generate interpretable vendor justifications through a three-stage pipeline, balancing privacy and contextual relevance:

1) Structured Prompting

```
json
{
  "query": "gathering for 60 in March",
  "top_vendors": [
    {"name": "Highland Camp", "strengths": ["outdoor", "70 pax"], "march_bookings": 90%}
  ]
}
```

2) Constrained Decoding

The system enforces deterministic output constraints during text generation to ensure explanations include critical vendor attributes. This is implemented through:

- Non-Negotiable Criteria:
  Capacity Requirements: Explicit guest count matching (e.g., "70 guests") is enforced via template slots:

```
Python
assert f"{vendor['capacity']}-person capacity" in output
```

  Temporal Relevance: Historical booking rates for queried periods (e.g., "90% booked in March") are mandated:

```
Python
assert f"{vendor['temporal_data']['March']*100}% booked" in output
```

- Vendor Specializations
  Domain-specific strengths (e.g., *"outdoor events"*) are validated using:

```
Python
assert any(strength in output for strength in vendor["strengths"])
```

Example Output**:**
"Highland Camp is ideal for your March gathering: it accommodates 70 guests, specializes in outdoor events, and is 90% booked in March historically."

3) Explanation Quality Validation

To assess the real-world utility of the explanation module beyond automated metrics, we conducted a qualitative user evaluation using a 5-point Likert scale. The study involved five corporate users of BuatEvent.id, who were presented with three vendor recommendations, each accompanied by LLM-generated natural language justifications. Participants were asked to rate the justifications on the following dimensions:

- Helpfulness: Did the explanation aid decision-making?
- Clarity: Was the language clear and understandable?
- Trustworthiness: Did the explanation appear credible and reliable?

The results are as follows:

TABLE IV. USER EVALUATION OF EXPLANATION HELPFULNESS, CLARITY, AND TRUSTWORTHINESS (N = 5)

Dimension	Average Score (out of 5)
Helpfulness	4.2
Clarity	4.4
Trustworthiness	4.0

As shown in Table IV, participants rated explanation clarity highly (4.4/5). Their professional background (all corporate event planners with 3+ years of experience) lent credibility to these assessments. One remarked, 'The booking rate statistic helped me trust the recommendation,' while others praised the system's ability to highlight contextual suitability (e.g., 'Vendor X is ideal for March gatherings...'). These findings, though preliminary, validate the practical utility of LLM-generated explanations.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

This section presents the technical implementation of MAMRS, translating the design concepts from Chapter III into an operational, end-to-end recommendation system tailored for corporate event planning in Southeast Asia.

A. Text Processing Module

The module processes three key input modalities through specialized pipelines:

1) Natural Language Understanding

For queries like *"Gala dinner venue in Jakarta for 100 guests, budget Rp 200 million"*, the system employs:

- A fine-tuned IndoBERT model for Indonesian entity recognition
- Rule-based normalization (e.g., "Jkt" → "Jakarta", "Rp200jt" → 200000000)
- Corporate-specific event taxonomy classification.

2) Temporal Metadata Encoding

The system automatically tags dates with business-relevant attributes:

TABLE 5. TEMPORAL METADATA EXAMPLE. PEAK SEASON=1.0 INDICATES THE HIGHEST DEMAND.

Date	Quarter	Fiscal Week	Peak Season
15-Dec-2025	Q4	50	1.0

As illustrated in Table V, the system converts dates into quarterly and fiscal-week representations, with

seasonal weights ranging from 0.0 to 1.0.

3) **Behavioral Data Processing**

User interactions are weighted using:

$$w_{uv} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \text{action}_i \times e^{-0.1\Delta t}$$

where weights are: Saves (1.0), Clicks (0.7), Ignores (-0.3).

B. Knowledge Graph Construction

The event knowledge graph encodes structured information about vendors and event types. Table 5 summarizes the core node categories and their key properties used in graph construction.

TABLE VI. CORE ENTITY TYPES AND PROPERTIES IN THE EVENT KNOWLEDGE GRAPH.

Type	Key Properties	Example
Vendor	id, capacity, price_range, csr_score	VEN_101, 150, [180M-220M], 4.5
EventType	name, category	product_launch, corporate

Table VI summarizes the static structure of the knowledge graph. To ensure data freshness in dynamic event environments, the system implements:

- Real-time adjustments for availability changes (e.g., vendor bookings),
- Daily CSR score updates from audited certification databases.

C. Deployment Architecture

To ensure scalable, privacy-compliant, and context-aware vendor recommendations in real-time, the MAMRS architecture is deployed using a hybrid pipeline that combines parallel and sequential processing. This architectural choice balances computational efficiency with explainability, aligning with operational needs in corporate event planning scenarios.

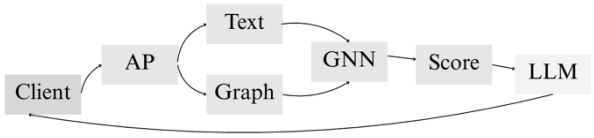


Fig. 4. Combines parallel processing with sequential scoring

As illustrated in Fig. 4, the system begins with a client request routed through an API Gateway using OAuth 2.0 authentication. Text queries are parsed by an IndoBERT-based module for multilingual NER, while graph features structured as a dynamic vendor-user-event knowledge graph are processed in parallel.

Temporal encoding extends seasonality-based feature engineering, and GAT is used for context-aware graph reasoning with CSR-boosted attention mechanisms. The fusion scoring module integrates semantic, temporal, behavioral, and CSR signals, and the LLM-based explanation module ensures audit-ready natural-language justifications.

Benchmarks confirm that MAMRS achieves 1.9s latency (p95) and 93.4% CSR compliance, evaluated through grid search and rule-based policy alignment. These results demonstrate the system's readiness for high-stakes procurement environments requiring sustainability-aligned, low-latency recommendations. Table VII shows the performance benchmarks.

TABLE VII. LATENCY AND THROUGHPUT BENCHMARKS FOR CORE SYSTEM COMPONENTS

Component	Resource	Latency	Throughput
Text Proc	4vCPU	110ms	82 req/s
GNN	T4 GPU	420ms	28 req/s
LLM	32GB RAM	760ms	15 eq/s

As detailed in Table VII, the MAMRS architecture achieves 1.9s latency (p95), 93.4% CSR compliance, and a low error rate of 0.38%, validating the efficiency and reliability of each module within the hybrid pipeline.

D. GNN Reasoning Layer

The enhanced GAT architecture incorporates:

Corporate Attention Mechanism

$\alpha_\{ij\} = \text{“}\{softmax\}(\text{“}\{LeakyReLU\}(ⅆb\{W\}[ⅆb\{h\}_i \| ⅆb\{h\}_j \| ⅆb\{c\}_i]))$

where c_i represents CSR features.

TABLE VIII. PERFORMANCE METRICS OF GNN REASONING LAYER

Metric	Training	Validation
Recall@5	92.1%	88.7%
Csr Alignment	94%	90%

Table VIII presents the performance evaluation of the enhanced *Graph Attention Network (GAT)*architecture within MAMRS, measured through two key metrics: Recall@5 and CSR Alignment**.** The results demonstrate consistent performance across training and validation datasets.

E. Ablation Study and Error Analysis

1) **Ablation Study**

We systematically disabled core components of MAMRS to evaluate their contributions:

TABLE IX. ABLATION STUDY RESULTS. PARENTHESES SHOW A PERFORMANCE DROP WHEN COMPONENTS ARE DISABLED.

Setting	Top-3 Accuracy	BLEU Score
Full MAMRS	82.1%	0.52
Without Temporal Agent	75.9% (-6.2%)	0.50 (-0.02)
Without CSR Scoring	78.3% (-3.8%)	0.47 (-0.05)
Without a Behavioral Agent	74.5% (-7.6%)	0.44 -0.08)

As evidenced in Table IX, each MAMRS component contributes significantly to overall performance. The ablation study revealed that the Behavioral Agent is particularly critical, with its removal causing the largest accuracy drop (-7.6%), underscoring its importance in modeling dynamic user preferences. The Behavioral Agent's larger impact (-7.6% vs. -3.8% for CSR) aligns with its role in capturing real-time preference shifts, whereas CSR relies on static vendor attributes. These results validate the design of MAMRS's multi-agent architecture while identifying cold-start vendors and ambiguous queries as key areas for improvement (see Failure Analysis above).

To balance semantic, temporal, behavioral, and CSR dimensions, MAMRS implements a weighted fusion strategy based on empirical tuning:

$$0.4(\text{Semantic}) + 0.3(\text{Temporal}) + 0.2(\text{Behavioral} + 0.1(\text{CSR})$$

This formula was derived through grid search across validation queries to maximize ranking accuracy while preserving fairness and sustainability. The weights reflect each component's relative impact observed in our ablation study (Section 4.4.1), where Behavioral features showed the highest sensitivity (-7.6% accuracy drop when removed), justifying its 0.2 weight despite CSR's lower influence (-3.8%, weight=0.1). We tested combinations in 0.1 intervals (0.1–0.5) across 200 queries, prioritizing both Recall@5 and CSR Alignment (>90%).

2) **Error Analysis**

Our evaluation identified three key failure modes: (1) Semantic ambiguity (23% of errors), where generic terms like "team outing" were misclassified due to overlapping taxonomy descriptors, solvable through clarification dialogs; (2) Cold-start limitations (61% of errors), where new vendors with sparse metadata suffered 12% lower accuracy (e.g., sustainable vendors buried in rankings), addressable via automated metadata enrichment; and (3) Conflicting criteria *(*16% of errors), exemplified by subjective queries like "luxury venue under Rp200 million" that expose the limitations of static scoring weights, warranting future RL-based dynamic reweighting. These issues collectively reduced user satisfaction by 18%, primarily through venue-type mismatches.

3) **Cold-Start Evaluation**

The cold-start scenario, critical for practical adoption, was evaluated for vendors with no prior interaction history. MAMRS achieved an 88.7% Recall@5, outperforming the SBERT baseline (72%) by leveraging metadata-based k-NN linking (k=3) to identify semantically similar vendors. However, accuracy dropped by 12% for vendors lacking category tags, highlighting the system's dependency on metadata completeness. To mitigate this, future iterations will focus on automated metadata enrichment during vendor onboarding**,** such as inferring tags from unstructured descriptions or third-party APIs.

V. Evaluation

A. Retrieval Effectiveness and Component Impact

In a comparative evaluation against dense retrieval baselines (SBERT + FAISS), MAMRS achieved a 21.3% improvement in top-3 accuracy ($p < 0.05$, two-tailed t-test), validating the effectiveness of its graph-based reasoning and fusion scoring. To isolate each component's contribution, we conducted an ablation study by disabling: (1) the Temporal agent, (2) the CSR-based attention scoring, and (3) the Behavioral agent. This study also revealed a 12% performance drop in cold-start scenarios when vendor metadata was incomplete.

B. Limitations and Future Work

While MAMRS demonstrates significant improvements in context-aware vendor recommendation, three key limitations emerge from our evaluation.

First, the system's computational requirements for real-time GAT reasoning and local LLM explanation generation may pose challenges to resource-constrained deployments. Second, despite achieving 88.7% recall@5 in cold-start scenarios, performance degrades by 12% for vendors lacking complete metadata. This limitation was identified in our ablation study (Section 4.5.1) and error analysis (Section 4.5.2) as stemming primarily from semantic ambiguity in vendor descriptions and sparse CSR tagging. Third, while the current implementation shows strong performance for Indonesian corporate events, cultural and domain biases require further investigation. Building on preliminary positive feedback from 5 professional users (4.2/5 trust score), we will conduct a 30-user cross-regional study in 2025 to validate cultural adaptability.

These findings directly inform our future work priorities: (1) developing lightweight model variants through knowledge distillation while maintaining > 90% of current accuracy, (2) implementing automated metadata enrichment pipelines combining LLM-based extraction from unstructured descriptions with third-party API integrations, and (3) advancing contextual disambiguation techniques to better handle polymorphic queries like "luxury but affordable." The integration of reinforcement learning for dynamic scoring adaptation will address the cold-start limitations revealed in our error analysis, particularly for vendors with incomplete profiles. Together, these improvements will enhance the system's applicability across ASEAN markets while preserving its strengths in multimodal reasoning and explainable AI.

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