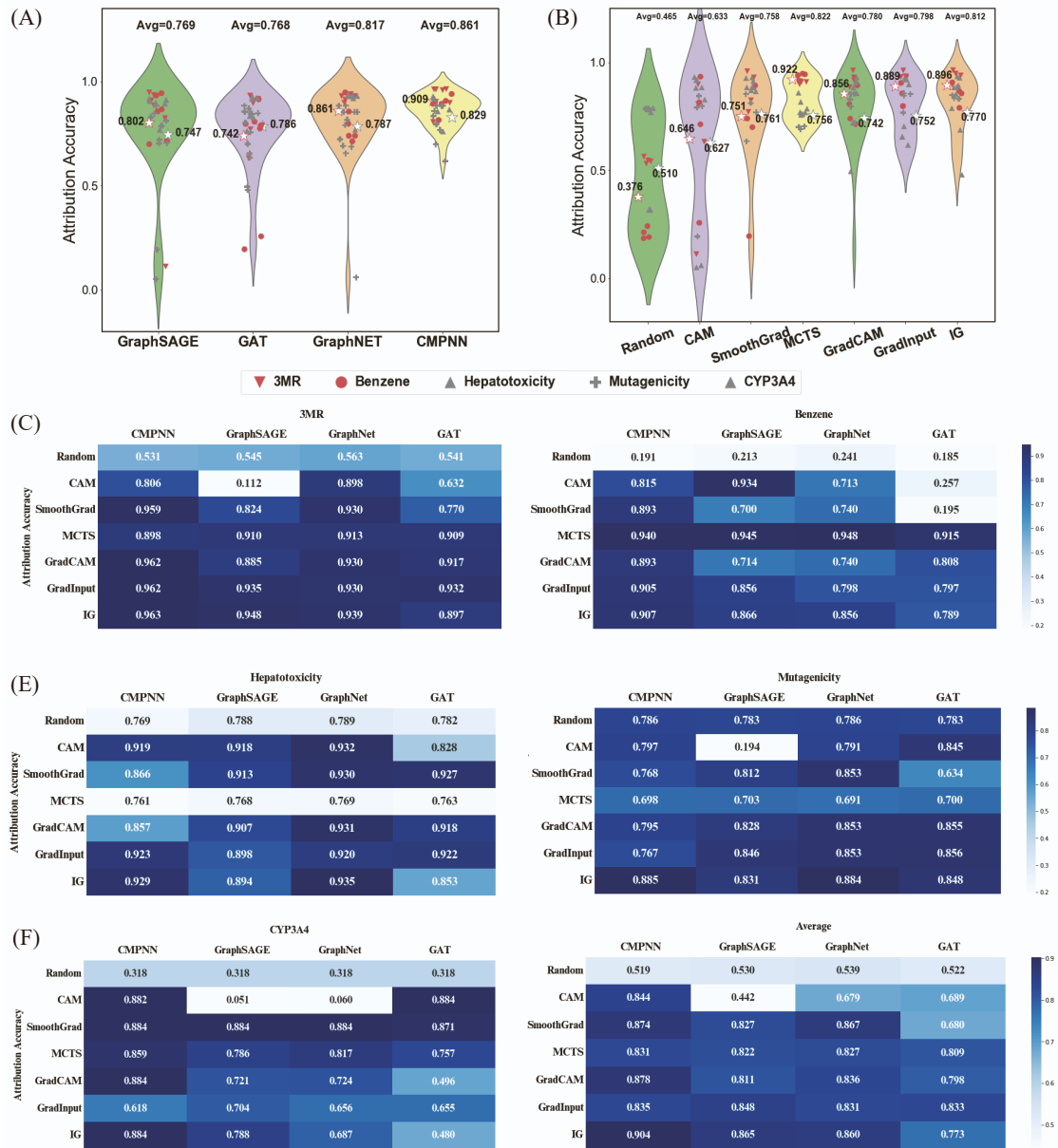


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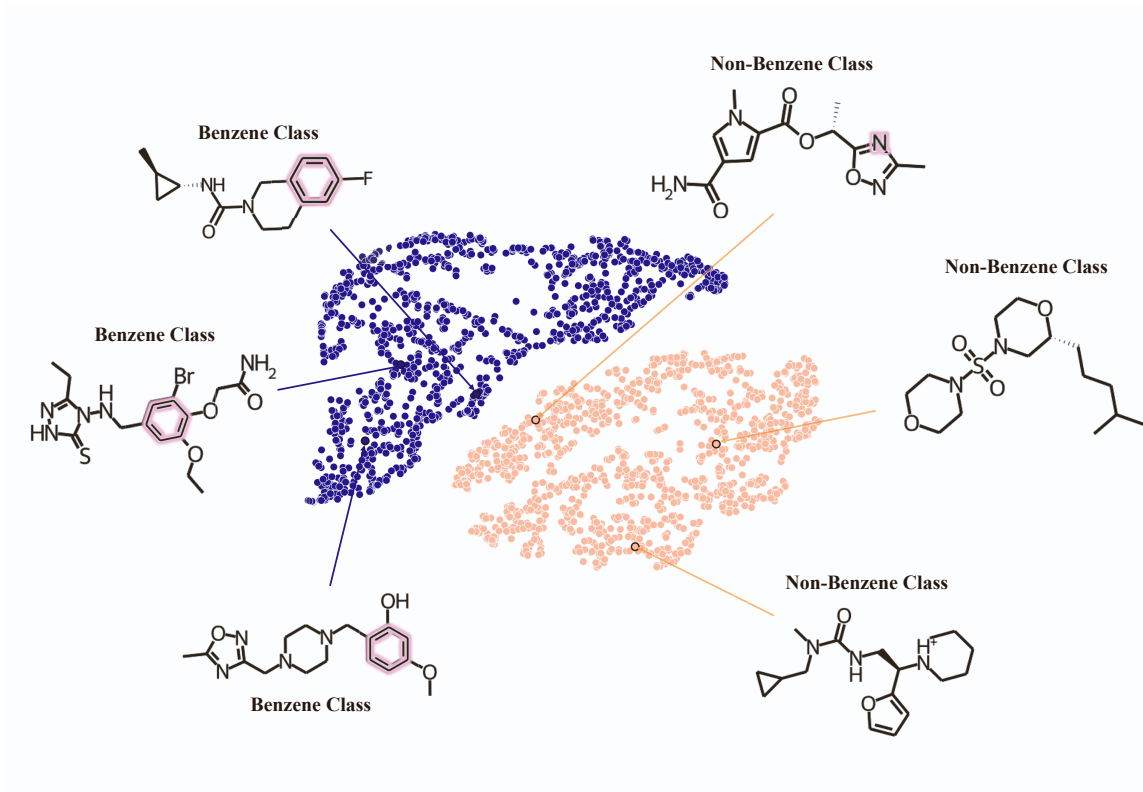
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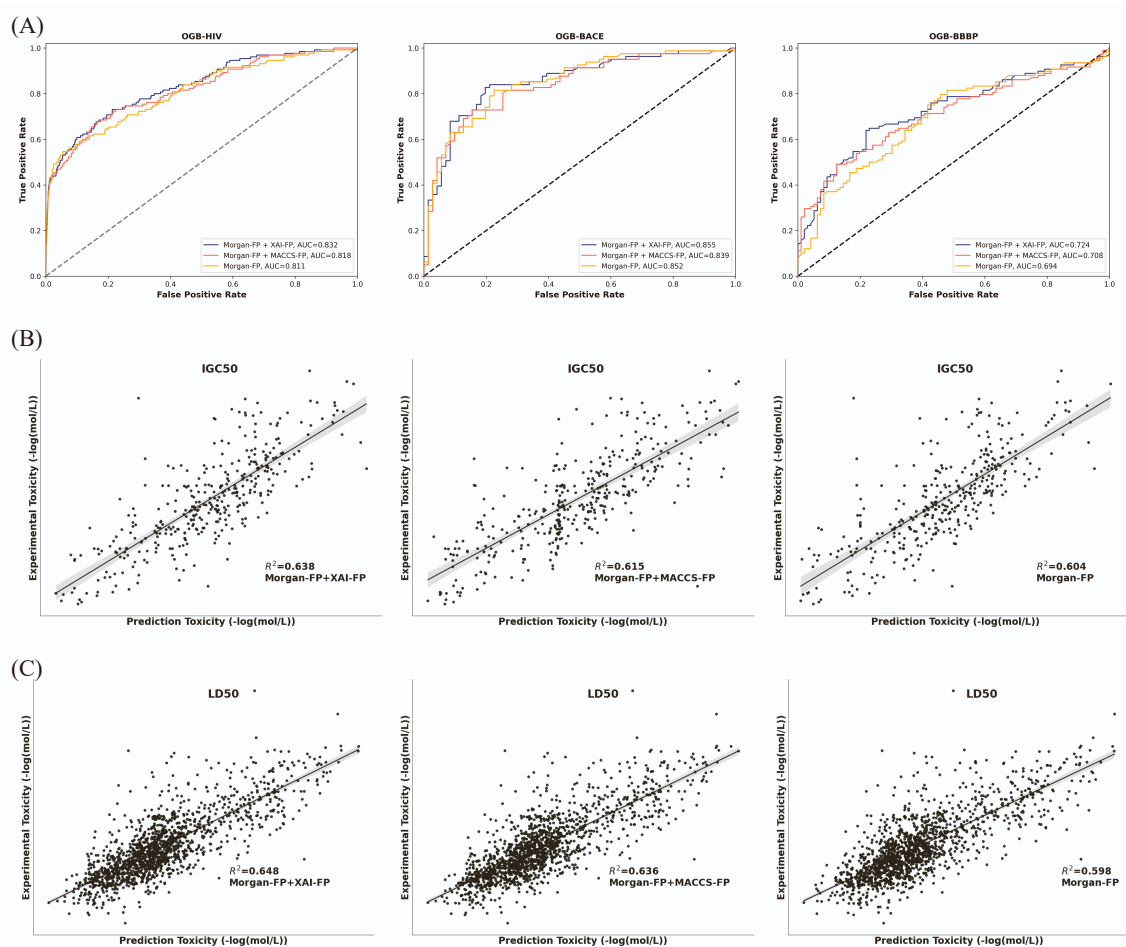
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**Figure S1. The average Attribution-Accuracy values.** (A) four GNN models and (B) six XAI methods. (C-F) Detailed Attribution Accuracies for combinations of all XAI methods and GNN models for each dataset.



**Figure S2. Visualization of Benzene dataset.** The embeddings learned by CMPNN+IG over the Benzene dataset shown by t-SNE, together with representively 3 benzene and 3 non-benzene molecules.



**Figure S3. Results of XAI-assisted FPs experiments with Random Forest.** (A) The ROC curves of Morgan-FP, Morgan-FP + MACCS-FP, and Morgan-FP + XAI-FP with Random Forest on the OGB-HIV, OGB-BACE and OGB-BBBP dataset. (B) The predicted results of Morgan-FP + XAI-FPs, Morgan-FP + MACCS-FP and Morgan-FP with Random Forest model for the IGC50 dataset. (C) The predicted results of Morgan-FP + XAI-FPs, Morgan-FP + MACCS-FP and Morgan-FP with Random Forest model for the LD50 dataset.

**Table S1.** Predictive Performance comparison of baseline methods (from previous literature) with our GNN models on FreeSolv, Lipophilicity, ESOL, ClinTox, BBBP benchmarks.

Datasets	FreeSolv	Lipophilicity	ESOL	ClinTox	BBBP
Methods	$R^2$	$R^2$	$R^2$	AUROC	AUROC
ECFP4	0.640 <sup>a</sup>	0.577 <sup>a</sup>	0.778 <sup>a</sup>	0.640 <sup>a</sup>	0.955 <sup>a</sup>
AGBT-FP	<u>0.935<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>0.776<sup>b</sup></u>	-	0.935 <sup>b</sup>	0.763 <sup>b</sup>
MPNN	0.923 <sup>a</sup>	0.697 <sup>a</sup>	<b>0.939<sup>a</sup></b>	0.923 <sup>a</sup>	0.960 <sup>a</sup>
SSL-FP	0.678 <sup>c</sup>	0.740 <sup>c</sup>	0.925 <sup>c</sup>	0.688 <sup>c</sup>	0.953 <sup>c</sup>
GraphSAGE	0.922	0.688	0.929	0.933	<u>0.962</u>
GAT	0.919	0.685	0.924	0.889	0.959
GraphNET	<b>0.941</b>	0.798	0.919	<u>0.938</u>	0.961
CMPNN	0.933	<b>0.823</b>	<u>0.932</u>	<b>0.941</b>	<b>0.963</b>

<sup>a</sup>The prediction results are derived from Wu et al<sup>[1]</sup>.

<sup>b</sup>The prediction results are derived from Chen et al<sup>[2]</sup>.

<sup>c</sup>The prediction results are derived from Chen et al<sup>[3]</sup>.

**Table S2.** Predictive Performance comparison of baseline methods (from previous literature) with our GNN models on LD50, IGC50, LC50, LC50DM, LogP datasets.

Datasets	LD50	IGC50	LC50	LC50DM	LogP
Methods	$R^2$	$R^2$	$R^2$	$R^2$	$R^2$
ECFP4	0.586 <sup>a</sup>	0.647 <sup>a</sup>	0.573 <sup>a</sup>	0.452 <sup>a</sup>	0.857 <sup>a</sup>
MACCS	0.643 <sup>a</sup>	0.643 <sup>a</sup>	0.608 <sup>a</sup>	0.434 <sup>a</sup>	0.867 <sup>a</sup>
HybridModel	0.629 <sup>a</sup>	0.810 <sup>a</sup>	0.678 <sup>a</sup>	0.616 <sup>a</sup>	0.893 <sup>a</sup>
AGBT-FP	0.671 <sup>a</sup>	<b>0.842<sup>a</sup></b>	<u>0.783<sup>a</sup></u>	<b>0.830<sup>a</sup></b>	0.905 <sup>a</sup>
GraphSAGE	0.654	0.778	0.731	0.724	0.904
GAT	0.662	0.809	0.742	0.798	0.899
GraphNET	<b>0.683</b>	0.834	<b>0.793</b>	0.810	<u>0.923</u>
CMPNN	<u>0.679</u>	<u>0.841</u>	0.776	<u>0.813</u>	<b>0.939</b>

<sup>a</sup>The prediction results are derived from Chen et al<sup>[2]</sup>.

**Table S3.** Explainability Performance comparison of baseline methods (RF and XGBoost) with GNN models (explained by IG).

Datasets	3MR	Benzene	Hepatotoxicity	Mutagenicity
Methods	Attribution-ACC			
RF + Feature Importances	0.516	0.621	0.523	0.607
XGBoost + SHAP Values	0.678	0.740	0.701	0.688
GraphSAGE + IG	<u>0.948</u>	<u>0.866</u>	0.894	0.831
GAT + IG	0.897	0.789	0.853	0.848
GraphNET + IG	0.939	0.856	<b>0.935</b>	<u>0.884</u>
CMPNN + IG	<b>0.963</b>	<b>0.907</b>	<u>0.929</u>	<b>0.885</b>

**Table S4.** The predicted substructures by representative combinations of GNN models and XAI methods.

Ground-truth	CMPNN+IG	GraphNET+IG	GraphSAGE+IG	GAT+IG
CMPNN+Random	CMPNN+CAM	CMPNN+SmoothGrad	CMPNN+GradCAM	CMPNN+GradInput

**Table S5.** The Performance comparison of XAI method and medicinal chemists.

	Prediction Performance		Explanation Performance	
	Accuracy	Precision	Attribution-ACC	Attribution-Precision
Random	-	-	0.568	0.123
XAI	<b>0.92</b>	<u>0.800</u>	<u>0.839</u>	<u>0.431</u>
MC1	<u>0.68</u>	<b>0.842</b>	0.820	0.352
MC2	0.60	0.596	<b>0.852</b>	<b>0.471</b>
MC3	0.62	0.667	0.801	0.232
MC4	0.50	0.559	0.804	0.180
MC5	0.58	0.595	0.794	0.294
MC6	0.54	0.594	0.759	0.197
MC7	0.62	0.656	0.804	0.220

**Table S6.** Statistics of XAI-Benchmarks.

Benchmark	Task	Dataset Name	Compounds	Substructure
Synthetic Benchmarks	Classification	3MR	3152	Three-membered ring
	Classification	Benzene	12000	Benzene ring
Experimental Benchmarks	Classification	Mutagenicity	6506	Mutagenicity alerts
	Classification	Hepatotoxicity	587	Hepatotoxic alerts
	Classification	CYP450	9122	Substructure differences

**Table S7.** Atom features and Bond features.

Features	Description	Size
<b>Atom</b>		
Atom type	Type of atom (ex.C,N,O), by atomic number.	100
# Bonds	Number of bonds the atom is involved in.	6
Formal charge	Integer electronic charge assigned to atom.	5
Chirality	Unspecified, tetrahedral CW/CCW, or other.	4
# Hs	Number of bonded Hydrogen atom.	5
Hybridization	sp, sp <sup>2</sup> , sp <sup>3</sup> , sp <sup>3</sup> d, or sp <sup>3</sup> d <sup>2</sup>	5
Aromaticity	Whether this atom is part of an aromatic system.	1
Atomic mass	Mass of the atom, divided by 100.	1
<b>Bond</b>		
Bond type	Single, double, triple, or aromatic.	4
Conjugated	Whether the bond is conjugated.	1
In ring	Whether the bond is part of a ring.	1
Stereo	None, any, E/Z or cis/trans.	6



**Table S8.** Hyperparameter ranges for four types of GNN models.

Model	Hyperparameters	Range
GraphSAGE	Batch size	{32, 64}
	Learning rate	{0.0001, 0.001, 0.01}
	Embedding size	{32, 64, 128}
	Num of layer	{3, 5}
	Aggregation type	{Add, Mean, Max}
	Num of epoch	{50, 100, 300}
GAT	Batch size	{50, 64}
	Learning rate	{0.0001, 0.001, 0.01}
	L2 regularization	{0.0, 0.1}
	Embedding size	{128, 256}
	Num of layer	{2, 4}
	Attention head	{4, 8}
	Dropout	{0.0, 0.1}
Num of epoch	{50, 100, 300}	
GraphNET	Batch size	{32, 64}
	Learning rate	{0.001, 0.01}
	L2 regularization	{0.0, 0.1}
	Node embedding size	{64, 256}
	Edge embedding size	{32, 64}
	Num of layer	{2, 4}
	Num of Set2Set layer	{2, 3}
	Aggregation type	{Add, Mean, Max}
Num of epoch	{30, 100, 300}	
CMPNN	Batch size	{50, 64}
	Learning rate	{0.0001, 0.001}
	L2 regularization	{0.0, 0.1}
	Embedding size	{256, 300}
	Dropout	{0.0, 0.1}
	Num of layer	{2, 4}
	Undirected	{False, True}
	Num of FFN layer	{2, 5}
	Embedding size of FFN layer	{256, 512}
Num of epoch	{30, 50}	

**Table S9.** The summary of public benchmark for XAI-assisted Fingerprints Experiments.

Task	Dataset	Compounds	Train	Test
Classification	OGB-BBBP	1835	1631	204
	OGB-BACE	1362	1210	152
	OGB-HIV	37014	32901	4113
Regression	IGC50	1792	1434	358
	LD50	7413	5931	1482

**Table S10.** Experiment results of XAI-assisted Fingerprints on Hepatotoxicity and Ames Mutagenicity datasets.

Metric	Hepatotoxicity		Ames Mutagenicity	
	ACC	%increase	AUROC	%increase
Morgan-FP	0.517	-	0.871	-
Morgan-FP + MACCS-FP	0.526	1.74%	0.893	2.52%
Morgan-FP + XAI-FP	<b>0.548</b>	<b>5.99%</b>	<b>0.904</b>	<b>3.79%</b>

**Table S11.** Hyperparameter ranges for Random Forest in XAI-assisted Experiments.

Model	Hyperparameters	Range
Random Forest	n_estimators	{100, 200, 500, 800, 1000}
	max_depth	{5, 6, 7, 8}
	min_samples_split	{2, 3, 4}
	min_samples_leaf	{1, 3, 5}
	min_weight_fraction_leaf	{0.0, 0.1, 0.2}
	max_leaf_nodes	{None, 1, 5}

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