# Benchmarking KANG on Molecular Graph Learning Tasks

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#### Introduction



**Objective**: Evaluate the performance of the KANG model across classification and regression tasks using MoleculeNet datasets.



Molecular property prediction is crucial for drug discovery.



Only 2D molecular structures



#### **Overview of Datasets**

Classification:

Regression:

HIV

ToxCast

(subset of 5 tasks from 617)

QM8

(12 tasks, quantum mechanical)

QM9

(12 tasks, quantum chemical)

# **Experimental Setup**

- SMILES to graph conversion with **RDKit**
- Graph generation: atoms → nodes, bonds → edges
- Hyperparameter tuning with **Optuna**
- Best val score saved and evaluated on test set



# **Data Representation**

#### Node features:

- Atomic number
- Degree
- Formal charge
- Aromaticity
- Total hydrogens

#### **Edge features:**

- Bond type
- Conjugation
- Ring membership
- Stereochemistry

## **Graph Classification - HIV**

• Metric: ROC-AUC

• State-of-the-Art model: CIN++ (0.8063)

• **KANG result:** 0.6997



#### **Graph Classification - ToxCast**

- 5 selected binary tasks from 617
- Tasks include: AhR, Aromatase, AutoFluor, p53 (2 types)
- State-of-the-Art model: DumplingGNN (0.782)
- KANG average result: 0.7896



## **Graph Regression - QM8**

- 12 quantum mechanical tasks
- Metric: MAE
- SoTA: D-MPNN (0.0190)
- KANG average result: 0.0221



## **Graph Regression - QM9**

- 12 quantum chemical tasks
- Metric: MAE
- SoTA: D-MPNN (0.00814)
- KANG average result: 7.1407



# Performance Summary Table

Dataset	Metric	SoTA Model	SoTA Value	KANG Value
QM8	MAE	D-MPNN	0.0190	0.0221
QM9	MAE	D-MPNN	0.00814	7.1407
HIV	ROC-AUC	CIN++	0.8063	0.6997
ToxCast	ROC-AUC	DumplingGNN	0.782	0.7896

#### Conclusions

- Significant underperformance in QM9
- Comparable QM8 performance
- ToxCast comparable performance, but only 5 out of the total tasks were evaluated
- Slightly worse performance for HIV
- Further Improvements:
  - 3D Structure
  - Multi-Task Learning

