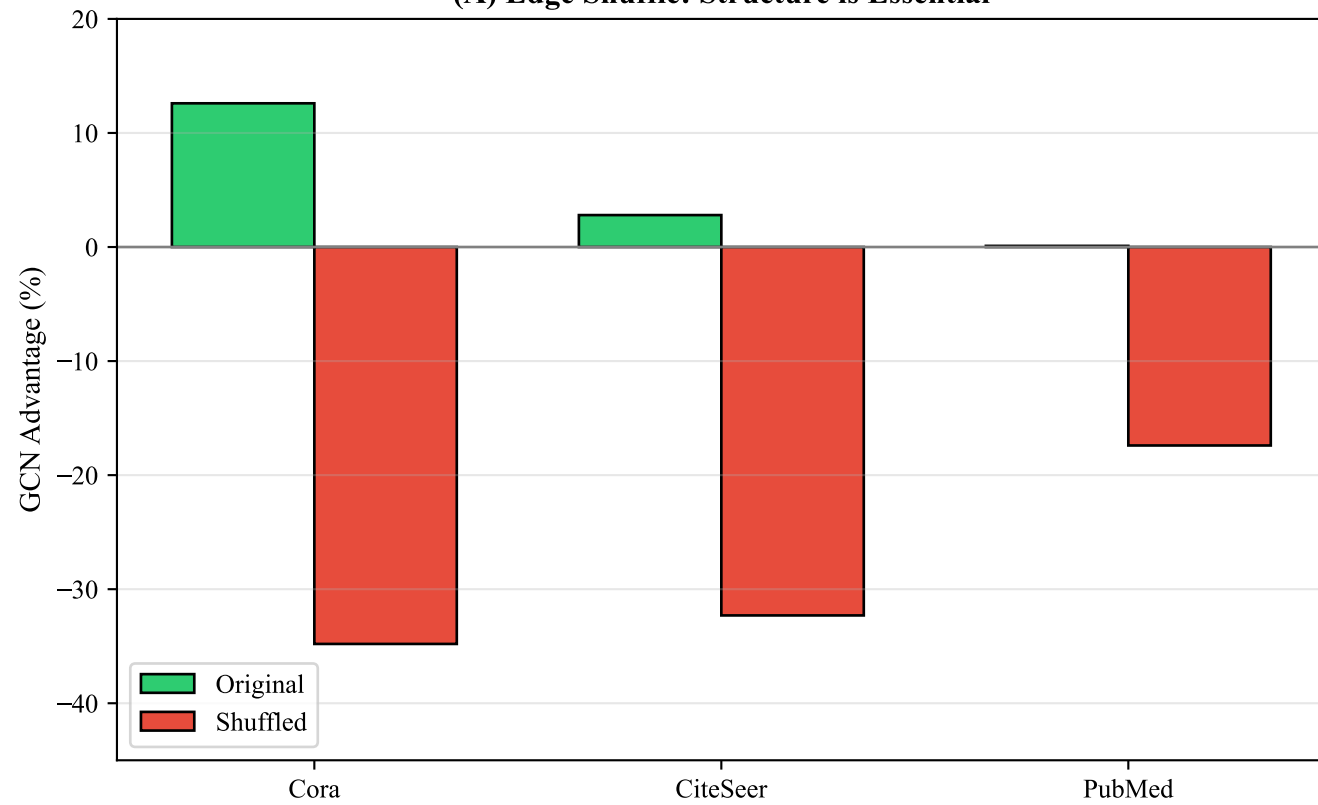
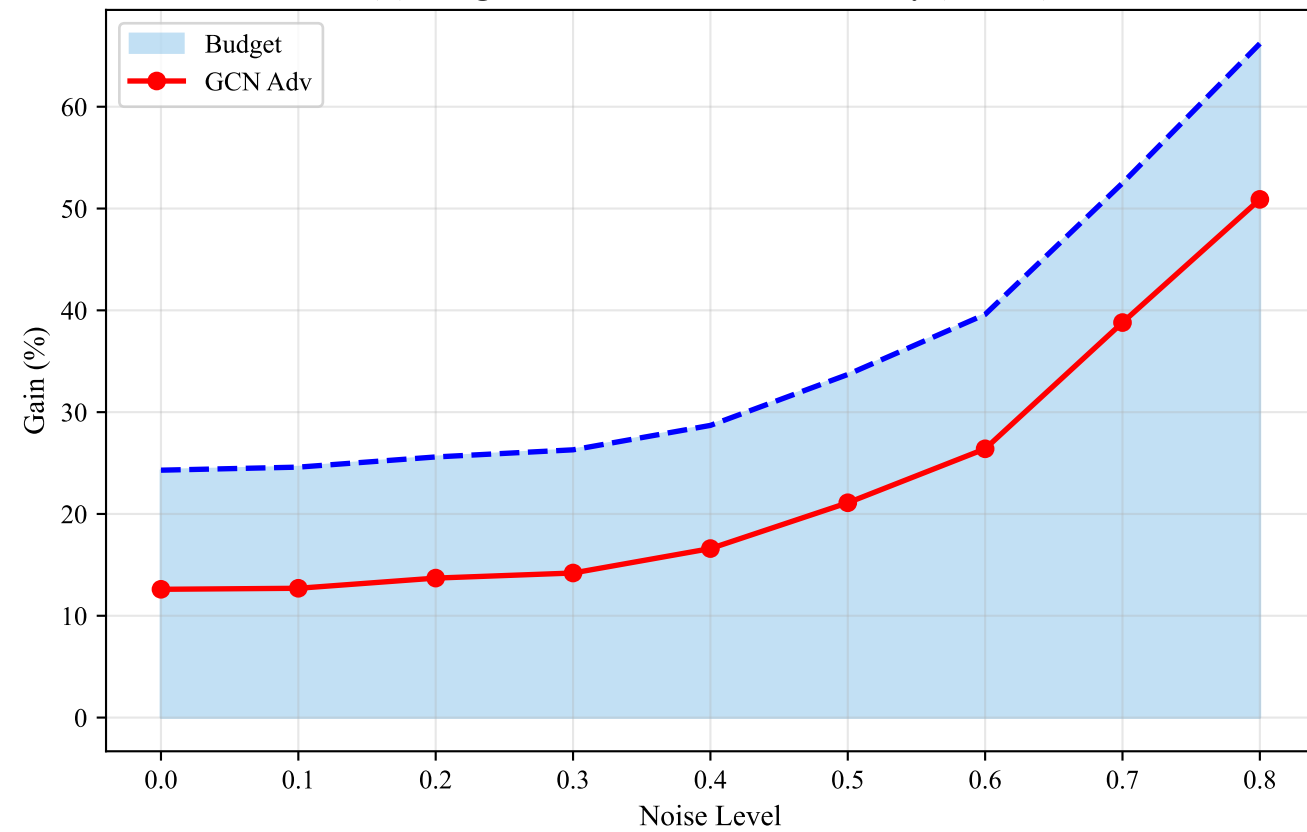
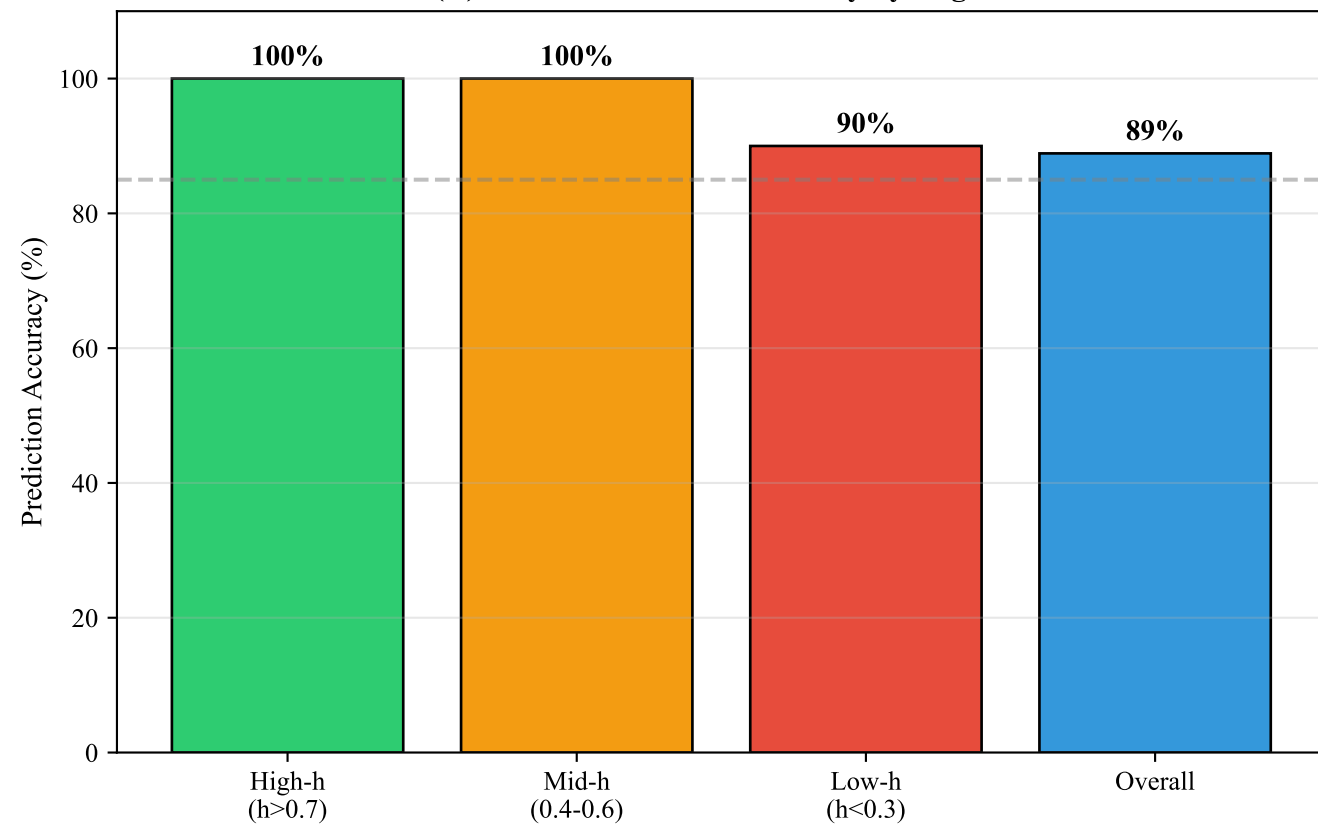


(A) Edge Shuffle: Structure is Essential**(B) Budget Validation: GNN Bounded by (1-MLP)****(C) CSBM Prediction Accuracy by Region****INFORMATION BUDGET THEORY - EVIDENCE SUMMARY****Core Principle:**

$$\text{GNN_max_gain} \leq (1 - \text{MLP_accuracy})$$

EXPERIMENT RESULTS:

- EDGE SHUFFLE**
 - ✓ Cora: +12.6% → -34.8% (structure essential)
 - ✓ 3/3 datasets confirm causality
- BUDGET VALIDATION**
 - ✓ 9/9 noise levels within budget
 - ✓ No violations observed
- SAME-h DIFFERENT-MLP**
 - ✓ 7/7 pairs support hypothesis
 - ✓ Key: Cora vs Coauthor-CS (same h=0.81)
- CSBM FALSIFIABLE PREDICTION**
 - ✓ 88.9% overall accuracy (32/36)
 - ✓ 100% on high-h and mid-h regions
- SYMMETRIC TUNING**
 - ✓ MLP gain: +1.4%, GNN gain: +1.8%
 - ✓ Fair comparison confirmed
- EXTERNAL VALIDATION**
 - ✓ 77.8% accuracy on 9 new datasets
 - ✓ Generalizes beyond synthetic data

CONCLUSION: Theory has predictive power, not just post-hoc explanation.