

Table 1: Evaluation results on the COLL test set. Now moved to main text (previously in appendix)

		COLL test set			
Model		Energy MAE meV ↓	Force MAE meV/Å ↓	Force cos ↑	EFwT % ↑
same	Student (PaiNN-small)	104.0	80.9	0.984	5.4
	Teacher (PaiNN-big)	85.8	64.1	0.988	10.1
	Vanilla KD (1)	106.1(-11.5%)	82.0(-6.5%)	0.984(2.3%)	4.46(-20.2%)
	Vanilla KD (2)	86.4 (96.7%)	80.9(0%)	0.983(-2.3%)	4.3(-23.7%)
	n2n	92.5(63.2%)	77.8(18.5%)	0.984(18.2%)	6.63 (26.5%)
	v2v	90.4(74.7%)	70.4 (62.5%)	0.986 (45.5%)	5.8(8.4%)
similar	Student (SchNet)	146.5	121.2	0.970	2.75
	Teacher (PaiNN-big)	85.8	64.1	0.988	10.1
	Vanilla KD (1)	146.1(0.7%)	120.8(0.7%)	0.970(1.1%)	2.54(-2.9%)
	Vanilla KD (2)	104.1 (69.9%)	120.9(0.5%)	0.970(1.1%)	6.45 (50.7%)
	n2n	141.6(8.1%)	117.2 (7.0%)	0.971 (5.4%)	2.63(-1.6%)
different	Student (PaiNN-big)	85.8	64.1	0.988	10.1
	Teacher (GemNet-OC)	44.8	38.2	0.994	20.2
	Vanilla KD (1)	86.2(-1.1%)	63.9(0.6%)	0.988(1.5%)	10.1(0.1%)
	Vanilla KD (2)	61.4(59.5%)	62.9(4.6%)	0.988(5.2%)	13.0(29.2%)
	n2n	60.4 (62.0%)	61.2 (11.3%)	0.989 (14.9%)	13.6 (34.6%)
	e2n	77.3(20.8%)	63.3(3.0%)	0.988(7.9%)	11.0(9.2%)
	v2v	81.2(11.2%)	63.3(3.1%)	0.988(3.4%)	10.5(4.6%)

Table 2: Comparing MSE, LSP and GSP with GemNet-OC as teacher and PaiNN-big as student.
OC20 validation set

		Energy MAE meV ↓	Force MAE meV/Å ↓	Force cos ↑	EFwT % ↑
<i>n2n</i>	MSE	349	43.5	0.379	0.227
	GSP	446	48.1	0.335	0.098
	LSP	413	46.9	0.348	0.128
<i>e2n</i>	MSE	439	42.1	0.391	0.186
	GSP	483	46.4	0.350	0.108
	LSP	458	44.8	0.366	0.113

Table 3: Performance of KD from GemNet-OC into PaiNN-big across 3 different seeds.
OC20 validation set

Loss	Energy MAE meV ↓	Force MAE meV/Å ↓	Force cos ↑	EFwT % ↑
None (baseline)	440 ± 8	-	0.376 ± 0.0018	0.143 ± 0.0051
n2n	349 ± 0.9	43.5 ± 0.4	0.378 ± 0.0016	0.222 ± 0.0086
e2n	437 ± 3	42.5 ± 0.4	0.390 ± 0.0022	0.185 ± 0.0044