

diezDecomp

Cross-Platform Library for Transposes and Halo Exchanges in Extreme-Scale (DNS/LES) Simulations. Written in modern Fortran, with GPU support through OpenACC kernels and MPI.

1. Compatible with:

- Nvidia/AMD GPU-based supercomputers (LUMI, Leonardo, Snellius, etc.)
- CPU-based clusters (gfortran MPI, etc.)

2. Key features:

- Supports advanced any-to-any transpose operations between mismatched 2D pencil decompositions (as shown in the `./tests` folder). Further details are explained in the paper listed below.
- Contains a core file (`diezdecomp_core.f90`), and two API versions:
 - `diezdecomp_api_cans.f90` for compatibility with the CaNS project (<https://github.com/CaNS-World/CaNS>)
 - `diezdecomp_api_generic.f90` for general-purpose operations, compatible with any project.

3. Installation:

- Please copy the source files (`diezdecomp_core.f90` and the desired API version `diezdecomp_api_*.f90`) to your work directory, and compile them together with any other Fortran code.
- Re-run the test suite (`./tests`) and examples (`./examples`) in the target platform to ensure full compatibility.

4. Usage:

- Please refer to the `./examples` folder for more information about using `diezDecomp` to perform halo exchanges and transpose operations.
 - The examples include both Fortran code and Jupyter notebooks with detailed explanations (for halos and transposes).

5. Working principle:

- `diezDecomp` is flexible and robust, because it works by intersecting the `[i,j,k]` bounds of all MPI tasks in the input/output 2D pencil distributions. The results of the `[i,j,k]` intersections are internally checked, and simple transpose alternatives (like `MPI_Alltoallv`) might be accepted. However, `diezDecomp` is able to schedule `mpi_isend/mpi_irecv` pairs to handle any data communication pattern encountered.
- For halo exchanges, both synchronous (`MPI_Sendrecv`) and asynchronous (`mpi_isend/mpi_irecv`) are available.

6. General advice:

- Users are generally advised to use asynchronous (`mpi_isend/mpi_irecv`) modes, since they have negligible performance differences and they are much more flexible.
- For asynchronous transpose operations (`mpi_isend/mpi_irecv`), `diezDecomp` is able to detect when information is local to each MPI task (`sender=receiver`), and it schedules a local buffer copy without expensive MPI calls.
 - This can result in massive performance improvements for 2D pencil decompositions with few partitions along one dimension (e.g. 2×512 to 4×512).

7. Reference article:

- Rafael Diez Sanhueza, Jurriaan Peeters, Pedro Costa (2025). A pencil-distributed finite-difference solver for extreme-scale calculations of turbulent wall flows at high Reynolds number. (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2502.06296>)