CHAPRO

Compression Hearing-Aid Processing Library API Documentation

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CHAPRO LIBRARY OVERVIEW

CHAPRO is a library of functions that may be used to implement simulations of compression hearing-aid signal processing. Four different types of signal processing strategies are included:

- (1) FIR filter-bank frequency analysis with automatic gain control;
- (2) IIR filter-bank frequency analysis with automatic gain control;
- (3) Complex FIR filter-bank frequency analysis with instantaneous compression;
- (4) Complex IIR filter-bank frequency analysis with instantaneous compression.

A modular design has been adopted to facilitate replacement of library functions with alternative signal-processing implementations. Each of the six major modules contains (1) a *preparation* function that allocates memory and initializes variables and (2) one or more *processing* functions that perform signal processing.

- 1. FIR filter-bank
 - a. firfb prepare
 - b. firfb analyze
 - c. firfb synthesize
- 2. IIR filter-bank
 - a. iirfb design
 - b. iirfb prepare
 - c. iirfb analyze
 - d. iirfb synthesize
- 3. Automatic gain control
 - a. agc prepare
 - b. agc input
 - c. agc channel
 - d. agc output
- 4. Adaptive feedback cancelation
 - a. afc prepare
 - b. afc input
 - c. afc output
- 5. Complex IIR filter-bank
 - a. ciirfb design
 - b. ciirfb prepare
 - c. ciirfb analyze
 - d. ciirfb synthesize
- 6. Instantaneous compression
 - a. icmp prepare
 - b. icmp process

For each module, variables are initialized and associated data memory is allocated by the preparation functions. This storage is combined into a single data structure to facilitate creation of firmware for real-time implementation on signal-processing hardware that might not have an operating system. The CHAPRO library includes a function that generates a C-code representation of this initialized data.

• data gen

For desktop simulation, the CHAPRO library includes core functions for memory allocation and disposal.

- prepare
- allocate
- cleanup

Functions for FFT of real signals are included among the core functions.

- fft rc
- fft_cr

Finally, the CHAPRO library includes a function that returns a version description string.

• version

To simulate complex IIR filter-bank frequency analysis with instantaneous compression, variable initialization and memory allocation is performed by calling the following functions.

- ciirfb_prepare
- icmp prepare

Subsequent signal processing is performed by calling the following functions.

- ciirfb analyze
- icmp process
- ciirfb synthesize

Several examples test basic aspects of these functions.

- tst cifa tests complex IIR filter-bank analysis
- tst cifio tests simple waveform complex IIR processing
- tst cifsc tests simple waveform complex IIR processing with soundcard

To simulate FIR filter-bank frequency analysis with AGC compression, variable initialization and memory allocation is performed by calling the following prepare functions.

- firfb prepare
- agc prepare

Subsequent signal processing is performed by calling the following process functions.

- agc input
- firfb analyze
- agc channel
- firfb synthesize

• agc output

Several examples test basic aspects of these functions.

- tst ffa tests filter-bank analysis
- tst ffio-tests simple waveform FIR processing
- tst ffsc-tests speech-waveform FIR & AGC with soundcard

To simulate IIR filter-bank frequency analysis with AGC compression and adaptive feedback cancelation, variable initialization and memory allocation is performed by calling the following functions.

- afc prepare
- agc_prepare
- iirfb prepare

Subsequent signal processing is performed by calling the following functions.

- afc input
- agc input
- iirfb analyze
- agc channel
- iirfb synthesize
- agc output
- afc output

Several examples test basic aspects of these functions.

- tst ifa tests filter-bank analysis
- tst ifio tests simple waveform IIR processing
- tst ifsc-tests speech-waveform IIR & AGC with soundcard
- tst iffb-tests speech-waveform IIR & AFC with soundcard
- tst gha tests speech-waveform IIR & AFC & AGC with soundcard

All examples require the SIGPRO library from BTNRH (http://audres.org/rc/sigpro). The soundcard examples also require the ARSC library (http://audres.org/rc/arsc).

CHAPRO FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

cha allocate

Allocates memory attached to CHAPRO data structure.

(void *) cha allocate(CHA PTR cp, int cnt, int siz, int idx)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structurecnt Number of elements to allocate.

siz Size of each element.

idx Index into CHAPPRO data structure.

Return Value

Pointer to the allocated memory.

Remarks

A pointer to the allocated memory is stored in the CHAPRO data structure at the location specified by **idx**.

See Also

cha cleanup

cha cleanup

Frees all memory attached to CHAPRO data structure.

(void) cha_cleanup(CHA_PTR cp)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

Return Value

none

Remarks

Should always be the last function called in the CHAPRO library.

See Also

cha_allocate

cha data gen

Generates C code that represents the CHAPRO data structure.

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

fn Pointer to output filename.

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

1 - can't open output file

2 – data structure not yet initialized

3 – data structure contains no data

Remarks

The C code generated by this function represents the CHAPRO data structure after variables have been initialized and data memory has been allocated by prior calls to any preparation functions. The code is written to the file specified by **fn**.

See Also

cha_data_save, cha_data_load

cha data save

Writes the CHAPRO data structure to a binary file.

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

fn Pointer to output filename.

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

1 - can't open output file

2 – data structure not yet initialized

3 – data structure contains no data

Remarks

The binary file written by this function represents the CHAPRO data structure after variables have been initialized and data memory has been allocated by prior calls to any preparation functions. The code is written to the file specified by **fn**. A 16-byte file header is prepended to the data.

See Also

cha_data_gen, cha_data_load

cha data read

Reads the CHAPRO data structure from a binary file.

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

fn Pointer to output filename.

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

1 - can't open output file

2 – data structure not yet initialized

3 – data structure contains no data

Remarks

The binary file read by this function represents the CHAPRO data structure after variables have been initialized and data memory has been allocated by prior calls to any preparation functions. The code is written to the file specified by **fn**. A 16-byte file header is prepended to the data.

See Also

cha_data_save, cha_data_gen

cha scale

Applies scales factor to a chuck of the input or output stream.

(void) cha_scale(float *x, int cs, float scale)

Function arguments

x pointer to input signal

cs chunk size

scale pointer to CHAPRO data structure

Return Value

None.

Remarks

The scaled output signal overwrites the input signal.

cha fft cr

Inverse Fourier transform complex frequency components into real signal.

Function arguments

- **x** Complex frequency components are replaced by real-valued signal.
- n Number of points in the signal.

Return Value

None

Remarks

The input array must be dimensioned to accommodate n+2 float values. The number of complex frequency components is (n+2)/2.

cha fft rc

Fourier transform real signal into complex frequency components.

Function arguments

x Real-valued signal is replaced by complex frequency components

n Number of points in the signal.

Return Value

None

Remarks

The input array must be dimensioned to accommodate n+2 float values. The number of complex frequency components is (n+2)/2.

cha fft

Fourier transform a complex time signal to complex frequency components.

Function arguments

x Complex frequency components are replaced by a complex signal.

n Number of points in the signal.

Return Value

None

Remarks

The input array must be dimensioned to accommodate $n \times 2$ float values.

cha ifft

Inverse Fourier transform complex frequency components into a complex-valued signal.

(void) cha ifft(float *x, int n)

Function arguments

x Complex signal is replaced by complex frequency components

n Number of points in the signal.

Return Value

None

Remarks

The input array must be dimensioned to accommodate $n \times 2$ float values.

cha_prepare

CHAPRO data structure preparation function.

(void) cha_prepare(CHA_PTR cp)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

Return Value

None.

Remarks

Should be called only once and prior to calling other library functions; however, violations of this rule may be tolerated.

cha version

Returns a string that describes the current version of the CHAPRO library.

(char *) cha_version(void)

Function arguments

none

Return Value

Pointer to version string.

Remarks

An example of the return value, "CHAPro version 0.03, 6-Nov-2016".

cha agc prepare

Automatic-gain-control preparation function.

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

dsl pointer to DSL prescription structure (see Appendix C)gha pointer to WDRC prescription structure (see Appendix D)

Return Value

Error code:

 $0-no\ error$

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for automatic gain control. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal with each call to cha age process.

See Also

cha agc process

cha agc input

Automatic-gain-control processing function.

(void) cha agc input(CHA PTR cp, float *x, float *y, int cs)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signal y pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs single-channel, automatic-gain-control processing on CHAPRO input signal. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha_agc_prepare, cha_agc_output

cha agc channel

Automatic-gain-control processing function.

(void) cha_agc_channel(CHA_PTR cp, float *x, float *y, int cs)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signal y pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs multi-channel, automatic-gain-control processing. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha_agc_prepare

cha agc output

Automatic-gain-control processing function.

(void) cha_agc_output(CHA_PTR cp, float *x, float *y, int cs)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signal y pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs single-channel, automatic-gain-control processing on CHAPRO output signal. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha_agc_prepare, cha_agc_input

cha icmp prepare

Instantaneous-compression preparation function.

(int) cha_icmp_prepare(CHA_PTR cp, float *Lc, float *Gc, double lr, int np, int ds)

Function arguments

| ср | pointer to CHA data structure |
|----|-------------------------------|
| Lc | pointer to level array |
| Lc | pointer to gain array |
| lr | level reference |
| | |

np number of points in level and gain arrays

ds down-sample factor

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for instantaneous compression. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal with each call to cha icmp process.

See Also

cha_icmp_process

cha icmp process

Instantaneous-compression processing function.

(void) cha_icmp_process(CHA_PTR cp, float *x, float *y, int cs)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signal y pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs instantaneous compression. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha_icmp_prepare

cha_afc_prepare

Configure feedback management.

(int) cha_afc_prepare(CHA_PTR cp, CHA_AFC *afc)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

afc pointer to AFC parameters & buffers structure (see Appendix E)

Return Value

Error code:

 $0-no \ error$

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for adaptive feedback cancelation (AFC), which is controlled by contained in the CHA_AFC structure. In the current version (0.24), the AFC implementation is functional, but incomplete.

Feedback estimation is controlled by three parameters, **mu**, **rho**, & **eps**. For testing purposes, feedback simulation is enabled by setting **fbg**=1 or disabled by setting **fbg**=0. When simulation is enabled, the feedback-filter misalignment error is saved as a quality metric by setting **sqm**=1.

See Also

cha_afc_input, cha_afc_output

cha afc input

Process input signal to remove feedback.

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

x pointer to input signal y pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Removes estimated feedback from input signal. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal. Optionally simulates feedback and saves misalignment error as a quality metric.

See Also

cha_afc_prepare, cha_afc_output

cha afc output

Save output signal for feedback management.

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

x pointer to input signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Assists feedback management by saving the output of the hearing-aid processing. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal.

See Also

cha_afc_prepare, cha_afc_input

cha ciirfb design

Complex IIR filter-bank design function.

Function arguments

| Z | pointer to IIR filter complex zeros |
|----|--|
| p | pointer to IIR filter complex poles |
| g | pointer IIR filter complex gain |
| d | pointer IIR filter delay |
| nc | number of frequency bands |
| fc | pointer to list of center frequencies (Hz) |
| bw | pointer to list of bandwidths (Hz) |
| sr | sampling rate (samples/second) |
| td | target group delay (ms) |
| | |

Return Value

Error code: 0 – no error

Remarks

Computes zeros and poles for the complex IIR filter-bank. The filterbank design is based on fourth-order gammatone bandpass filters. The center frequency (fc) and bandwidth (bw) arrays are input arguments and their size is equal to the number of frequency bands (nc). The zero (z) and pole (p) arrays are output arguments and are complex numbers, so are stored as sequential real and imaginary parts. The size of the zeros & poles arrays is two times the product of the number of frequency bands (nc) and the number of zeros (and poles) per band, which is always equal to 4. The gain array (g) is complex, so its size two times the number of frequency bands (nc). The size of the filter delay array (d) is equal to the number of frequency bands (nc). The filter-design process attempts to align the impulse response of each frequency band to the target delay (td).

See Also

cha_ciirfb_prepare, cha_ciirfb_analyze, cha_ciirfb_synthesize

cha ciirfb prepare

Complex IIR filter-bank preparation function.

(int) cha_ciirfb_prepare(CHA_PTR cp, float *z, float *p, float *g, int *d, int nc, int nz, double sr, int cs)

Function arguments

| ср | pointer to CHA data structure |
|----|---|
| Z | pointer to IIR filter complex zeros |
| p | pointer to IIR filter complex poles |
| g | pointer IIR filter complex gain |
| d | pointer IIR filter delay |
| nc | number of frequency bands |
| nz | number of zeros (and poles) for each band |
| sr | sampling rate (samples/second) |
| cs | chunk size |

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for the IIR filter-bank. The zero (z) and pole (p) arrays are output arguments and are complex numbers, so are stored as sequential real and imaginary parts. The size of the zero & pole arrays is two times the product of the number of frequency bands (nc) and the number of zeros per band (nz). The number of zeros (and poles) per band (nz) should be an even number and should include conjugate pairs, so that second-order sections will have real coefficients. The gain array (g) is complex, so its size two times the number of frequency bands (nc). The size of the filter delay array (d) is equal to the number of frequency bands (nc). Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha ciirfb design, cha ciirfb analyze, cha ciirfb synthesize

cha ciirfb analyze

Complex IIR filter-bank frequency-analysis function.

(void) cha_ciirfb_analyze(CHA_PTR cp, float *x, float *y, int cs)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signal

y pointer to complex output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs complex IIR filter-bank analysis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha ciirfb prepare, cha ciirfb synthesize

cha ciirfb synthesize

Complex IIR filter-bank frequency-synthesis function.

(void) cha_ciirfb_synthesize(CHA_PTR cp, float *x, float *y, int cs)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structurex pointer to complex input signal

y pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs complex filter-bank frequency-synthesis. Frequency bands are summed and only the real part is output. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha_ciirfb_prepare, cha_ciirfb_analyze

cha cfirfb prepare

Complex FIR filter-bank preparation function.

Function arguments

| pointer to CHA data structure |
|---------------------------------|
| list frequency band edges (kHz) |
| number of frequency bands |
| sampling rate (samples/second) |
| |

nw window size (samples)

wt window type (0=Hamming, 1=Blackman)

cs chunk size

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for the complex FIR filter-bank. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha_cfirfb_analyze, cha_cfirfb_synthesize

cha cfirfb analyze

Complex FIR filter-bank frequency-analysis function.

(void) cha_cfirfb_analyze(CHA_PTR cp, float *x, float *y, int cs)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure x pointer to real input signal

y pointer to complex output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs complex FIR filter-bank analysis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha cfirfb prepare, cha cfirfb synthesize

cha cfirfb synthesize

Complex FIR filter-bank frequency-synthesis function.

(void) cha_cfirfb_synthesize(CHA_PTR cp, float *x, float *y, int cs)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure
 x pointer to complex input signal
 y pointer to real output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs complex FIR filter-bank synthesis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha cfirfb prepare, cha cfirfb analyze

cha firfb prepare

FIR filter-bank preparation function.

(int) cha_firfb_prepare(CHA_PTR cp,

double *cf, int nc, double sr, int nw, int wt, int cs)

Function arguments

| ср | pointer to CHA data structure |
|----|---------------------------------|
| cf | list frequency band edges (kHz) |
| nc | number of frequency bands |
| sr | sampling rate (samples/second) |

nw window size (samples)

wt window type (0=Hamming, 1=Blackman)

cs chunk size

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for the FIR filter-bank. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha_firfb_analyze, cha_firfb_synthesize

cha firfb analyze

FIR filter-bank frequency-analysis function.

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signal y pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs FIR filter-bank analysis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha firfb prepare, cha firfb synthesize

cha firfb synthesize

FIR filter-bank frequency-synthesis function.

(void) cha_firfb_synthesize(CHA_PTR cp, float *x, float *y, int cs)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signal y pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs FIR filter-bank synthesis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

cha iirfb design

IIR filter-bank design function.

(int) cha_iirfb_design(float *z, float *p, float *g, int *d, double *cf, int nc, int nz, double sr, double td)

Function arguments

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|---------------|---|
| Z | pointer to IIR filter complex zeros |
| p | pointer to IIR filter complex poles |
| g | pointer to IIR filter gain |
| d | pointer to IIR filter delay |
| cf | pointer to cross-over frequencies |
| nc | number of frequency bands |
| nz | number of zeros (and poles) for each band |
| sr | sampling rate (samples/second) |
| td | impulse response target delay (millisecond) |
| | |

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Computes zeros and poles for the IIR filter-bank. The filterbank design is based on Butterworth bandpass filters sandwiched between Butterworth low-pass and high-pass filters. The array of cross-over frequencies (cf) is an input argument and its size is one less than the number of frequency bands (nc). The zero (z) and pole (p) arrays are output arguments and are complex numbers, so are stored as sequential real and imaginary parts. The size of the zeros & poles arrays is two times the product of the number of frequency bands (nc) and the number of zeros per band (nz). The number of zeros (and poles) per band (nz) should be an even number and should include conjugate pairs, so that second-order sections have real coefficients. The number of filter gains and filter delays (g & d) is the number of frequency bands (nc). The filter-design process attempts to align the impulse response of each frequency band to the target delay (td).

See Also

cha_iirfb_prepare, cha_iirfb_analyze, cha_iirfb_synthesize

cha iirfb prepare

IIR filter-bank preparation function.

(int) cha_iirfb_prepare(CHA_PTR cp, float *z, float *p, float *g, int *d, int nc, int nz, double sr, int cs)

Function arguments

| ср | pointer to CHA data structure |
|----|---|
| Z | pointer to IIR filter complex zeros |
| p | pointer to IIR filter complex poles |
| g | pointer IIR filter gain |
| d | pointer IIR filter delay |
| nc | number of frequency bands |
| nz | number of zeros (and poles) for each band |
| sr | sampling rate (samples/second) |
| cs | chunk size |

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for the IIR filter-bank. The zero (z) and pole (p) arrays are output arguments and are complex numbers, so are stored as sequential real and imaginary parts. The size of the zero & pole arrays is two times the product of the number of frequency bands (nc) and the number of zeros per band (nz). The number of zeros (and poles) per band (nz) should be an even number and should include conjugate pairs, so that second-order sections will have real coefficients. The filter gains and filter delays (g & d) are input arguments and have array sizes equal to the number of frequency bands (nc). Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha_iirfb_design, cha_iirfb_analyze, cha_iirfb_synthesize

cha iirfb analyze

IIR filter-bank frequency-analysis function.

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signal y pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs IIR filter-bank analysis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha iirfb prepare, cha iirfb synthesize

cha firfb synthesize

IIR filter-bank frequency-synthesis function.

(void) cha_iirfb_synthesize(CHA_PTR cp, float *x, float *y, int cs)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signal y pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs IIR filter-bank synthesis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha iirfb prepare, cha iirfb analyze

Appendix A. Test programs

Several examples that test basic aspects of complex IIR filter-bank and instantaneous-compression.

- tst cifa tests complex IIR filter-bank analysis
- tst cifio tests simple waveform complex IIR processing
- tst cifsc tests simple waveform complex IIR processing with soundcard

Several examples that test basic aspects of FIR filter-bank and automatic-gain-control.

- tst ffa tests FIR filter-bank analysis
- tst ffio-tests simple waveform FIR processing
- tst_ffsc-tests speech-waveform FIR & AGC with soundcard

Several examples that test basic aspects of IIR filter-bank with automatic-gain-control and adaptive feedback cancelation.

- tst ifa tests IIR filter-bank analysis
- tst ifio tests simple waveform IIR processing
- tst ifsc-tests speech-waveform IIR & AGC
- tst_gha tests speech-waveform IIR & AGC & AFC with soundcard

These test programs are all written in C and produce results that are written to a subfolder called "test." Each test program has a corresponding MATLAB script for viewing the results. The test programs that contain IIR processing require filter coefficients to be precomputed by a MATLAB script called iirfb.

Appendix B. CLS Prescription

Structure CHA CLS specifies the CLS prescription.

Appendix C. DSL Prescription

Structure CHA DSL specifies the DSL prescription.

Appendix D. WDRC Parameters

Structure CHA_WDRC specifies single-channel WDRC parameters

Appendix E. AFC Parameters

Structure CHA_AFC specifies single-channel AFC parameters

```
typedef struct {
      // simulation parameters
                                                   // simulated-feedback gain
      double fbq;
     double fbg;
// AFC parameters
double rho;
double eps;
double mu;
int afl;
int pfl;
int fbl;
int hdel;
// foodback filter buffers
// simulated-feedback gain
// forgetting factor
// power threshold
// step size
// adaptive-filter length
// whitening-filter length
// persistent-filter length
// simulated-feedback length
// foodback filter buffers
                                                   // simulated-feedback length
                                                   // output/input hardware delay
      // feedback filter buffers
     float *efbp; // estimated-feedback buffer pointer
float *sfbp; // simulated-feedback buffer pointer
float *wfrp; // whitening-feedback buffer pointer
float *ffrp; // persistent-feedback buffer pointer
                                                   // persistent-feedback buffer pointer
      // quality metric buffers & parameters
      float *merr;
                                                   // chunk-error buffer pointer
                                                   // quality-metric buffer pointer
      float *qm;
     // quality-metric buffer size
} CHA AFC;
```