



## **Mamba & Samba**

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in Transformer Models**

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with SSM and Hybrid Models"**

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## Introduction

- **What are Mamba and Samba?**
- **Mamba**: A **State Space Model (SSM)**-based architecture that **removes self-attention** for **efficient sequence processing**.
- Paper : Linear-Time Sequence Modeling with Selective State Spaces
- **Samba**: A **hybrid model** combining **Mamba's** efficiency with **Transformer's self-attention** for balanced performance.
- Paper : Simple Hybrid State Space Models for Efficient Unlimited Context Language Modeling

## Mamba & Samba – Key Features

### ➤ What is Mamba?

- A transformer alternative that **removes self-attention**
- Uses **State Space Models (SSM)** for efficient long-sequence processing

### ✅ Advantages:

- **$O(N)$  complexity** (better than Transformer's  $O(N^2)$ )
- **Lower memory** usage & **faster computation**
- Excels in handling **long sequences** (text, audio, time-series)

### ❌ Disadvantages:

- May **underperform in some NLP tasks** compared to Transformers
- **Lacks direct self-attention capabilities**

### ➤ What is Samba?

- A **hybrid model** that combines **Mamba's SSM** with **Transformer's self-attention**
- Uses **self-attention for short sequences** and **SSM for long sequences**

### ✅ Advantages:

- **Maintains Transformer's expressive power**
- Works well for **both short & long sequences**
- More **balanced performance** across tasks

### ❌ Disadvantages:

- More **complex architecture** than Mamba
- **Higher computational cost** than pure Mamba

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### ➤ Mamba vs. Samba – Comparison Table

Feature	Mamba	Samba
Core Concept	State Space Model (SSM)	Mamba + Self-Attention
Self-Attention	✗ No	✓ Yes
Computational Complexity	$O(N)$ (Highly Efficient)	$O(N) \sim O(N^2)$ (Hybrid)
Long Sequence Handling	✓ Excellent	✓ Good
Short Sequence Handling	✗ Weaker	✓ Strong
Best Use Cases	Long text, audio, time-series	General NLP, variable-length sequences

## Mamba & Samba – Key Features

### ✓ Choose Mamba if:

- You need to process **very long sequences efficiently**
- Memory and computation efficiency are key concerns

### ✓ Choose Samba if:

- You need **both long and short sequence performance**
- You require **self-attention for specific NLP tasks**

### 🚀 Future Outlook:

- Mamba and Samba continue to evolve, with potential applications in **AI research, time-series analysis, and NLP advancements.**