

Table 1: Taxonomy of decay mechanisms in various linear attention variants. Different implementations exhibit unique parametrization strategies and structural characteristics. Here, j denotes the head index (out of h total heads), and l represents the layer index (out of L total layers). $\mathbf{A}^j, \Delta_t^j, \tau \in \mathbb{R}$, and $\mathbf{f}_t^j \in \mathbb{R}^{d/h}$ for vector decay or $\mathbf{f}_t^j \in \mathbb{R}$ for scalar decay. lse represents the logsumexp operator, i.e., $\text{lse}(\mathbf{x}) = \log \sum \exp(x_i)$, and $\text{sigmoid}(\mathbf{x}) = 1/(1 + \exp(-\mathbf{x}))$.

Method	Parameterization Strategy	Parameter Sharing	Scalar	Recurrence Formula
Mamba2	$\lambda_t^j = \text{sigmoid} \left(-\mathbf{f}_t^j - \Delta^j \right)^{\exp(\mathbf{A}^j)}$	55	✓	$\mathbf{s}_t^j = \lambda_t^j \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^j + \mathbf{k}_t^j (\mathbf{v}_t^j)^\top$
Mamba2 wo \mathbf{A}	$\lambda_t^j = \text{sigmoid} \left(-\mathbf{f}_t^j - \Delta^j \right)$	55	✓	
Mamba2 wo Δ	$\lambda_t^j = \text{sigmoid} \left(-\mathbf{f}_t^j \right)^{\exp(\mathbf{A}^j)}$	55	✓	
Mamba2 wo \mathbf{A} & Δ	$\lambda_t^j = \text{sigmoid} \left(-\mathbf{f}_t^j \right)$	55	✓	
GLA	$\lambda_t^j = \text{sigmoid}(\mathbf{f}_t^j)^{1/\tau}$	55	55	$\mathbf{s}_t^j = \text{diag}(\lambda_t^j) \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^j + \mathbf{k}_t^j (\mathbf{v}_t^j)^\top$
Hgrn2	$\lambda_t^j = \lambda^j + (1 - \lambda^j) \text{sigmoid}(\mathbf{f}_t^j)$	✓	55	$\mathbf{s}_t^j = \text{diag}(\lambda_t^j) \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^j + (1 - \lambda_t^j) (\mathbf{v}_t^j)^\top$
Lightnet	$\lambda_t^j = \exp(\text{lse}(\mathbf{f}_{<t-1}^j) - \text{lse}(\mathbf{f}_{<t}^j))$	✓	55	$\mathbf{s}_t^j = \text{diag}(\lambda_t^j) \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^j + (1 - \lambda_t^j) (\mathbf{v}_t^j)^\top$
TNL	$\lambda_t^j = \exp(-8j/h \times (1 - l/L))$	55	✓	$\mathbf{s}_t^j = \lambda^j \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^j + \mathbf{k}_t^j (\mathbf{v}_t^j)^\top$
Simple Decay	$\lambda_t^j = \text{sigmoid} \left(\mathbf{f}_t^j + \Delta^j \right)$	55	both	$\mathbf{s}_t^j = \text{diag}(\lambda_t^j) \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^j + \mathbf{k}_t^j (\mathbf{v}_t^j)^\top$