# Strongly-Optimal Structure Preserving Signatures from Type II Pairings: Synthesis and Lower Bounds

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## Current Work

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Signature scheme given bilinear group  $(\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e)$ , such that

- ▶ Verification key consist of elements of 𝔅<sub>1</sub>,𝔅<sub>2</sub>.
- Messages/Signatures consist of elements of  $\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2$ .
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We find e.g. the following *randomizable* EUF-CMA secure Type II scheme:

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