FORMATION, TRANSMISSION, AND VALIDATION OF CERTIFIED ELECTRONIC MAIL

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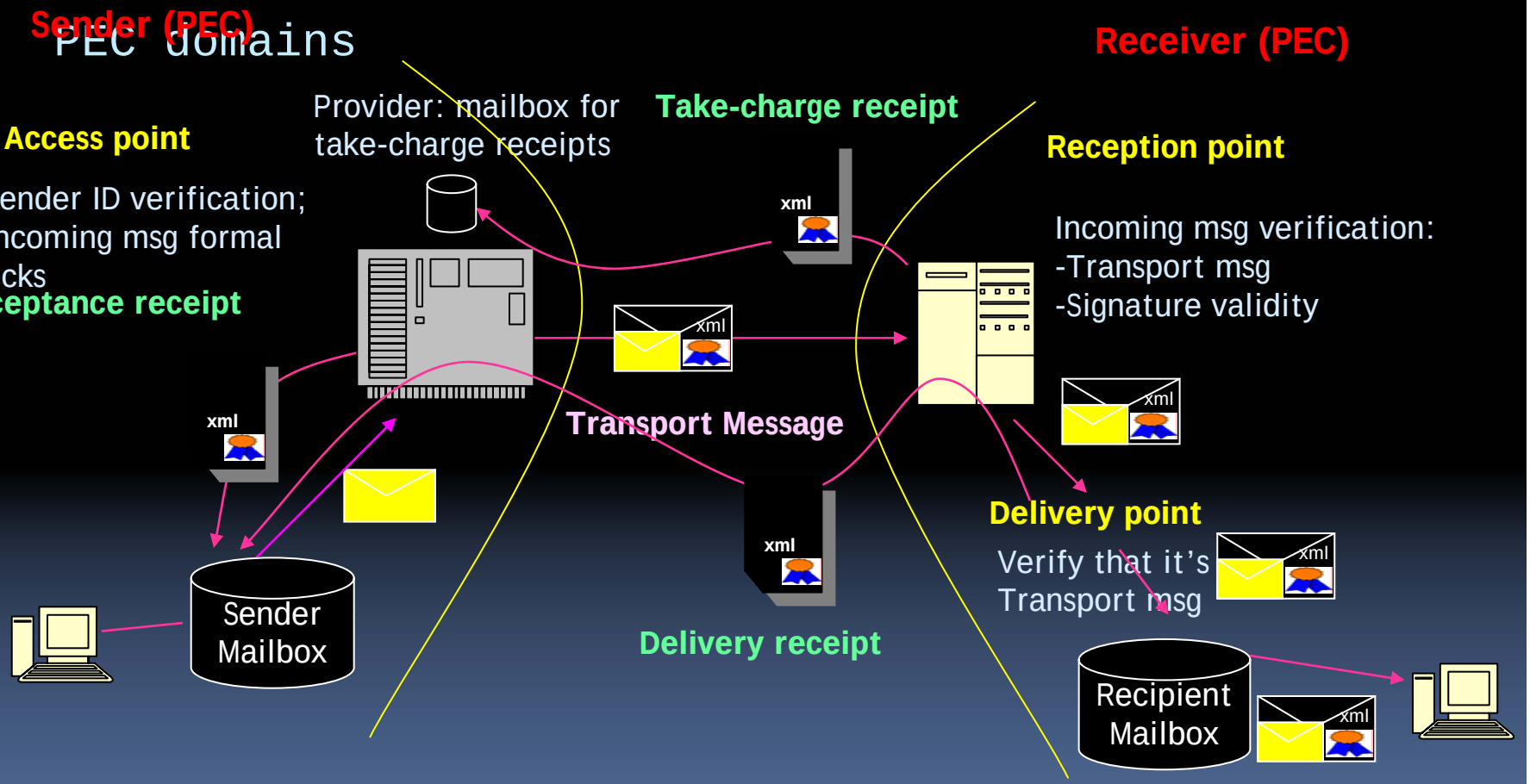
PEC: Posta Elettronica Certificata (*Certified Electronic Mail*)

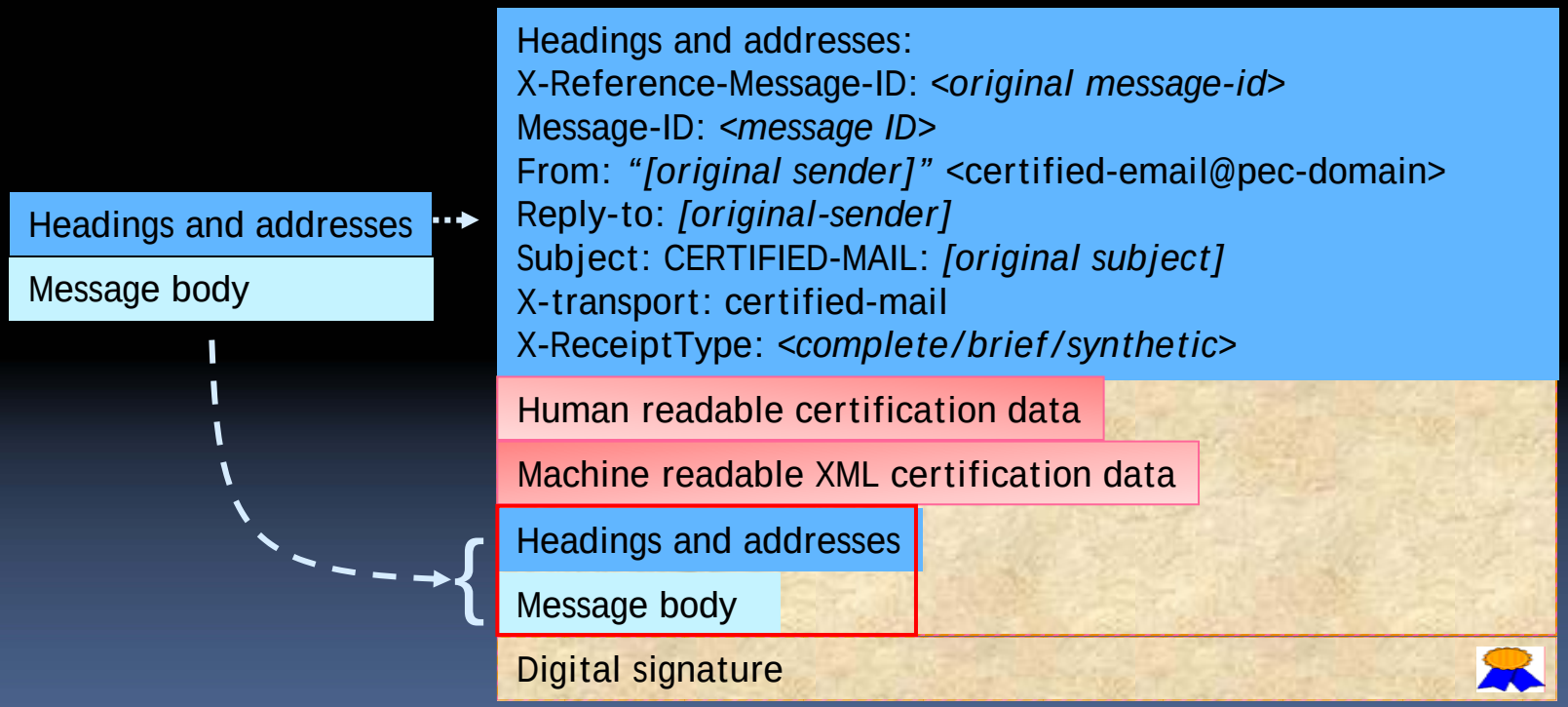
- What is PEC?
  - Equivalent to the Registered Mail service with Return Receipt.
- Why PEC?
  - In 2000, the Italian Government decided to adopt electronic exchange of docs between its Public Administrations.
  - By the end of 2008, non-compliant administrations will have their postal financing reduced.

server-to-server interaction



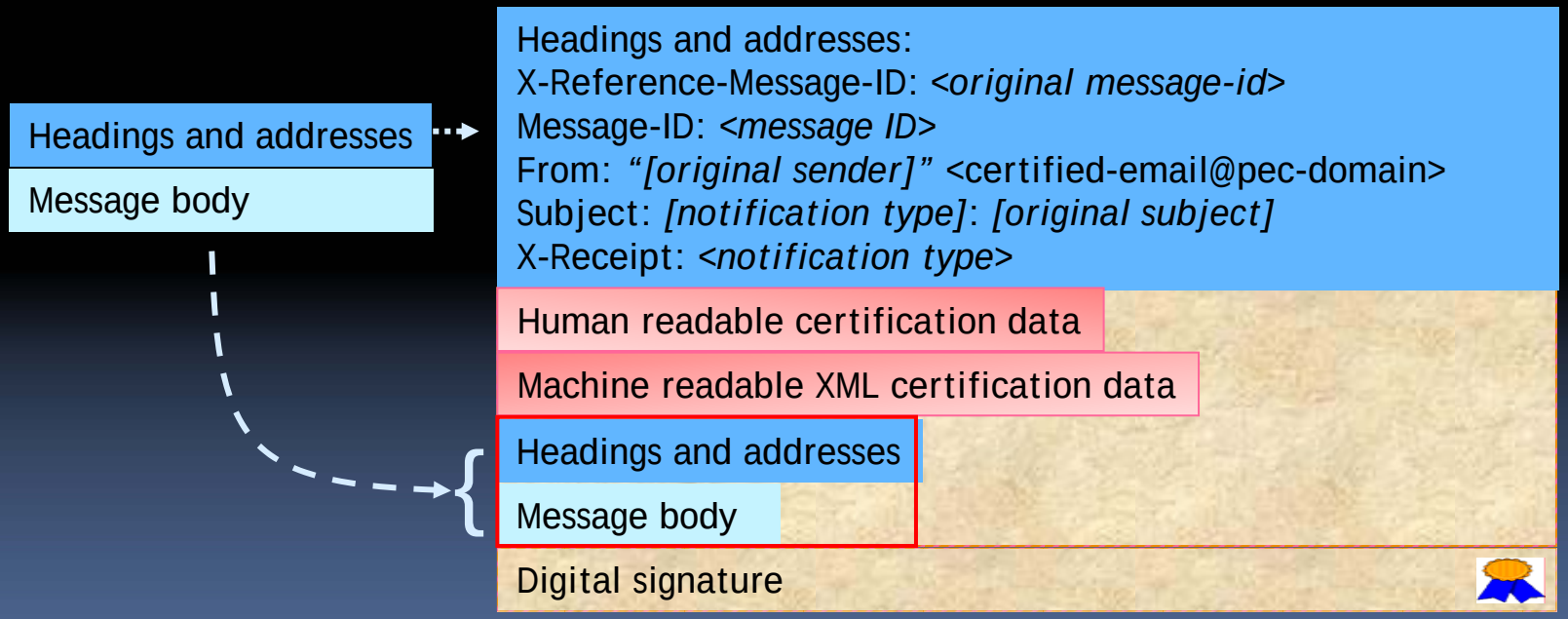
PEC transport message

Original message ➡ **Transport message**



PEC receipt

Original message ➡ **Receipt**



Characteristics

- Server-to-server interaction
- Client-server authentication
- (server) Non-repudiation, with proof of origin
- Message integrity
- XML data containing certification information
- Digital signature using FIPS 140-2 Hardware Security Module
- Logs for all PEC operations
- Formal syntax and virus checks both on outgoing and incoming messages.
- Used implementations exist.

- ISTI-CNR was asked to handle the testing of interoperability of PEC by CNIPA.
- Intent of request for publication as Informational RFC.
- Interest in further development.