

Patent application procedure (...and costs)

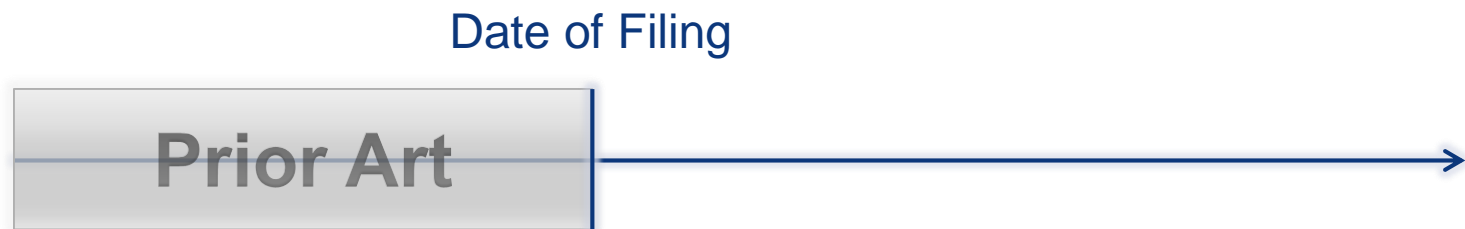
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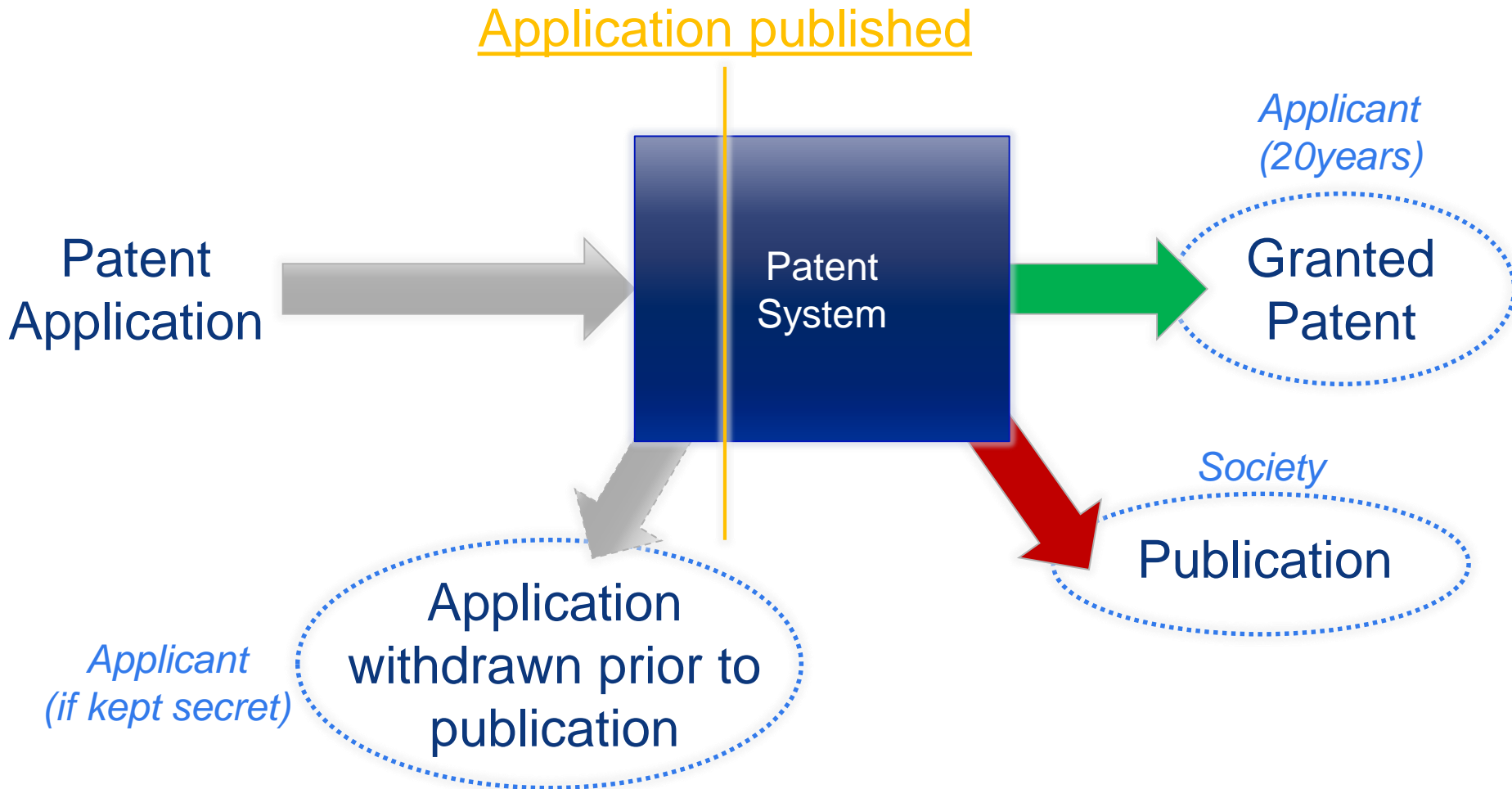
Reminder...

What can be patented?

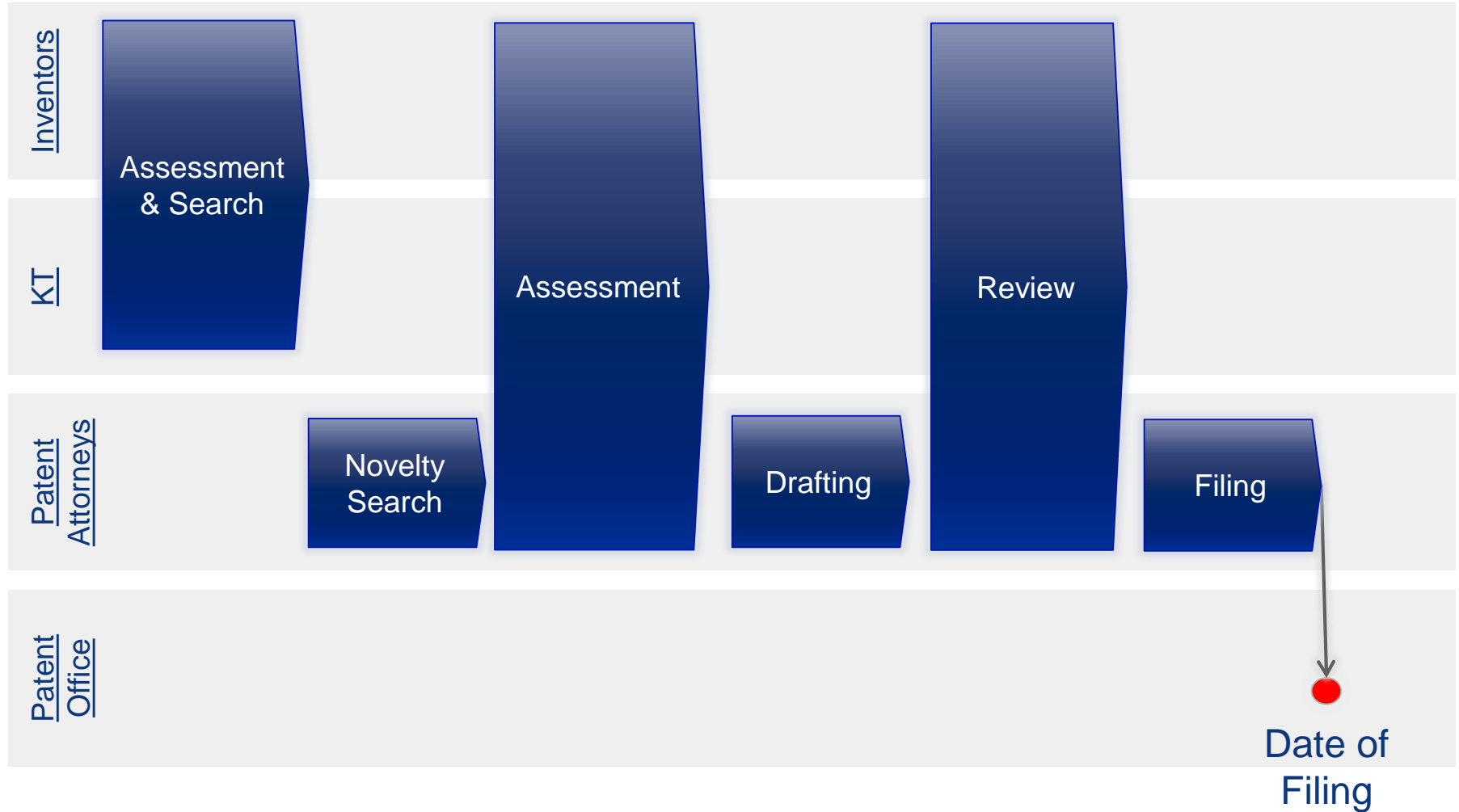
- Inventions which are:
 - 1) **New** – not already in prior art
 - 2) **Inventive** – not obvious to someone skilled in the art
 - 3) **Industrially applicable** – solves a technical problem



The Patent System



Application procedure...

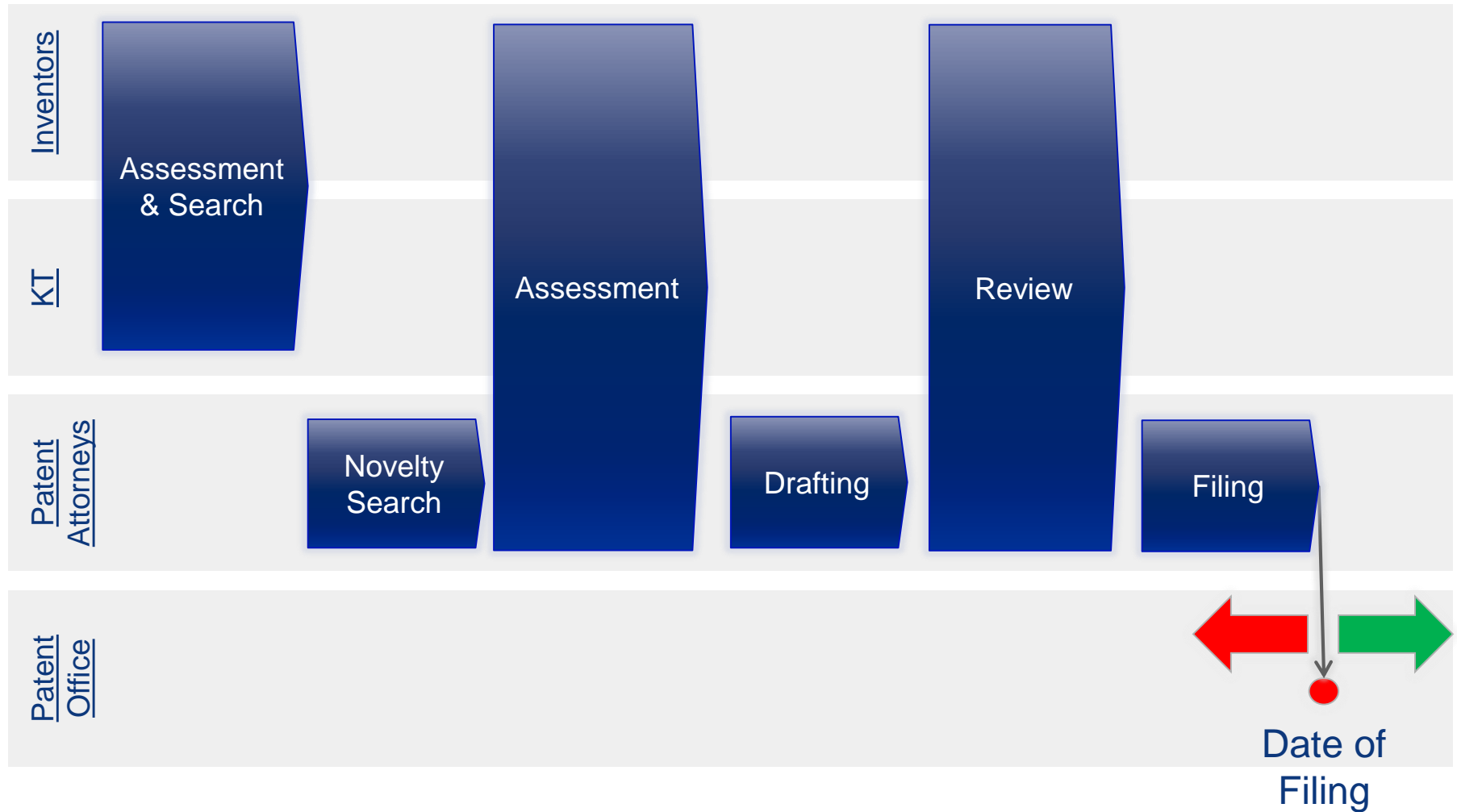


Question...

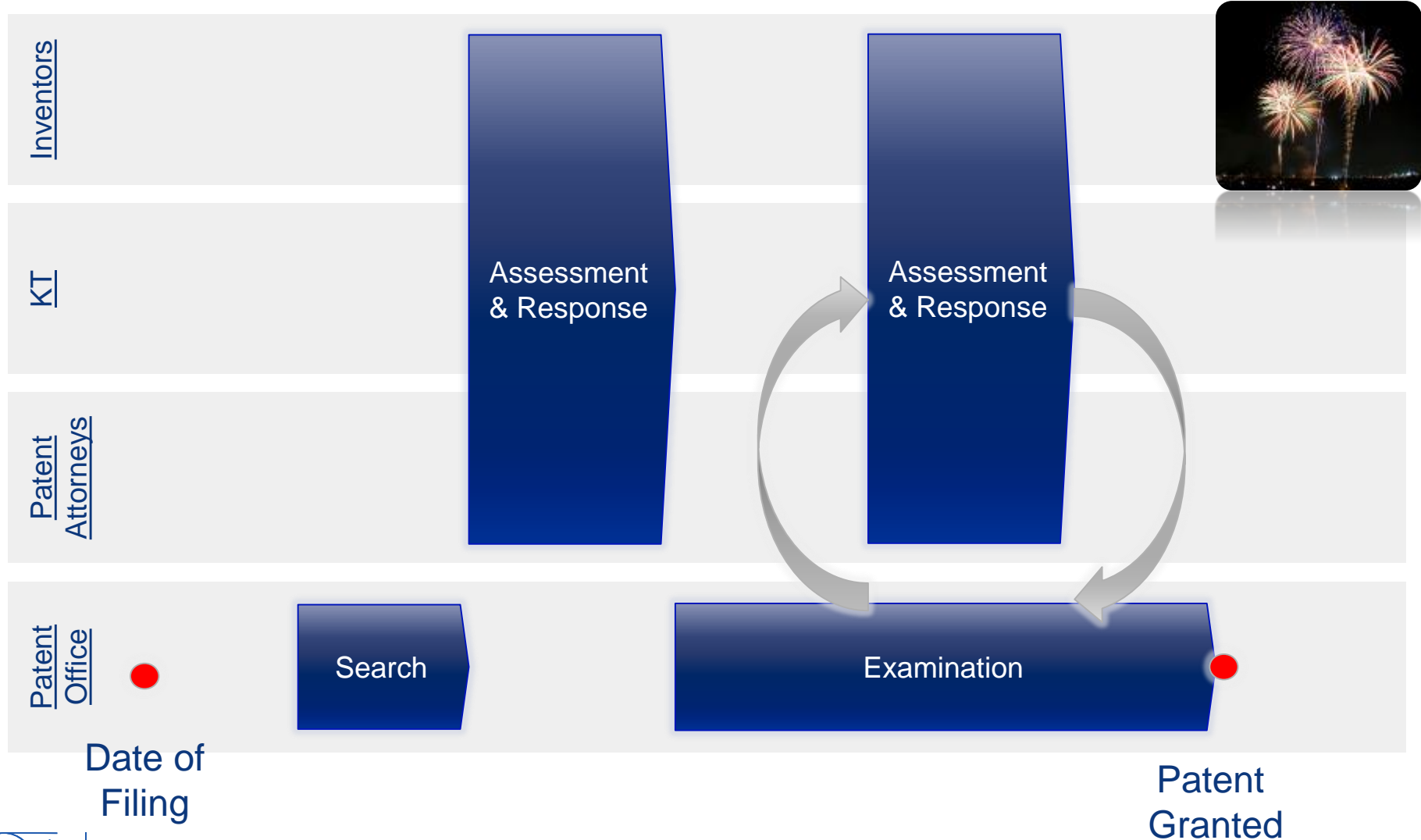
When can you disclose information about your invention without jeopardizing your patent application?



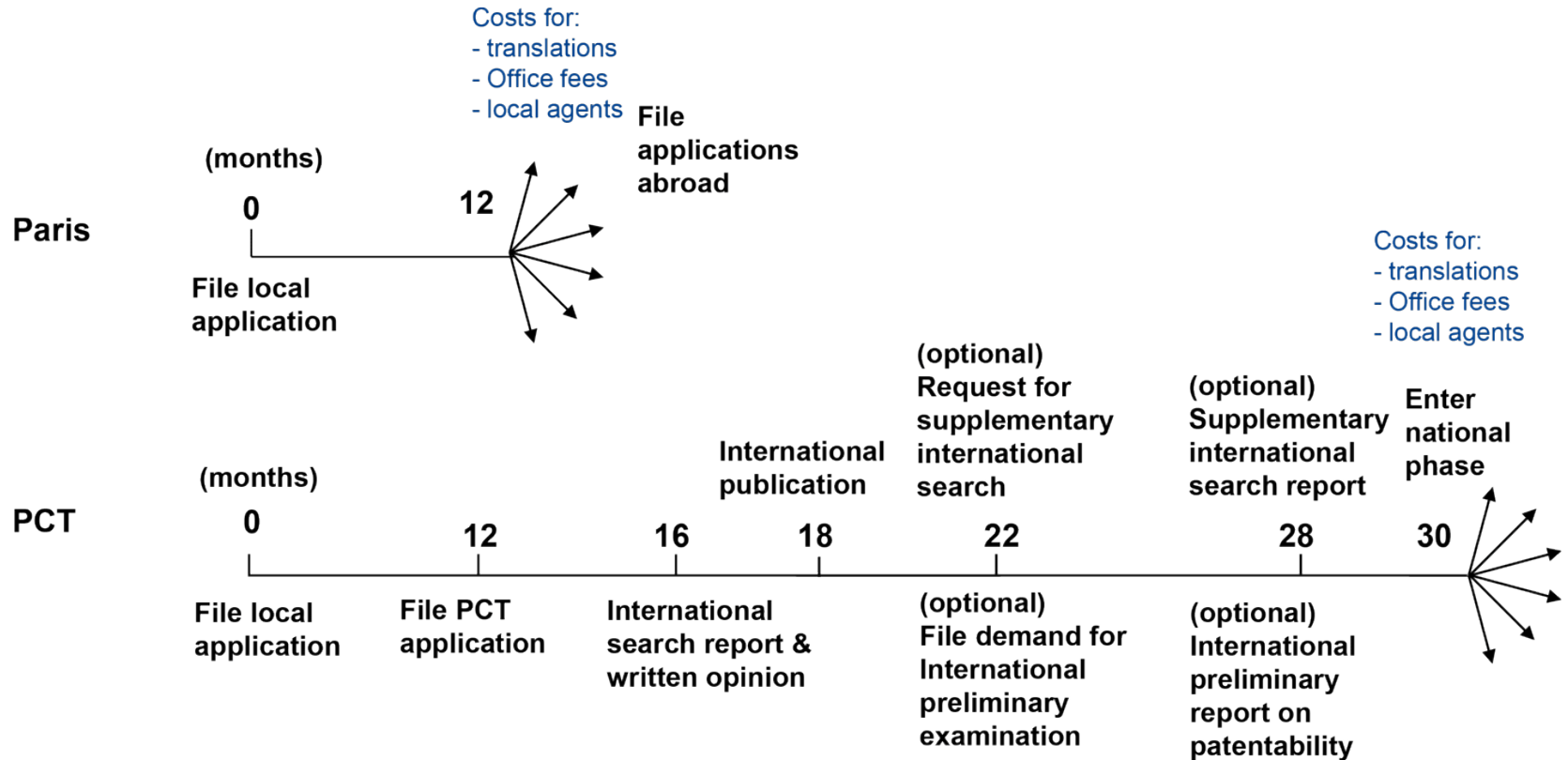
Disclose only after filing (typically)



Application procedure, cont...



PCT vs. Paris Convention



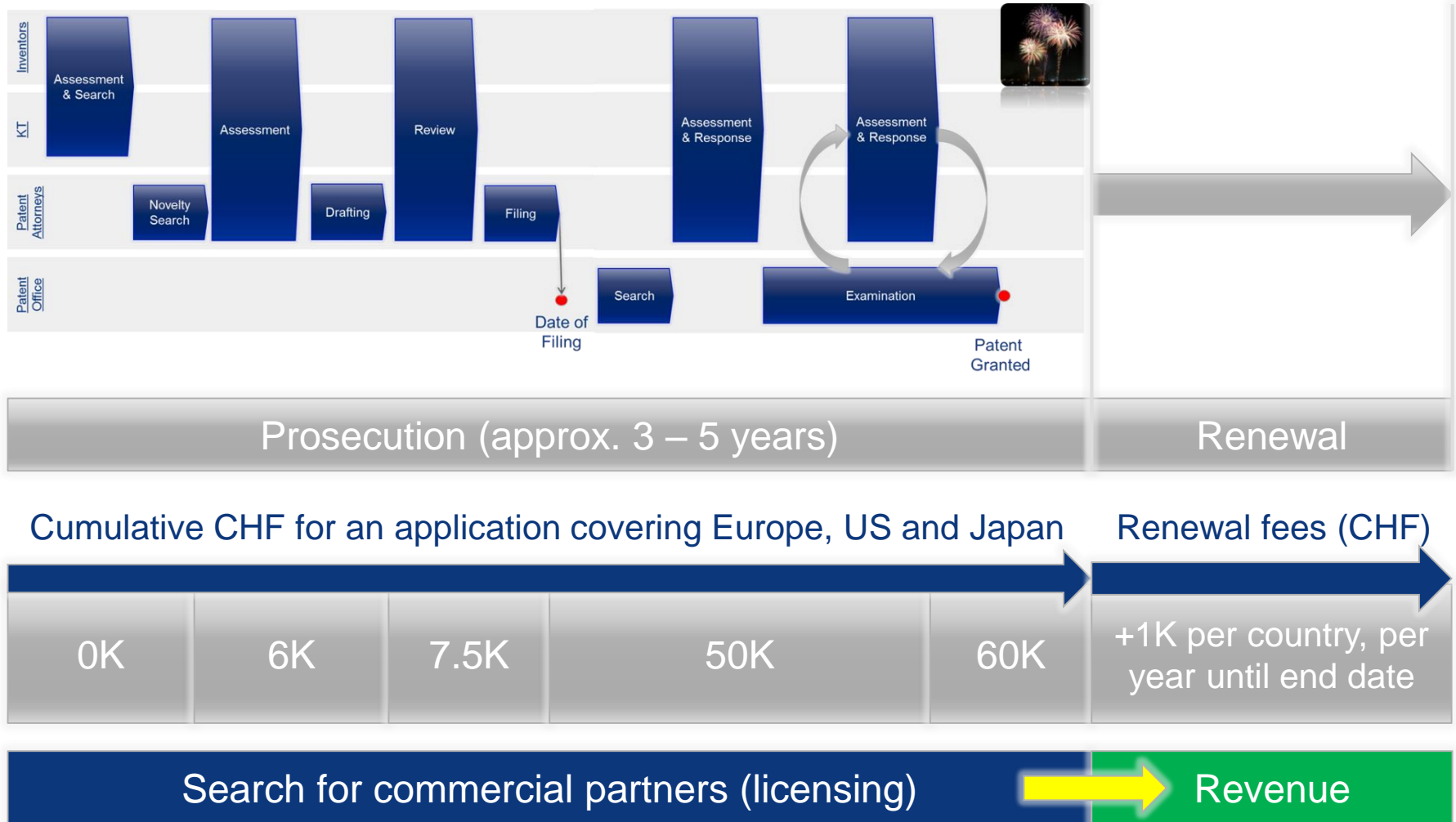
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/faqs/faqs.html>

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Patents cost money

20
years



Patent application v. patent

- Patent application:
Document as **submitted** to the patent office.
- Patent:
Document as granted (i.e. **approved**) by the patent office

How can you distinguish between the two ?

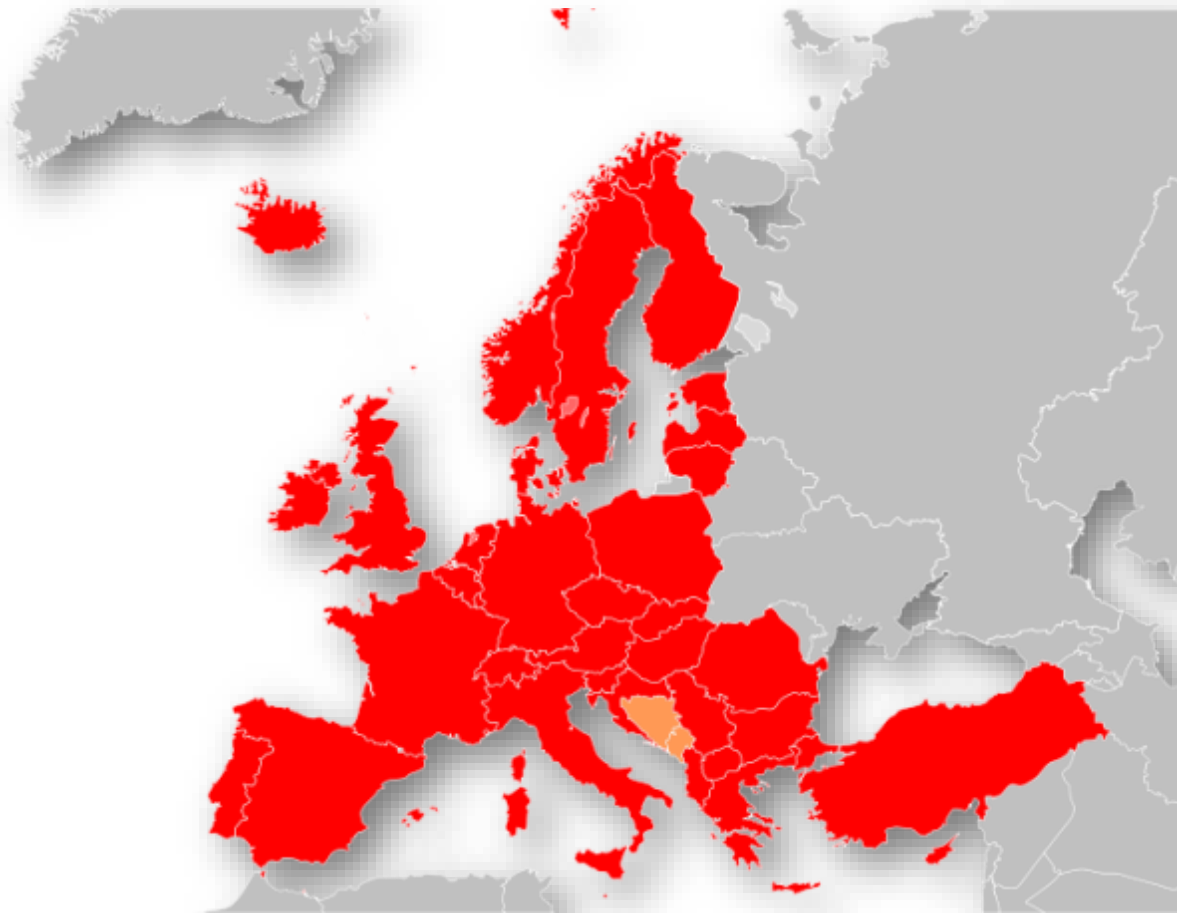
It is written on the document

A = Application

B = Patent



A note on European patents



There is no such thing as a European patent that is legally enforceable over all European countries.

Once a European patent is granted it must be validated, and subsequently renewed, in each individual country of the applicant(s) choosing.

Questions?

