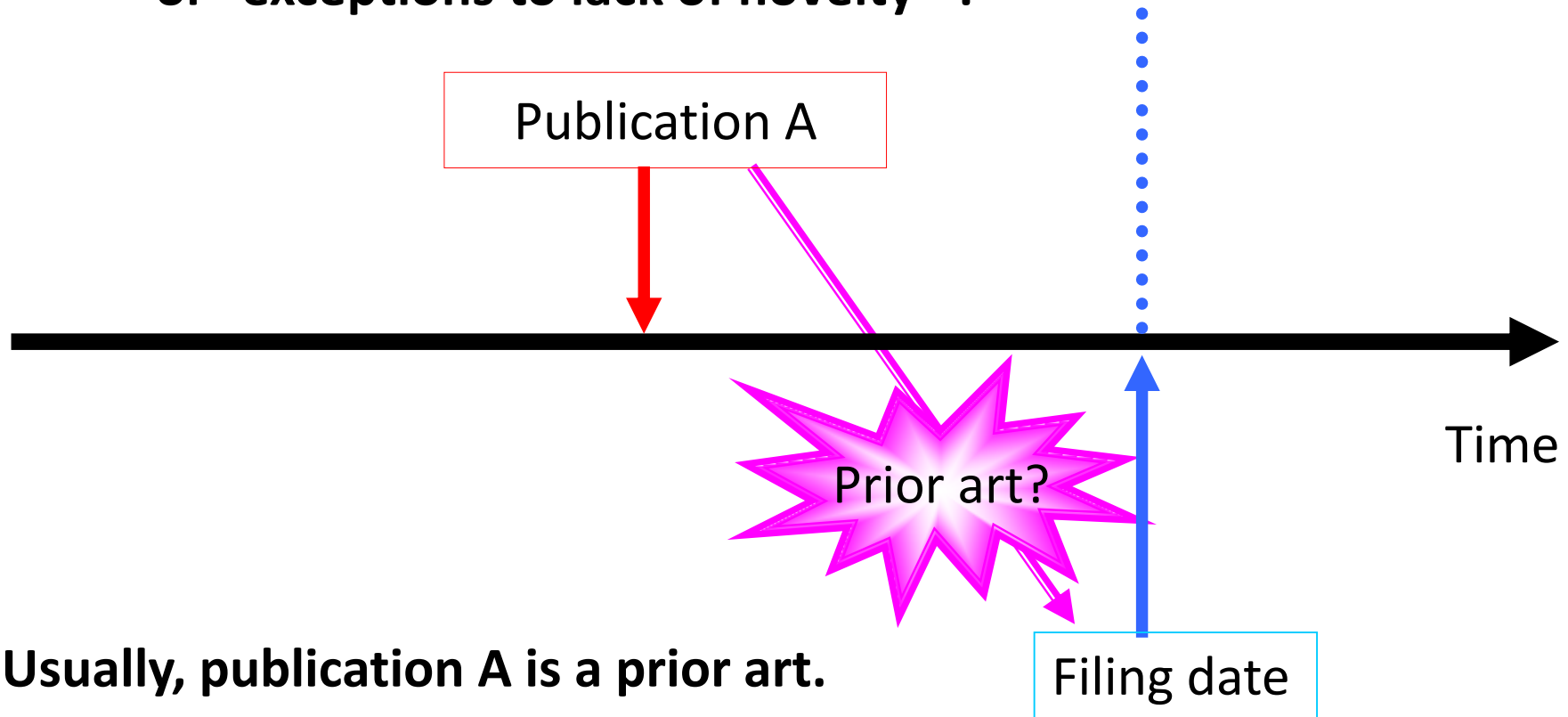


- I. Purpose of Novelty
- II. Procedure of Determining Novelty
- III. **Non-prejudicial Disclosures or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty**

What is “non-prejudicial disclosure”
or “exceptions to lack of novelty” ?



Usually, publication A is a prior art.

In exceptional cases, however,
publication A cannot be a prior art.

Invention A



Exception to lack of novelty of invention (Japanese Patent Act Article 30)

Against the will of or as a result of an act of a person having the right to obtain a patent



Filed by the said person within six months from the date on which the invention first fell under any of the items of Article 29 (1).



Shall be deemed not to have fallen under any of said items.

A declaration at the time of filing is necessary, in case where the invention is opened as a result of an act of the person having the right to obtain a patent.