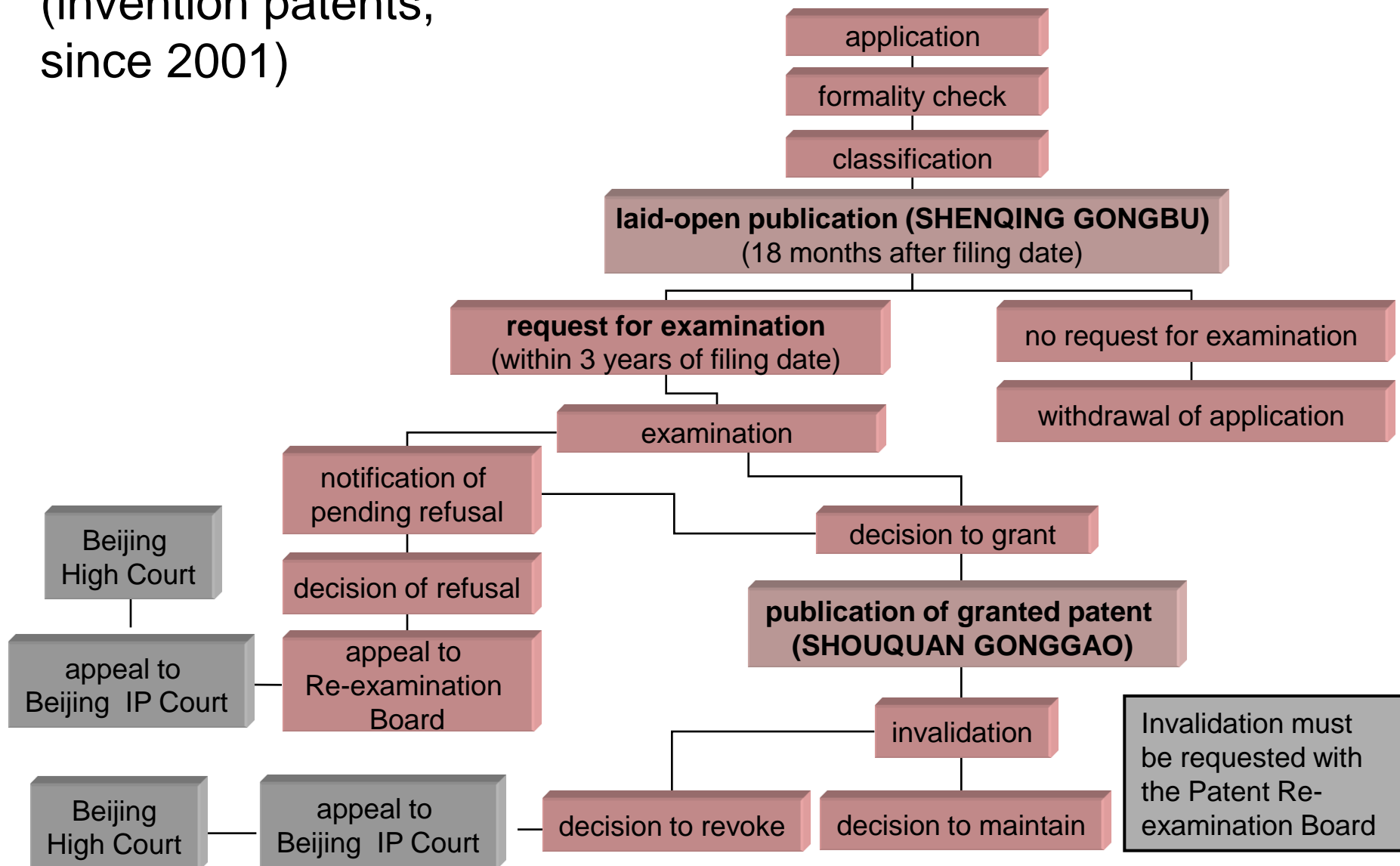
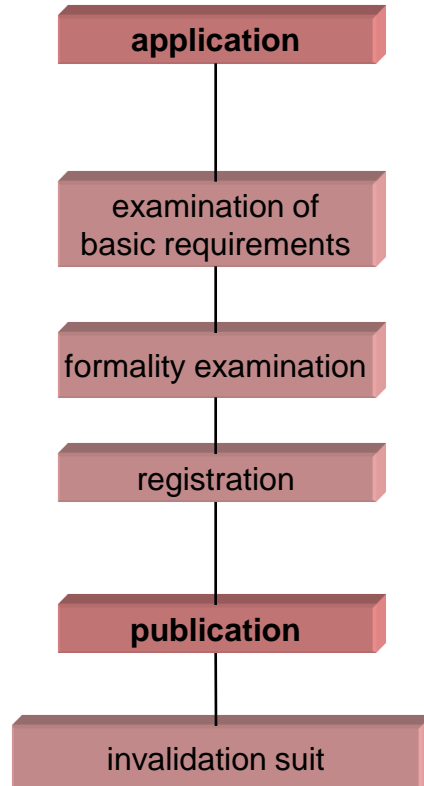


Patent granting procedure in China

(invention patents,
since 2001)



Registration of utility models in China (from 1993 onwards)



NOTE: from 1993, utility models were published before registration (pre-grant opposition)

request for utility model search report
(novelty and inventive step is checked by SIPO;
search report required in infringement suits)