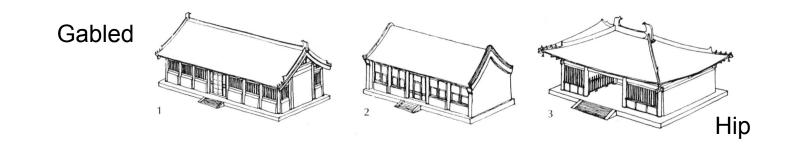
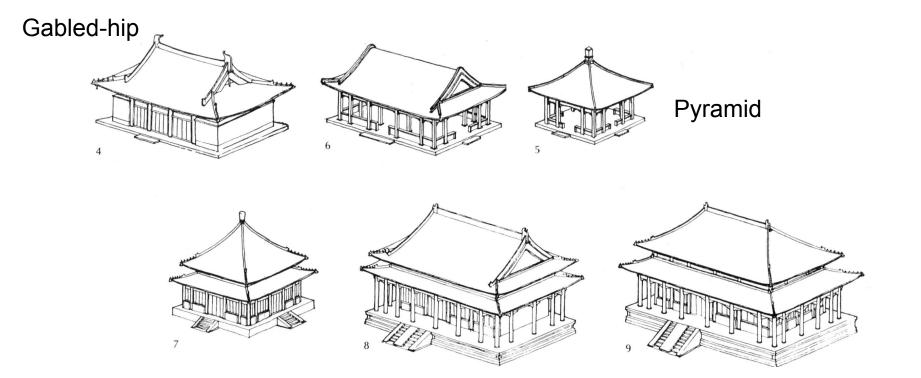


# Chinese Architecture: DOU GONG Roofs and Bracketing

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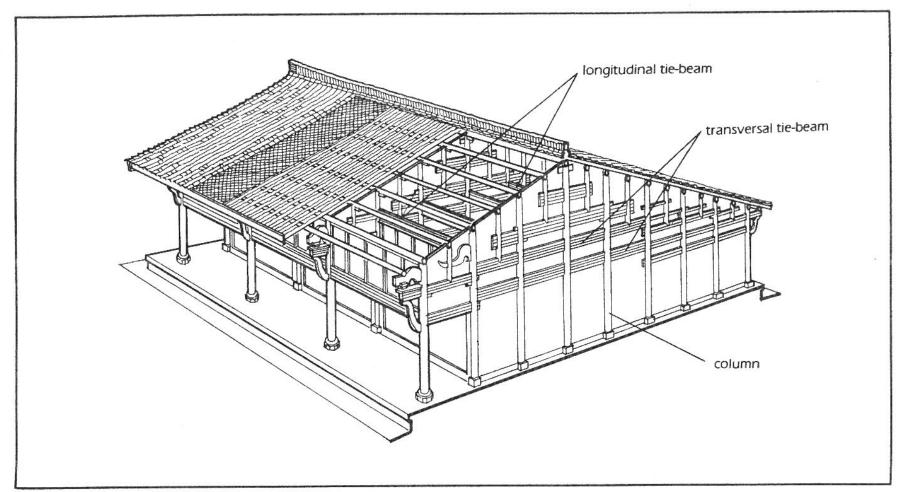


Plate I.2 Chuandou, or column-and-tie system.

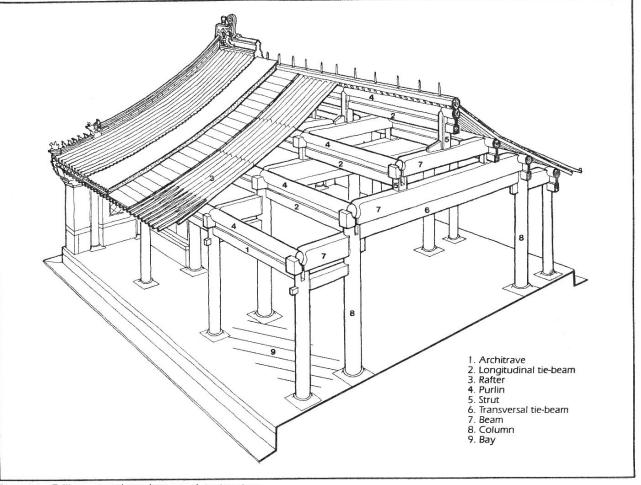
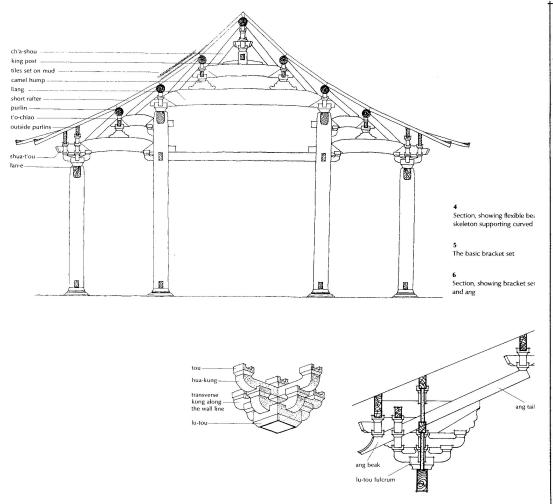
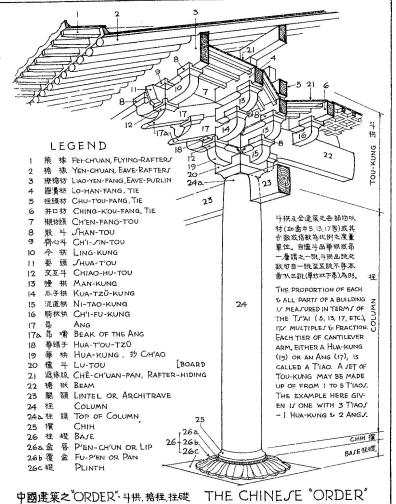


Plate 1.1 Tailiang, or column-beam-and-strut system.







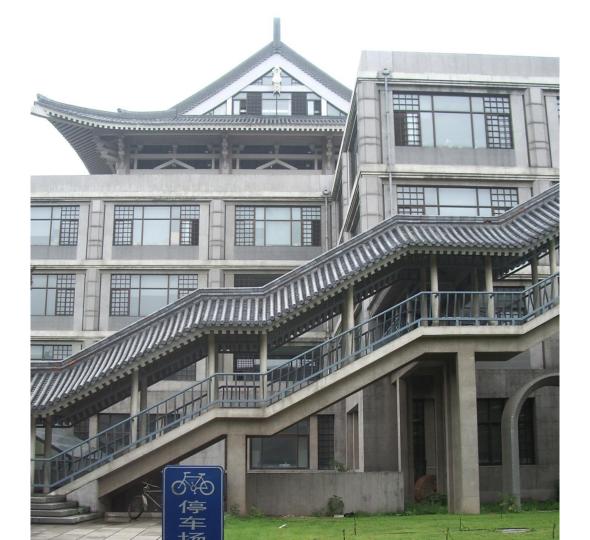














#### Chinese Pagodas - Overview

Religious structures - Buddhism

Design inspired by northern Indian stupas and Chinese military watchtowers

Praised for spectacular views

Multi-storied, layered roofs

Original purpose: hold Buddhist relics and sacred writings









#### Sakyamuni Pagoda at Fogong Monastery

"The first pagoda"

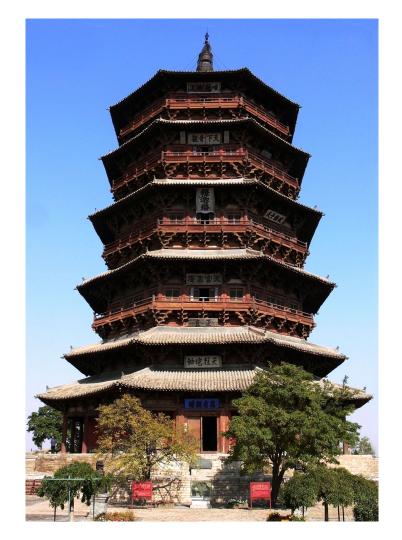
Diameter 30.27m (99ft) Height 67.31 m (220ft)

Location: Shanxi Province, Yingxian County

Built in 1056 by Emperor Daozong of Liao (Liao Dynasty)

Main composition: Wood

Oldest surviving pagoda; one of tallest wooden structures in the world



#### Sakyamuni Pagoda at Fogong Monastery

"The first pagoda"

Five octagonal levels, ten structural tiers; alternating posts with cantilevered roofs/balconies

4 hidden interior levels, total of 9 stories Indicated from the exterior by the terrace balconies

Intricately bracketed roofs 54 different bracket arms



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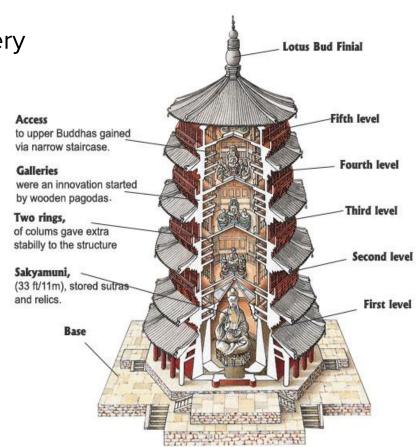
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Interior and exterior support columns

Structure tapers to the center; contributes to stability

Buddha statue sits on center of first floor

Ornate caissons on each ceiling



#### Pagoda Applications of Chinese Principles

Use of Dou Gong bracketing for structure:



Brackets connect roofs, floors and the columns of the following level resulting in a multi-tiered structure



## Multi-Brick Layering Teracotta Roof Tiles Horizontal Ashlar Stacked Pebbles Ashlar Masonry Horizontal Block Vertical Block Concaved Brick Mixed Tiles Layering Rectangular Horizontal Brick Block Ashlar Block Origin Wa Pan A local technique involving the use of material fragments... Ceramic Bricks / Tiles \_assembled together for fast reconstruction after a typhoon.

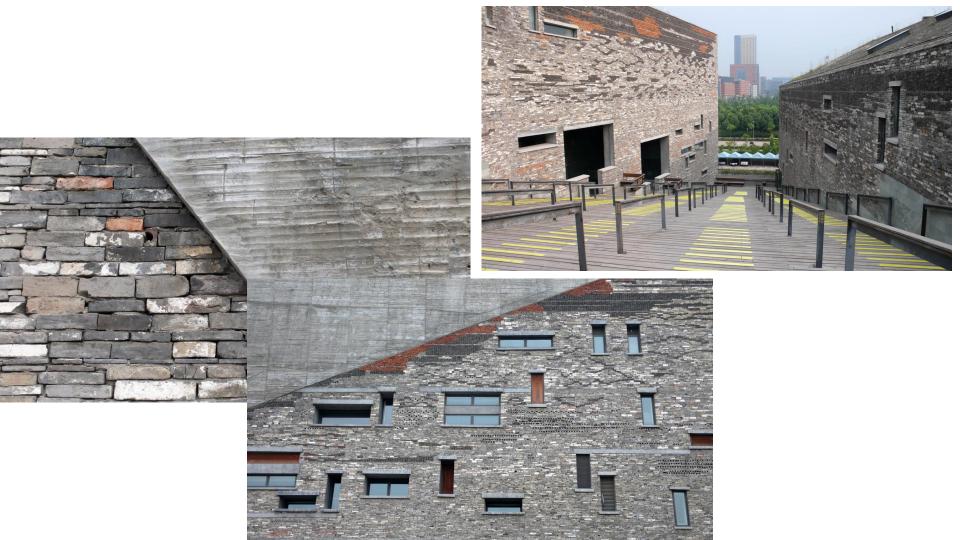
### Tile Facade











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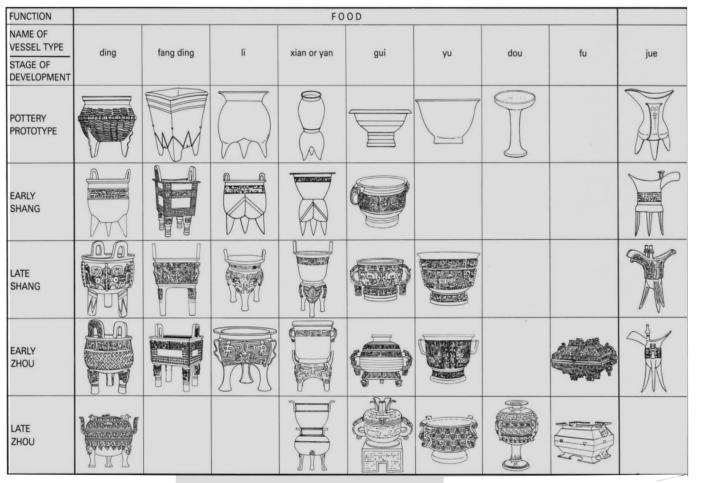


Fig. 1 Development of bronze vessel types. Drawing by Phyllis Ward