

Lineages, Genealogies, *Uji*: A Discussion

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Introduction: Terminology

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1. Terminology

lineage

clan

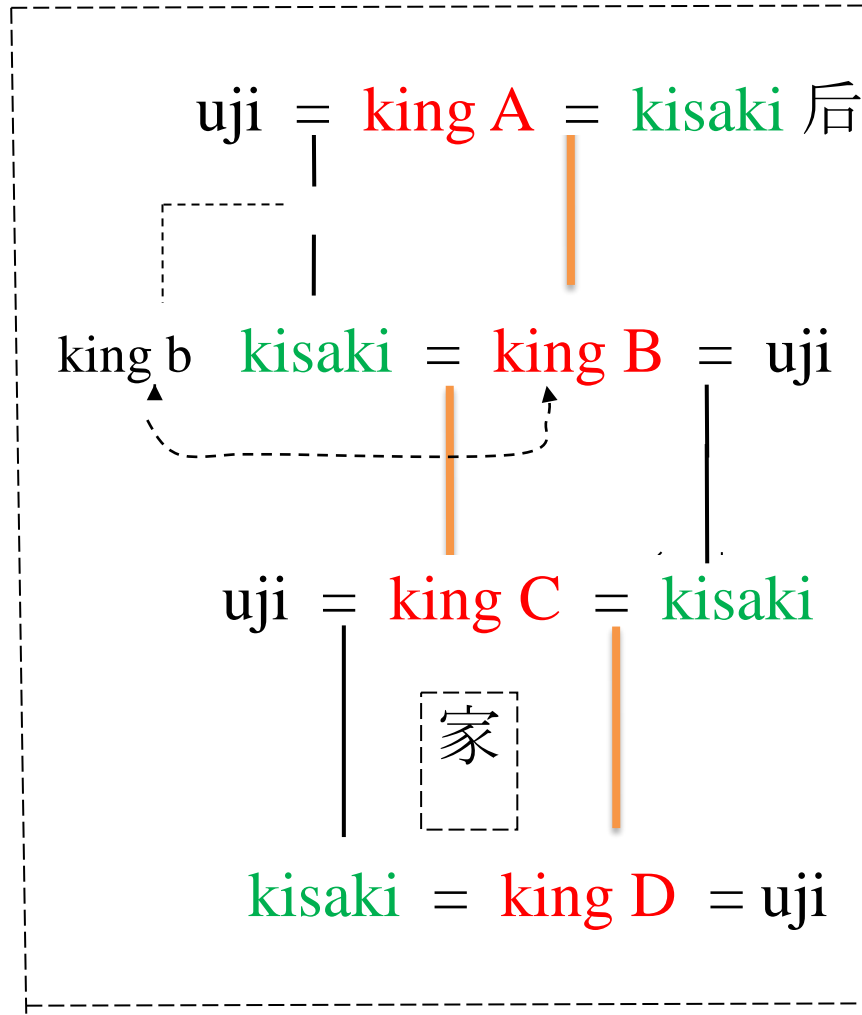
ethnic group

2. Putting the *uji* 氏 into shape

- were not patrilineal “from the beginning”
- political interventions
- “family” units *ko* 戸, admin. village *ri* or *sato* 里 = artificial residential units/villag. for tax., conscript.

Double Royal Succession,

6th and 7th centuries



Ooms, *Imperial Politics*, fig. 2, p. 15; Mizubayashi Takeshi, *Kiki shinwa to ōken no matsuri* (Iwanami 1991), p. 333, fig. 24, modified.

2. Corraling the *uji* 氏

664/2/9 Tenji decree

675 *be* 部 abolished (hered. occupat. depend. groups)

684 eight *kabane* ranks 八色姓 (30 steps) :

(by 686: 201 *kabane* titles to 177 *uji*, 126 to ranks 1-4)

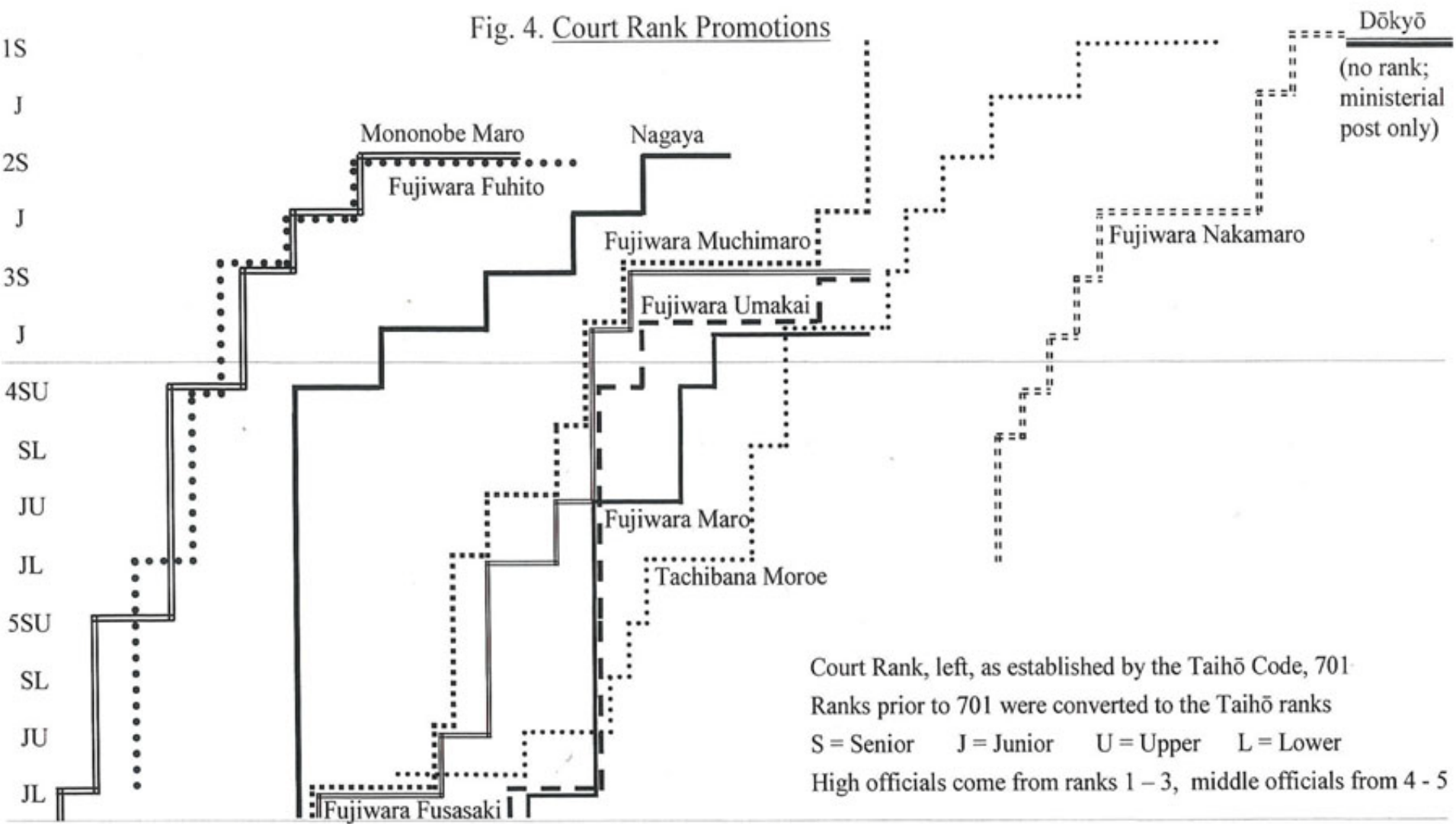
(815: 1,177 *uji* in Kinai)

702/8/8 law specialists throughout realm to lecture
on the Taihō Code, and yet, on

702/9/25 names *uji no kami* ranks 1-4 still missing

3. Tweaking the Tang Model

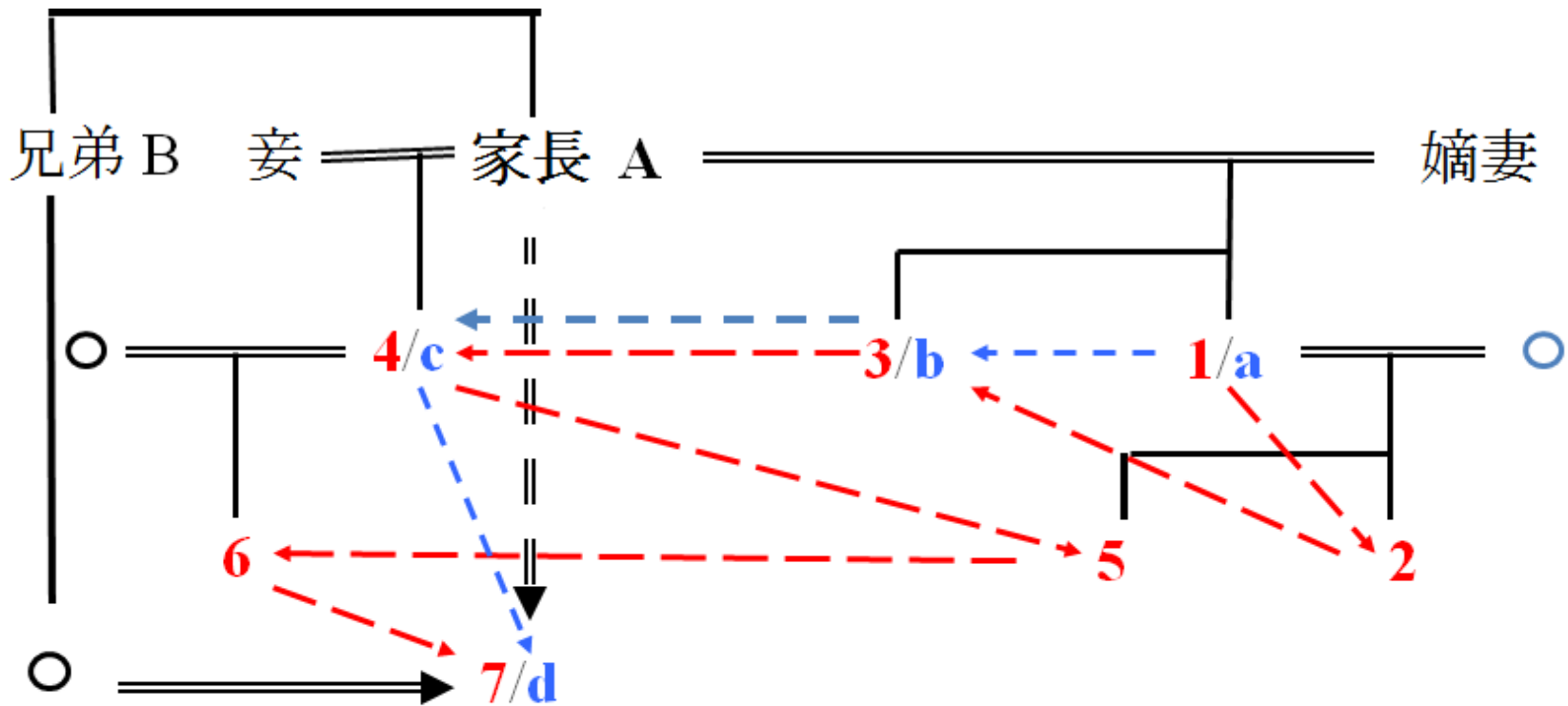
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Direct Descendant-successors to the “ie” (Taihō Code Law of Succession)



Ranks 1-3 Sequence of successors to the *ie*: **1 - 7**

Ranks 4-5 sequence of successors to the *ie*: **a - d**

Head 家長, Main Consort 嫡妻, Secondary Wives 妾, Brothers 兄弟

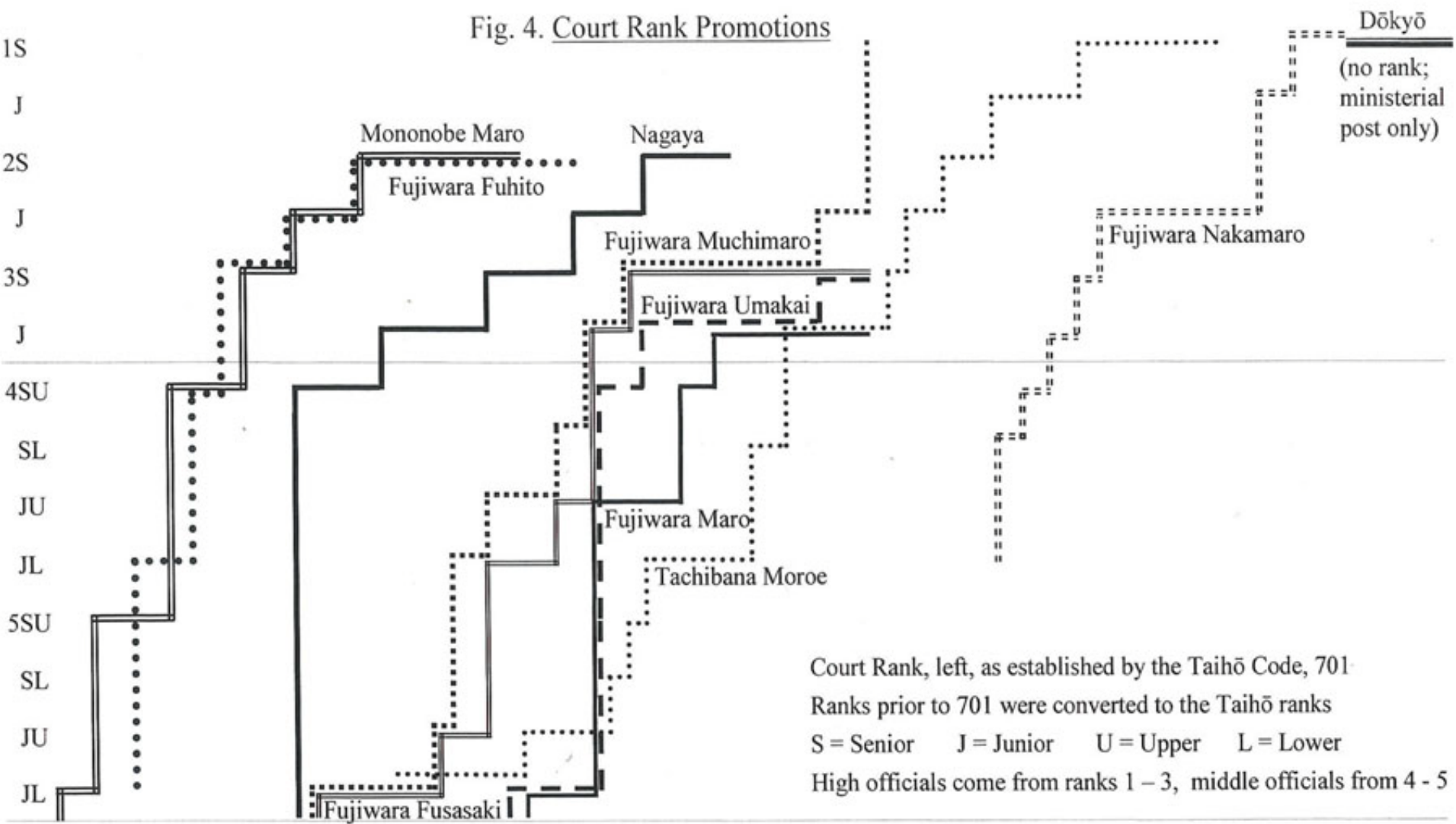
4. Major Uji as a Corporation

- *sujō* 種姓 social-genealogical hereditary identity
- *kishu* 貴種 “noble seed”
- *Uji* in the *Kojiki* (712), *Nihon shoki* (720)

K (3 ch.): 176 / 201 (88%) ◡ the Sun Line

Ns (30 ch.): 40 / 110 (42%) ◡ the Sun Line

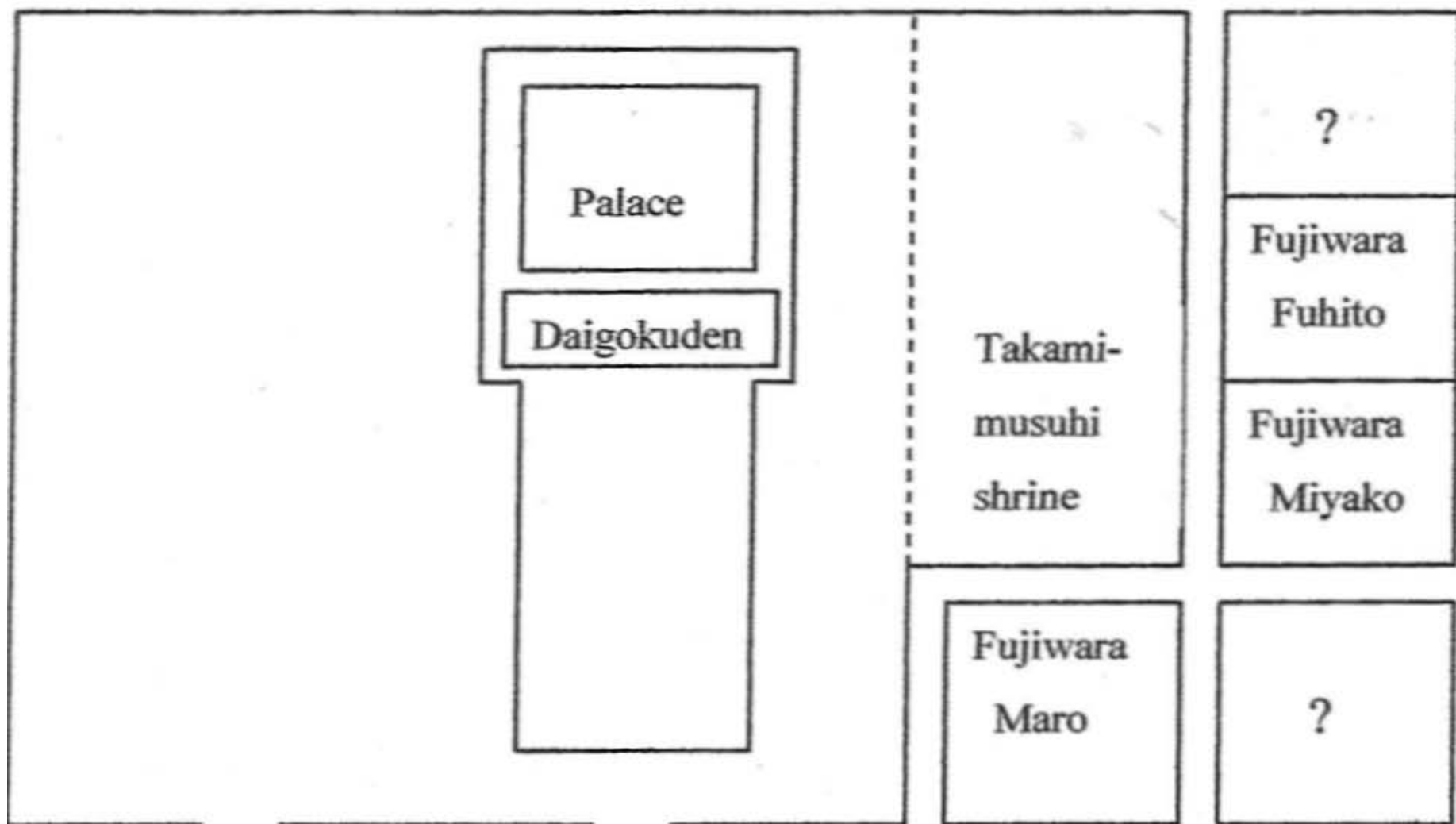
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Fig. 3. Heijō Palace Structure



5. The Emperor's Performative Voice

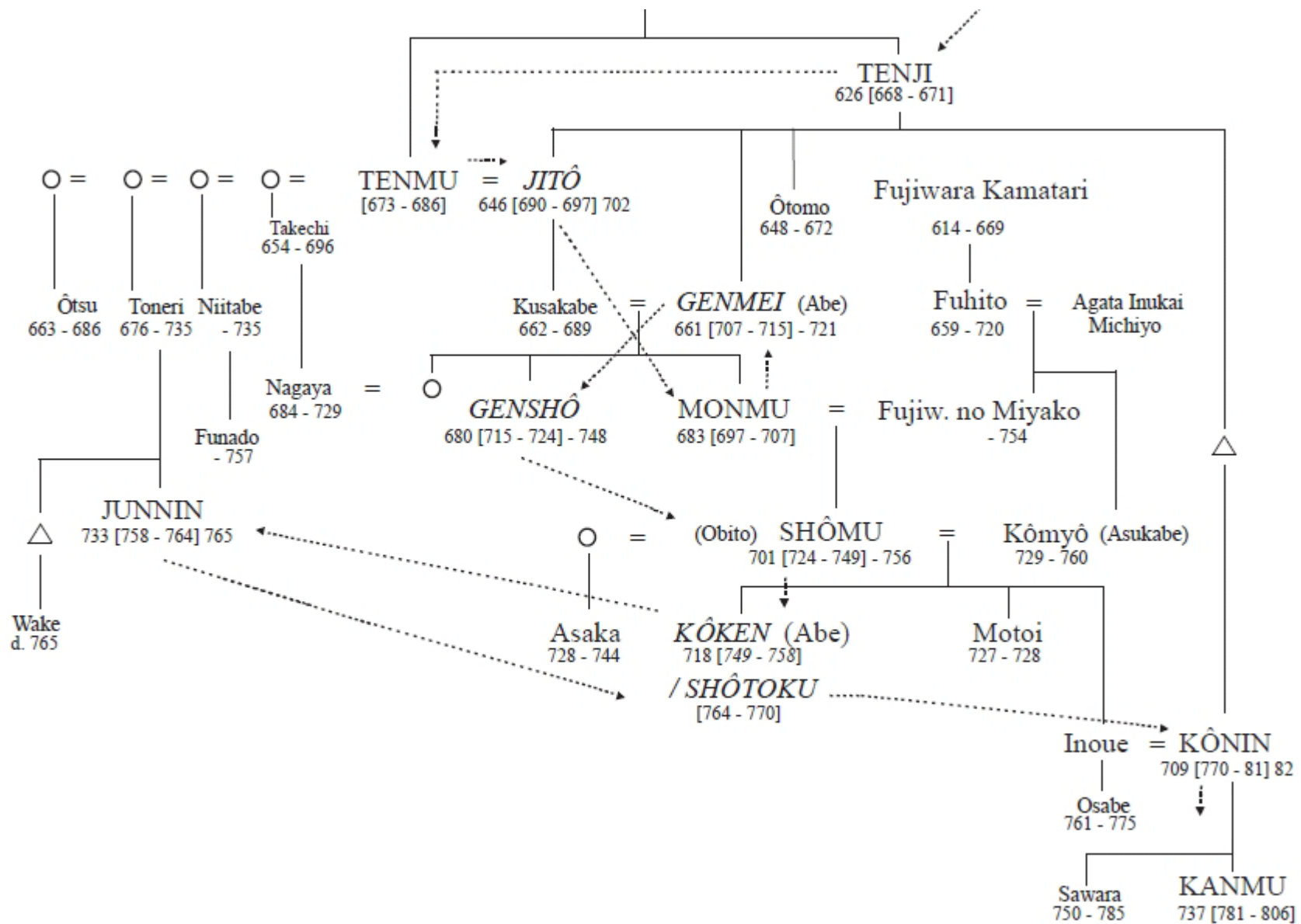
- *kika(jin)* 帰化(人) *kabane* ranks 1-3: closed to them
- 757/4/4: 2000 *kikajin* name changes granted, blurring *wazoku* 和俗 / *banzoku* 蕃俗 distinction
- 815 *Shinsen shōji roku* : new genealogies
 - imperial line descendents (from Amaterasu)
 - descendants from other *kami*
 - of foreign origin

6. Switching *uji* back and forth

781 Haji (Hanishi 土[師]部)

ryōko 陵戸

Inbe 忌部 → 齊部



Mononobe (Maro) → Isonokami (686)

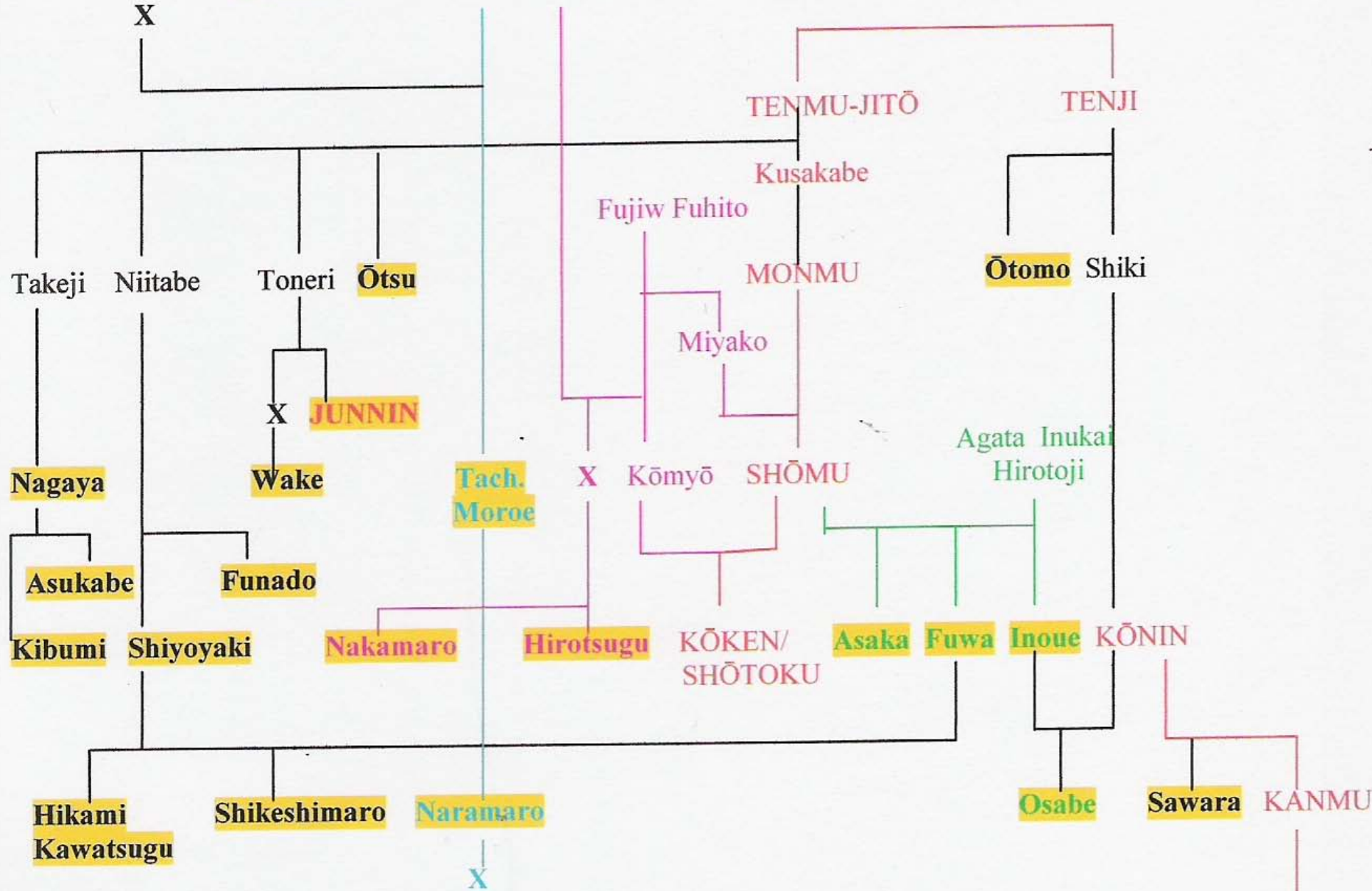
Isonokami (Yakatsugu)

→ Mononobe (775/12)

→ Isonokami (779/11)

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Uji in the *Nihon shoki* and *Kojiki*

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“New” Meiji Nobility (*kazoku*): 1869-1947

137 anc./medieval noble lineages (700-1600)

270 feudal lord (*daimyo*) lineag. (1600-1868)

