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The 3 Step System of Chinese Pulse Reading

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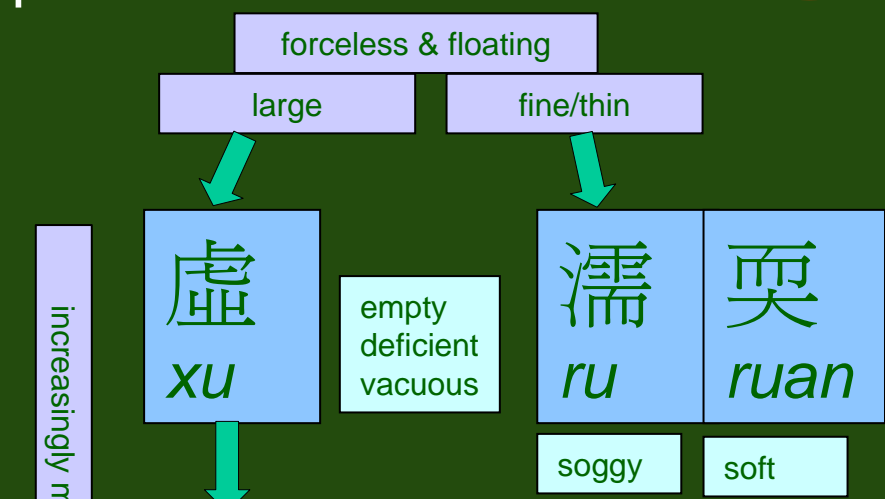
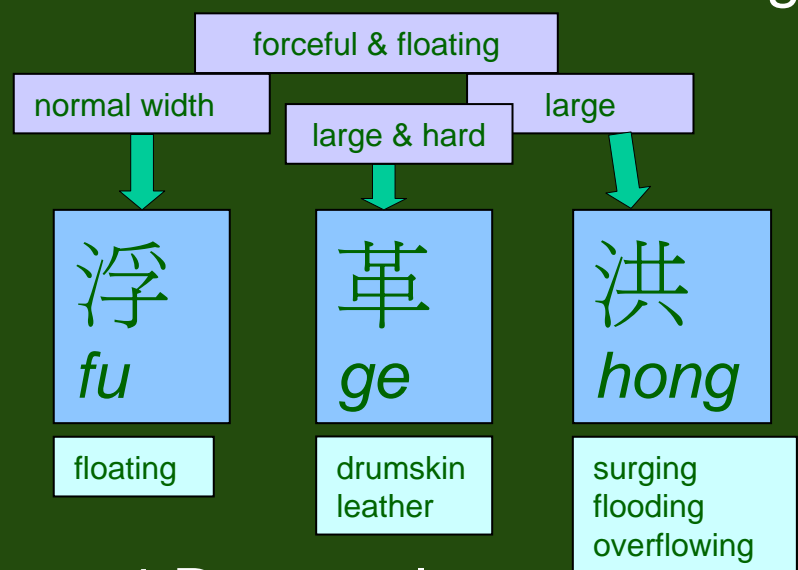
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Step 3: The Combined Pulses

7 Floating pulses

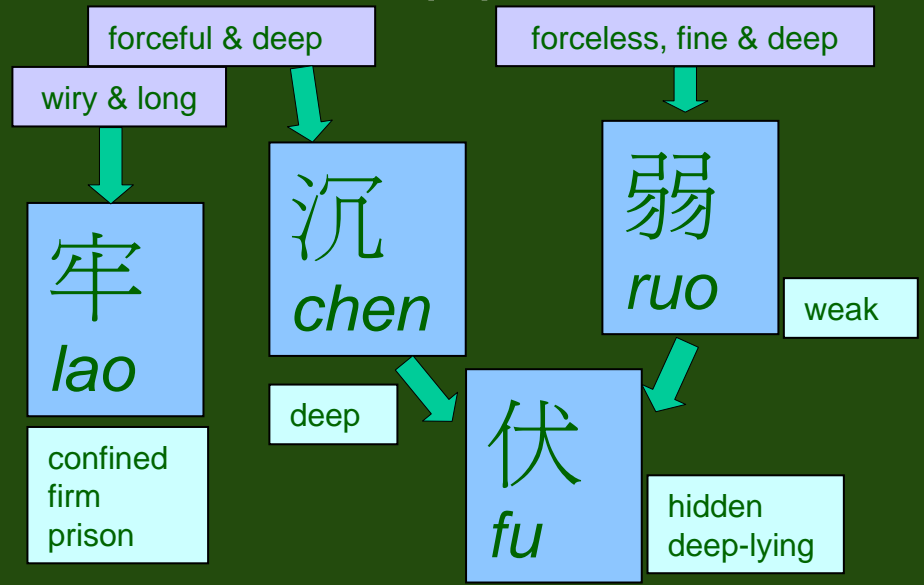
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increasingly more forceless and floating

4 Deep pulses



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浮

fu

floating
superficial

Fu 浮 means to float, to drift, light. The *fu mai* 浮脈 has both a general and a specific meaning. Generally it means any of the seven floating or superficial pulses that are felt at the superficial level but are more forceless or absent at the deep level. Specifically it is a floating pulse that has force (*you li* 有力) on the superficial level, and is said to feel like wood floating on water.

shui

shui

On the left is the radical for water 氵, while on the right the characters depict a bird brooding over her eggs. Together the character represents a bird nesting on water (Wieger 12, 49).

fu

bird on nest

water

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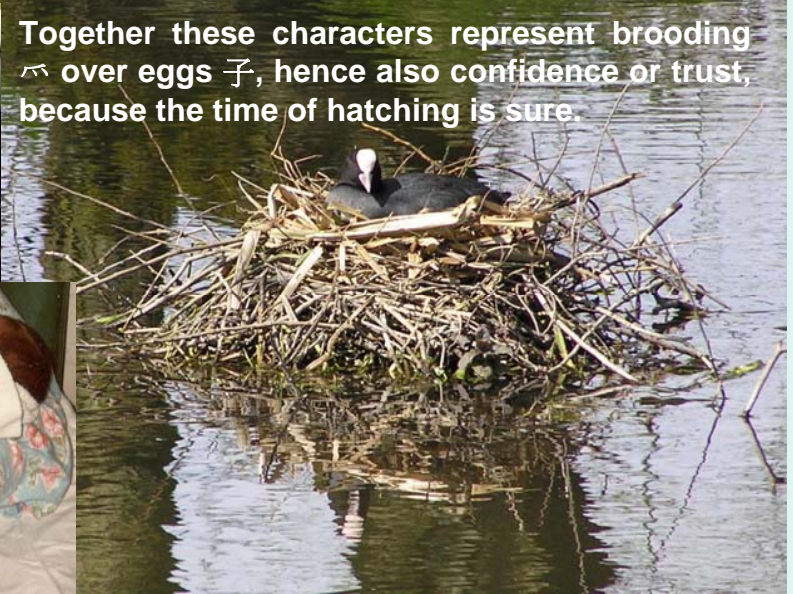
On its own, *shui* is written 水 but as a component of another character, 氵. The central stroke represents a stream, while the small strokes the whirls of water.



On the right, *fu* 孚 has on top 爪, a picture of a right hand prone, leaning on the palm and normally meaning claw or paw.

Below is *zi* 子 meaning a child. The picture literally shows a new-born child swathed up, which is why the legs are not visible. By extension *zi* 子 also means an egg or a seed, and a sage or a teacher, because the ancient Emperors called them sons.





Together these characters represent brooding 爪 over eggs 子, hence also confidence or trust, because the time of hatching is sure.



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shui

water

shui

hua mai
slippery pulse

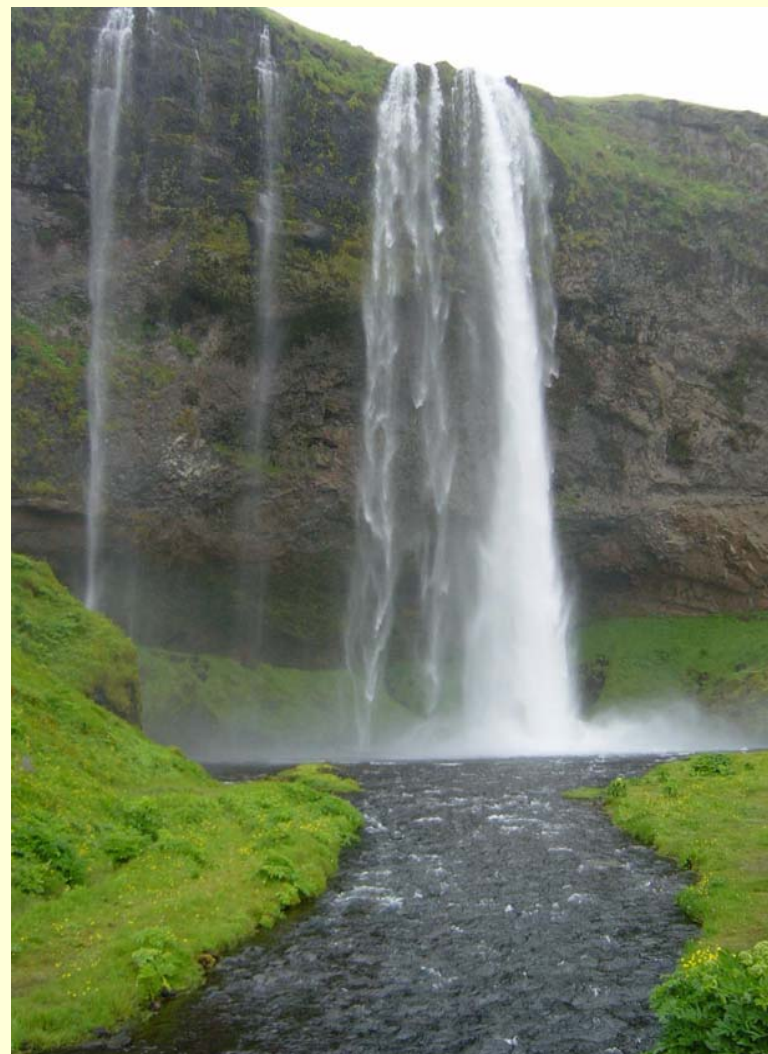
se mai
choppy pulse
rough pulse

fu mai
floating pulse
superficial pulse

chen mai
deep pulse

hong mai
surging pulse
flooding pulse
overflowing pulse

ru mai
soggy pulse



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fu

bird on nest

浮脈

fu mai
floating pulse
superficial pulse

浮火

fu huo
floating fire



The *fu* 浮 floating pulse and the *fu* 伏 hidden pulse have exactly the same pinyin sound.

fu

hidden

伏脈

fu mai
hidden pulse

伏熱

fu re
hidden heat
latent heat

