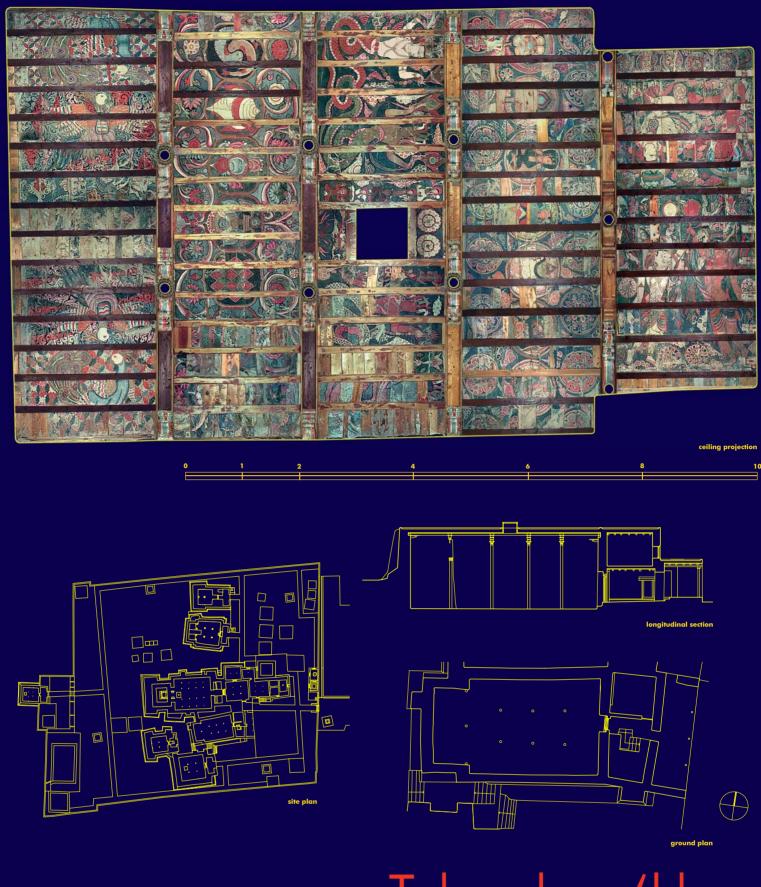
Buddhist Architecture in the Western Himalaya



Tabo chos-'khor [Brom-ston lha-khan chen-po]

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"The temple of the Bromston lha-khan chen-po is the second largest in the enclave, the largest being the gTsuglag-khan. The wall decorations here are dominated by two major themes: the medicine Buddhas (Bhaisajyagurus) and the life of Buddha. The latter theme also appeared earlier in the mandapa of the gTsug-lagkhan. Such scenes traditionally represent the twelve moments of the Buddha's life (mdzad-pa bcu-gnis). [...] The rows of the full-blown flowers appearing on the ceiling were obviously copied from the ceiling of the gTsuglag-khan. A pair of Nagas facing each other is one of the best examples of the early-seventeenth-century mural tradition of Spiti."

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