Exercise on xiéshēngzì 2

*Xiéshēngzì* refers to a type of Chinese characters that has a phonetic component and a semantic component.

* A series of *xiéshēngzì* that shares the same phonetic component should be in the same rime class in Old Chinese.
* A series of xiéshēngzì that shares the same phonetic component should have a single place of articulation for their initials in Old Chinese.

Study the following xiéshēngzì series. Identify the common component and sort the characters into two groups:

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| 同tóng |  | 功gōng |  |
| 江jiāng |  | 筒tǒng |  |
|  | 銅tóng | 紅hóng | 洞dòng |
| 桐tóng | 扛káng |  | 缸gāng |

1. Please list the two groups
2. What is the common phonetic component for each group?
3. Do they all still rhyme according to their modern pronunciation?
4. What initials are there in each group?
5. Do they still share the same place of articulation? What place of articulation is it?
6. If the characters do not share the same place of articulation, can you guess what the original place of articulation and even the original initials could have been?