People’s Architecture Office
Beijing-based People’s Architecture Office was founded by He Zhe, James Shen and Zang Fang in 2010, and consists of an international team of architects, engineers, product designers and urbanists. With the belief that design is for the masses, PAO aims to be conceptually accessible and culturally pragmatic. Our work is always socially motivated and spans across scales and types. The office is located in an historic courtyard house in the center of Beijing and functions as a laboratory for observation, testing, and building.

People’s Architecture Office is a Social Enterprise and a certified B-Corp.
Micro-Yuan'er is a project by Zhang Ke's standard architecture team to renovate a typical "Big-Messy Courtyard" in Cha'er Hutong #8 in the Dashilar area. Micro-Yuan'er is a new type of organic renewal of Beijing's old city accomplished by inserting a miniature art space and a miniature library.
1700's
Qing Dynasty
Single family courtyard.

1965
Mao Era
Private land ownership abolished. Original family forced to leave. Courtyard is subdivided into housing for 8 families.

1977
Post-Mao Era
Building regulations relaxed in the aftermath of the Tangshan earthquake. Each family builds illegal additions.

2010
6 households sell their homes to the government and 2 families remain.

2014-
Courtyard House Plugins revitalize vacant spaces by modernizing living conditions. Original structures are left intact. Plugins do not disturb existing residents.
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Form of Plugin House defined by neighbors
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
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emerging and established Sound System hosts diversity through art. Started in 205 by a hundred friends, they than thirty thousand attendees each Saturday, July 21.