



NACHTLICHT-BÜHNE



In this **co-designed citizen science** project we create inventories of urban lights at unprecedented scales.

We will count all artificial light sources visible from publicly accessible spaces for selected areas in several German cities, covering a total of at least 6 km².

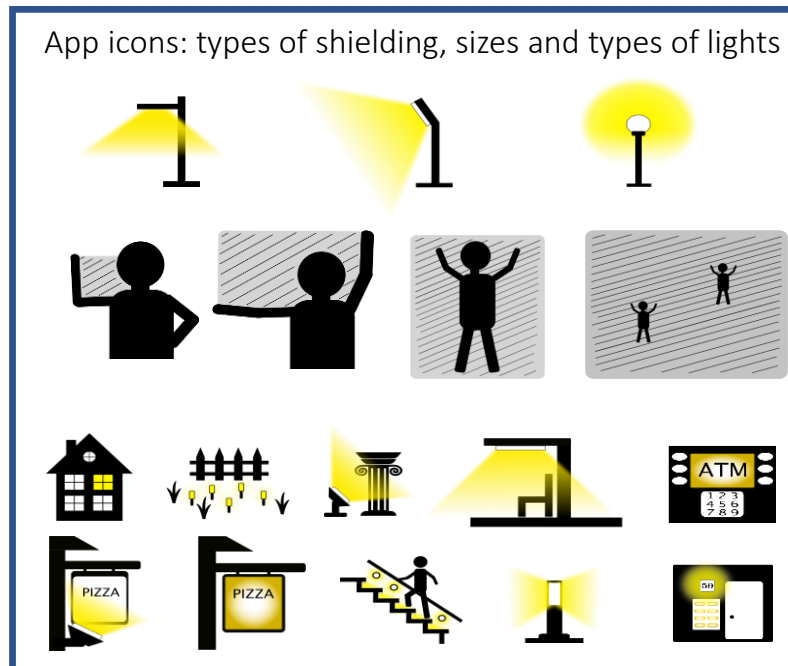
In German, **“Bühne”** means **“stage”**, and citizen scientists take center stage: they are involved in every step of the project.



METHODS

- Categorized outdoor lights into 18 discrete types in a co-design process
- Categories include public and private lighting, i.e. streetlights, traffic lights, floodlights, illuminated windows...
- Took hundreds of photographs to develop training materials for uniform observations by citizen scientists
- Measurement campaigns in German cities in fall of 2021 with observations in pre-defined street segments (transects)
- Data submitted via progressive web app

You are **welcome to test the app** and define your own street segments to count all lights!



OUTCOMES

To date, information on the number, type and location of outdoor lighting is lacking. We will produce the first **large-scale lighting inventories** in urban areas. to answer two questions:

- How do radiance observations from aerial or space-based platforms relate to the actual light sources on the ground? (i.e. **ground truthing** DNB and Luojia-1 imagery)
- How does the character of lighting change with varying land use?

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