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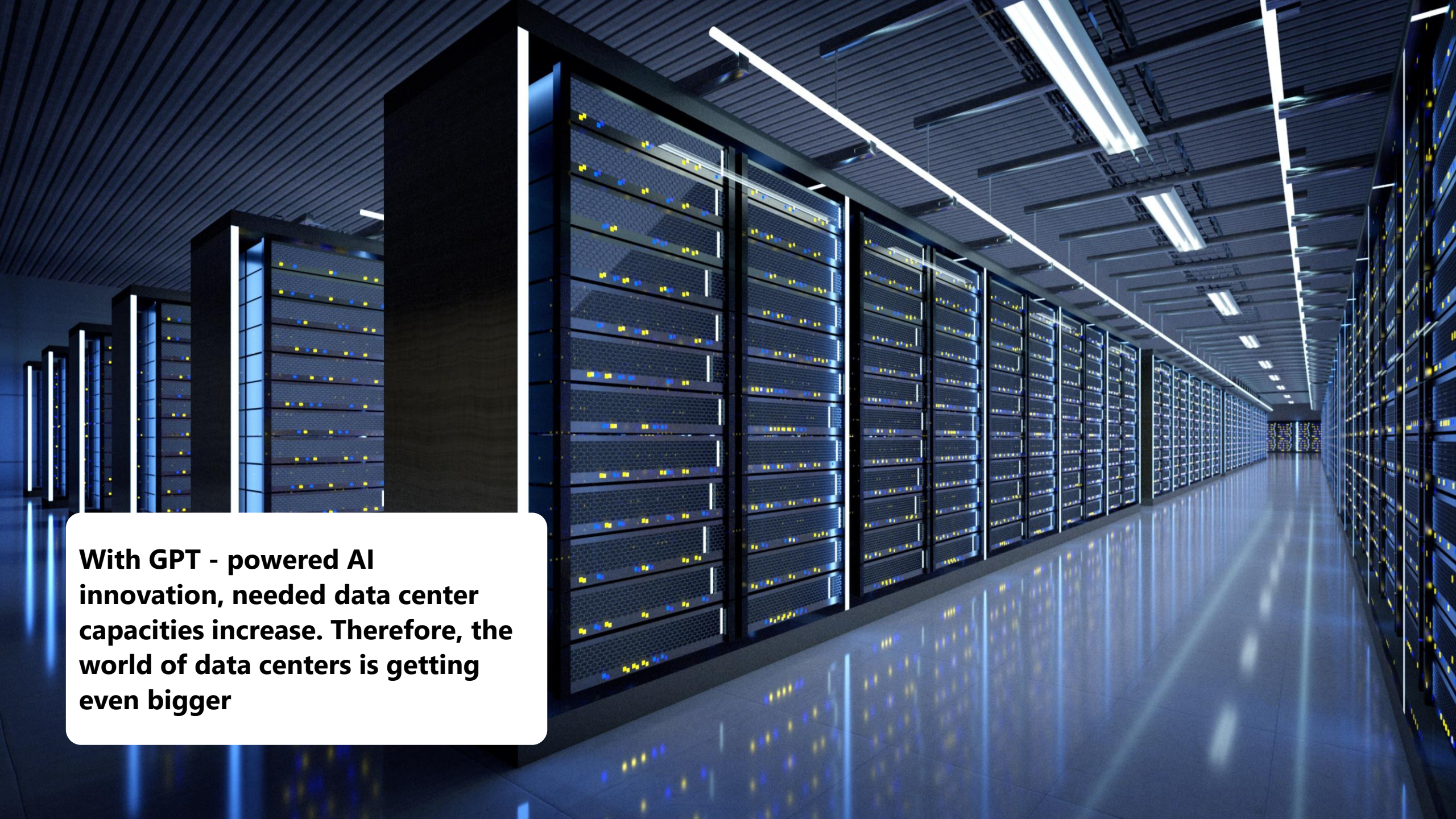
**Green heat from data centers**

# Bytes2Heat: Where Waste Heat meets Purpose


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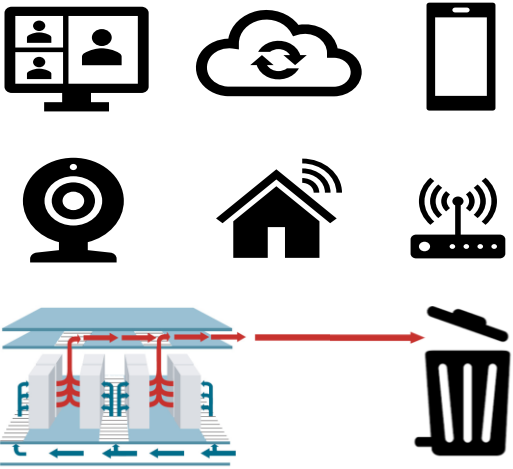
**With GPT - powered AI innovation, needed data center capacities increase. Therefore, the world of data centers is getting even bigger**



**While operating, data centers generate an immense amount of waste heat, which is often released into the environment without being utilized**

# Thus, data centers offer great potential for green heat, and the pressure to utilize it is increasing. This is where Bytes2Heat comes into play

## Increasing waste heat from DC



■ Kaltluft ■ Warmluft

Quelle: Eigene Darstellung (2021) in Anlehnung an BITKOM (2010), Energieeffizienz im Rechenzentrum, Umwelt & Energie, Band 2, S.16.

Unused waste heat offers increasing potential

## Pressure for utilisation increases



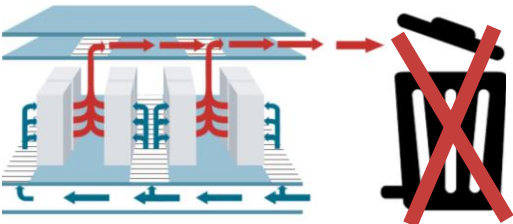
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Increasing pressure on data  
centers & heat customers

## Bytes2Heat = Solution



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# The mission of Bytes2Heat is to make waste heat from data centers usable and to resolve existing challenges so waste is put to good use

## Challenges



### Technical barriers

e. g. too low waste heat temperatures as well as the need for 24/365 heat extraction



### Economic barriers

e.g., high investment requirements outside the actual core business



### Lack of communication

e.g., lack of clarity about possible matches for different stakeholder needs



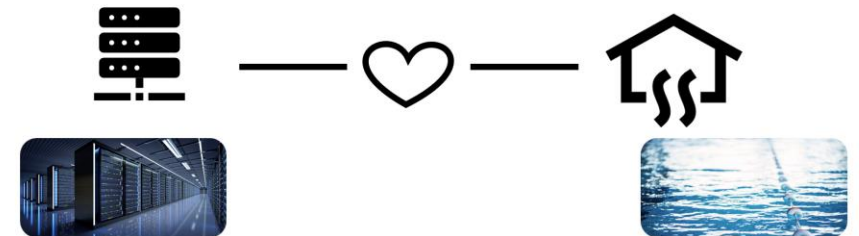
### Legal barriers

e. g. concern about dependencies and legal and tax disadvantages

## Mission



**Bytes2Heat aims to help make waste heat from data centers economically viable and overcome existing barriers**



# For Bytes2Heat, a competent team and network of experts comes together to harness the heat-power of data centers

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## Expert network

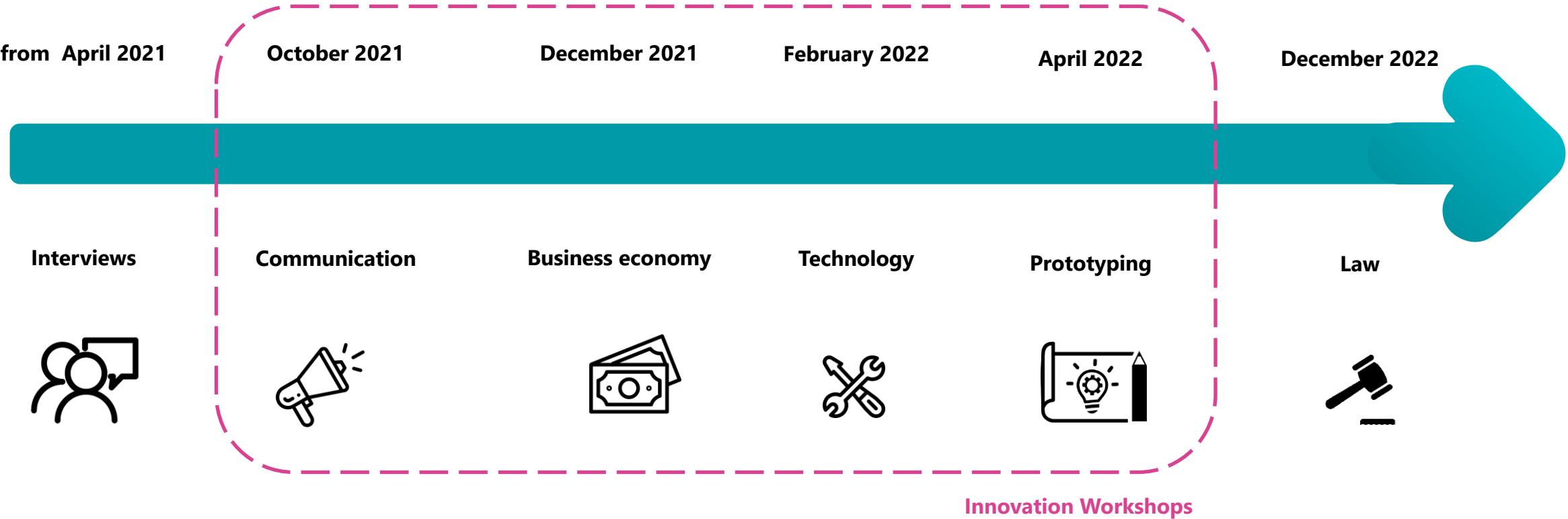


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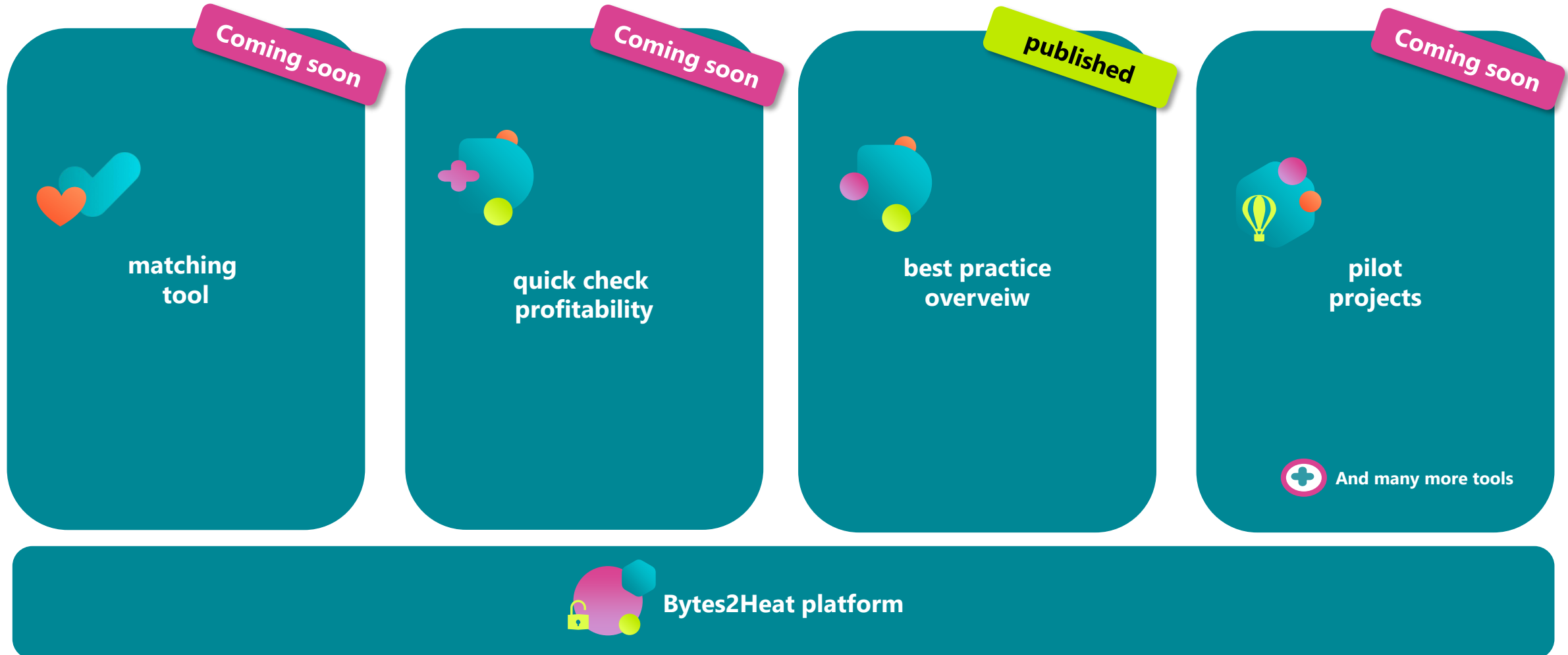


# This team conducted numerous interviews and workshops to find innovative solutions for resolving challenges of waste heat utilization

Timeline of the Bytes2Heat innovation workshops



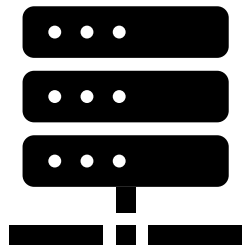
Based on the solutions outlined, the project team is currently developing different tools, pilot projects and the Bytes2Heat-platform



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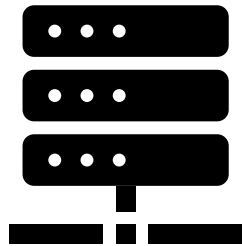


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# With our Bytes2Heat **quick check**, the profitability of potential waste heat recovery projects can be quickly calculated

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# The **best practice overview** shows how waste heat from data centers can be used. With 99 examples from all over the world



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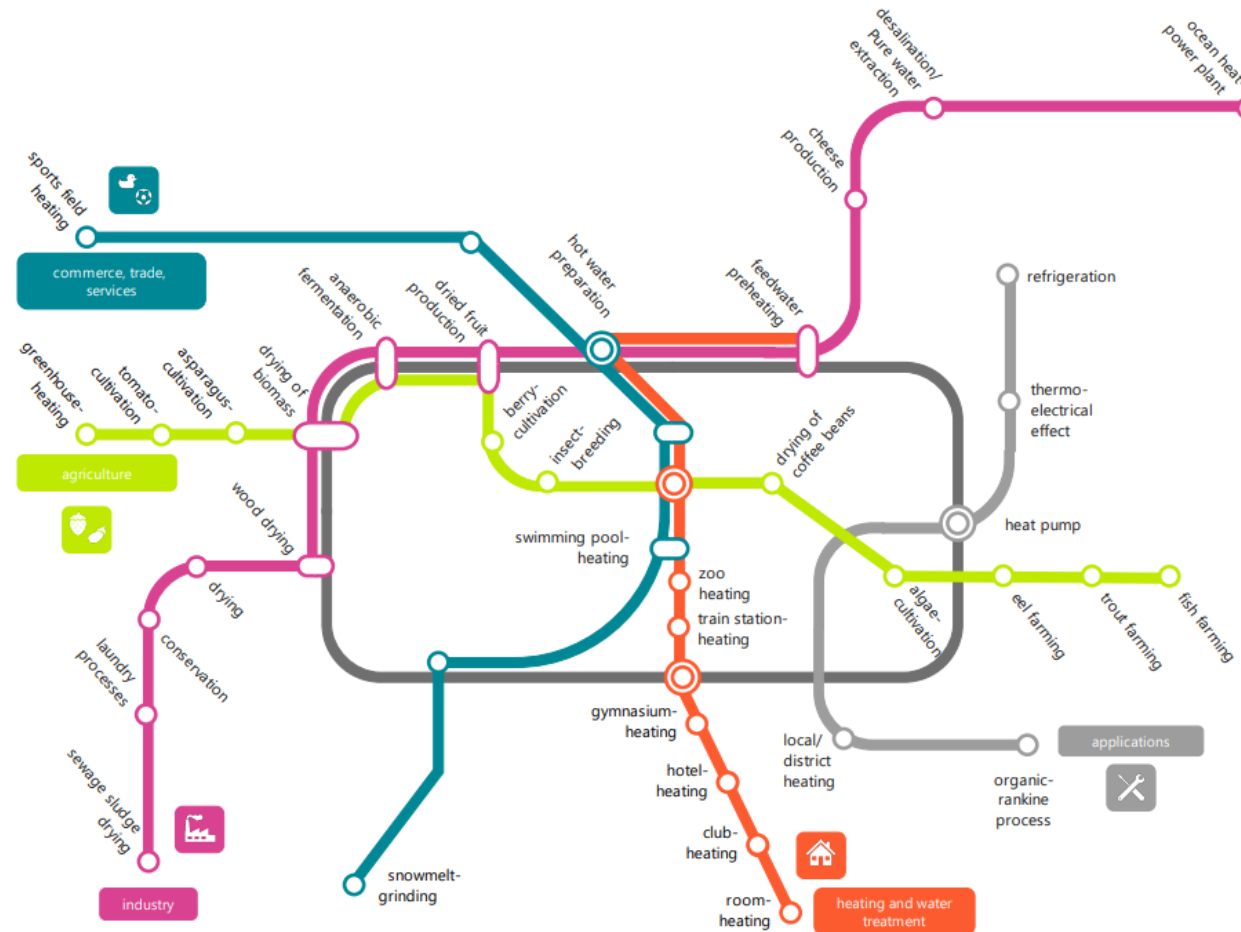
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# Our **heatmap** shows that the **possibilities for utilizing waste heat from data centers** are diverse with no limits to creativity

## Bytes2Heat Heatmap



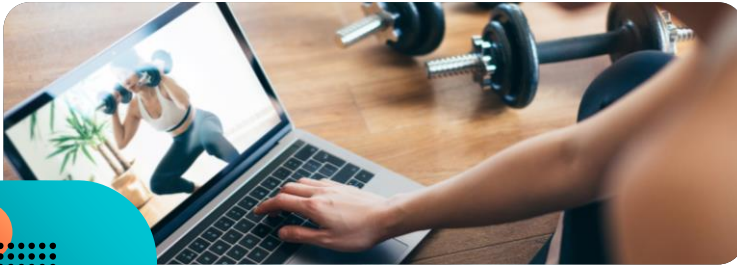
# From algae cultivation to zoo heating, there could be an application for everyone



# Best-Practice Insights: most examples have more than 4 MW IT power, 20-30°C waste heat and 50-70°C utilization temperatures

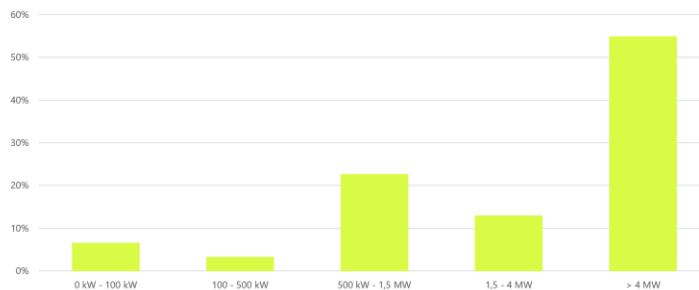
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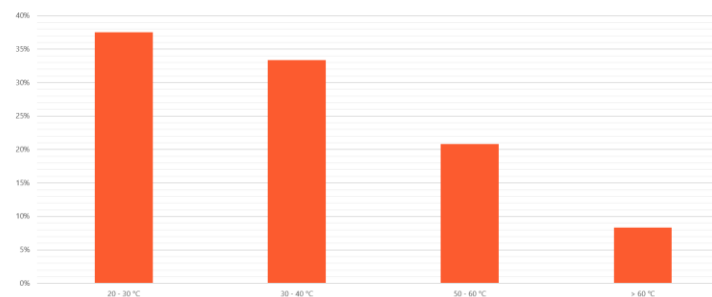
## IT Power

Most data center waste heat examples in our overview have an IT power of more than 4 MW (n=31)



## Waste Heat Temperature

Waste heat temperature typically ranges from 20-30 °C in the examples we have identified (n=24)



## Utilization Temperature

The utilization temperature for waste heat from data centers is commonly between 50-70 °C (n=19)





# **Best-Practice Overview Launch**

Register now for the  
presentation on May 17th,  
2023 from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM  
to get more insights



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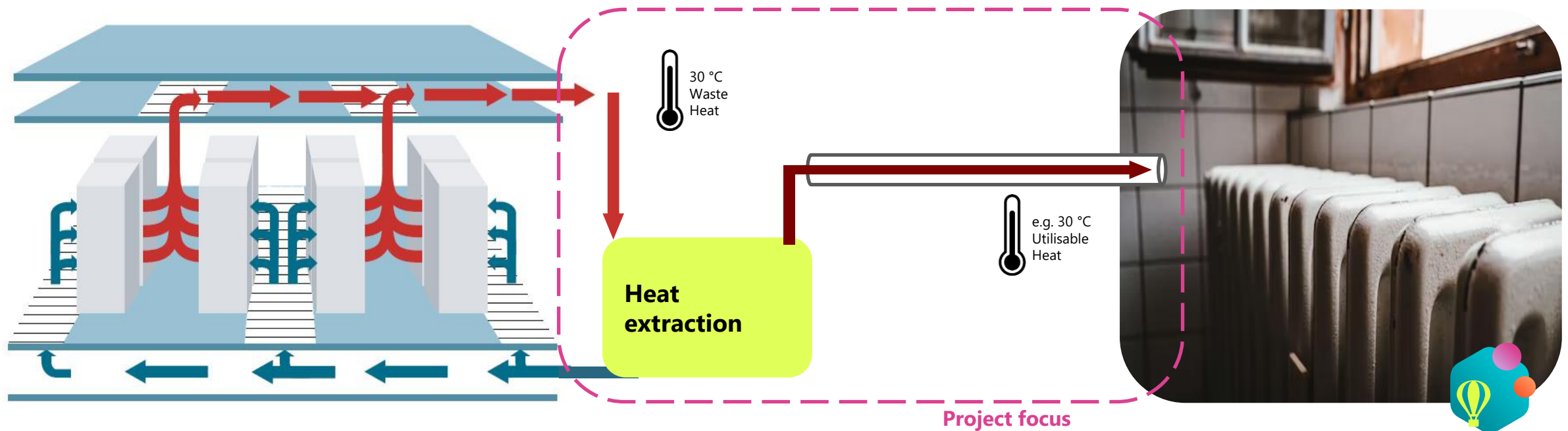
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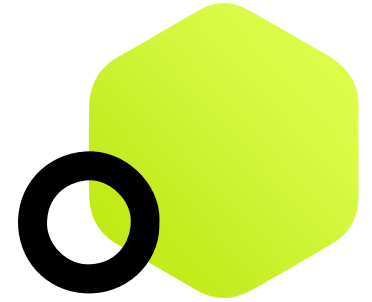
# Pilot projects that Bytes2Heat initiates will also be announced on this platform – e.g. heating neighborhoods with waste heat

Possible use of waste heat in the neighborhood



■ Cold air ■ Warm air

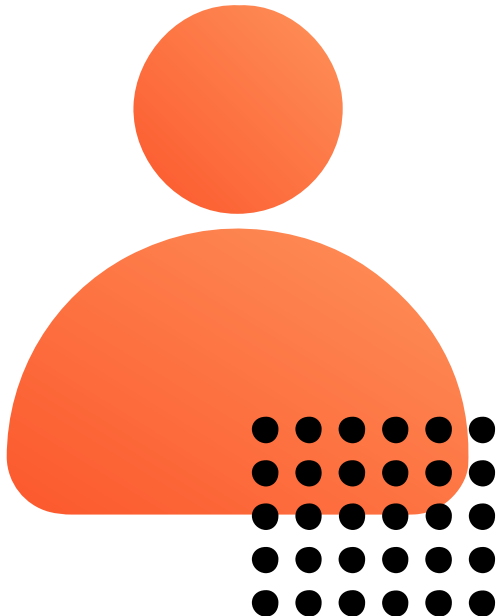
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**Let's unlock the power of  
waste heat from data  
centers together!**

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**We look forward to your  
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