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Confluent Momentum-at-a-Glance

Founded in 2014 by the Original Creators of Apache Kafka

5	Total Revenue	\$777
$\overline{(}_{s}$	Confluent Cloud Revenue	\$349
S	Non-GAAP Operating Margin (OM)	(7.4%
	Dollar-Based Net Retention Rate	Slight
2	Customers with ≥ \$100K in ARR	1,22

¹TAM calculations performed by Confluent; source: Gartner, Forecast: Enterprise Infrastructure Software, Worldwide, 2020-2026, 2Q22 Update, June 2022; source: Gartner, Forecast: Enterprise Application Software, Worldwide, August 2022.

Note: Financials and metrics other than TAM data are as of or for stated period ended December 31, 2023.

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7M / +33% YoY

9M / +65% YoY

%) / +23pts YoY

ntly Above 125%

29 / +21% YoY



Confluent is on a mission to set data in motion







New use cases need new capabilities

This requires total connectivity and instant reaction, all the time, in real-time

Personalized Recommendations

Loyalty **Rewards**

Dynamic Pricing

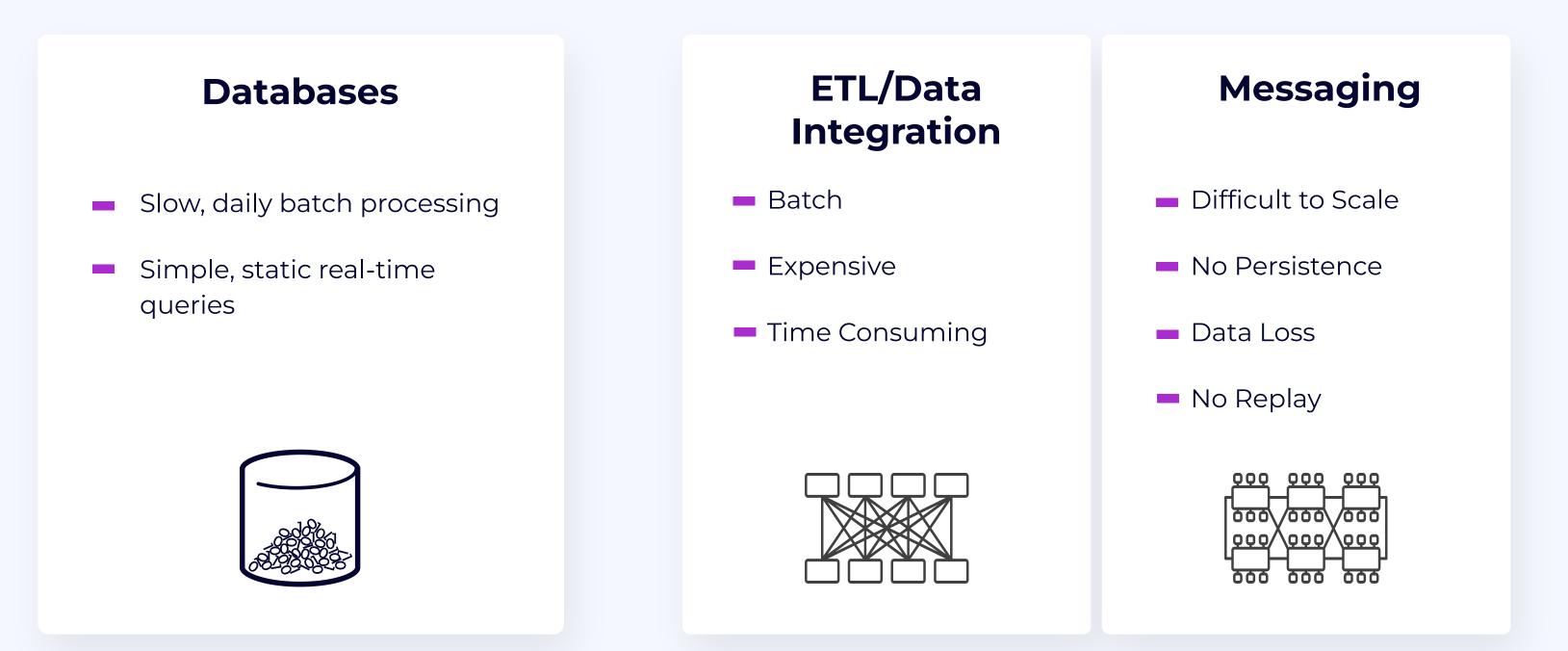
Cybersecurity

Transportation Optimization

Payment Verification

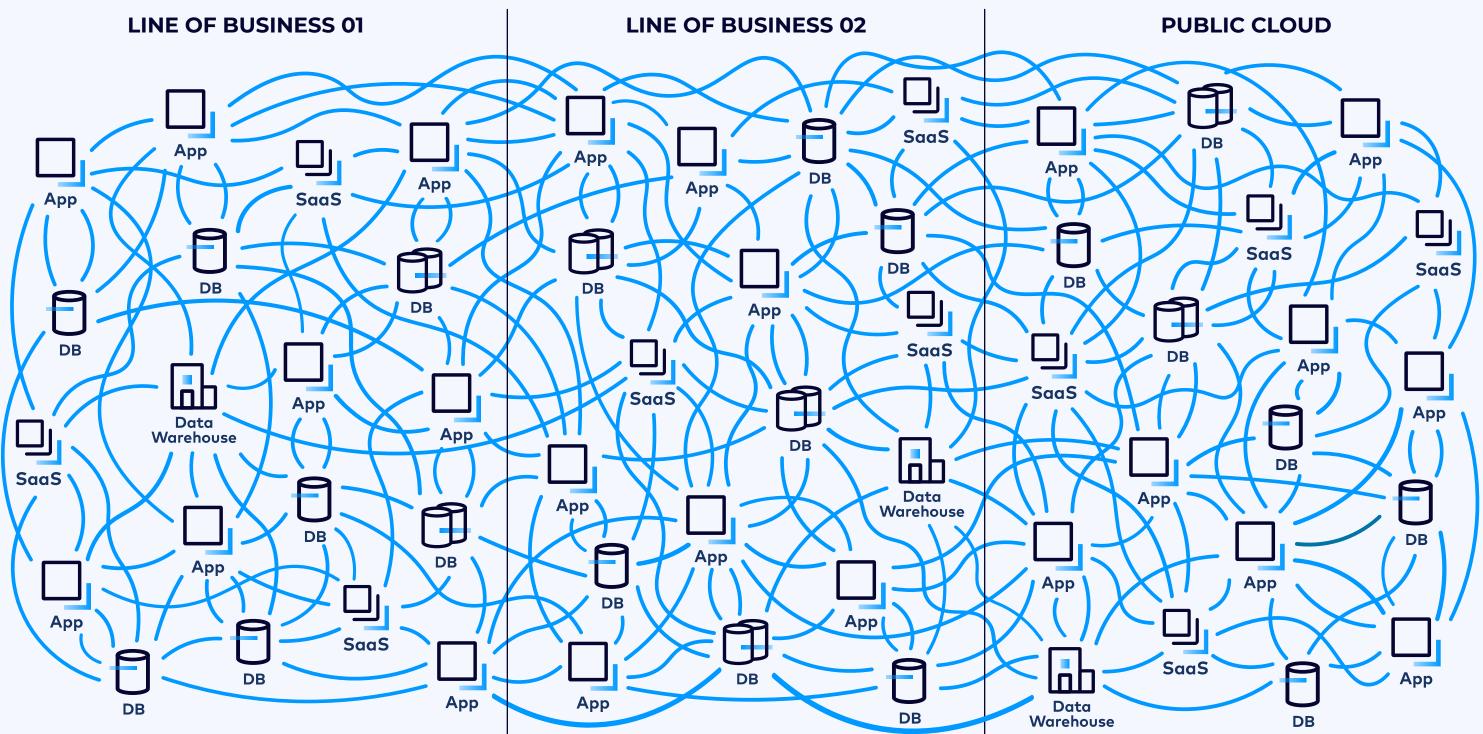
The Problems with Data at Rest and Legacy Movement Tools

Data at Rest

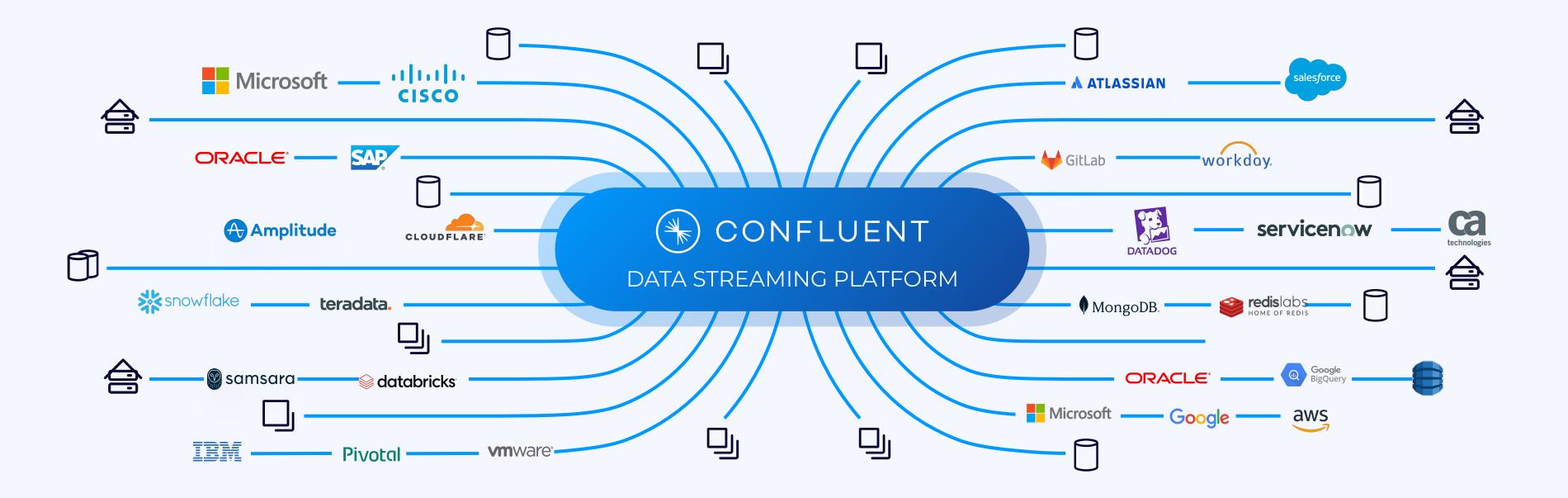


Legacy Data Movement Tools

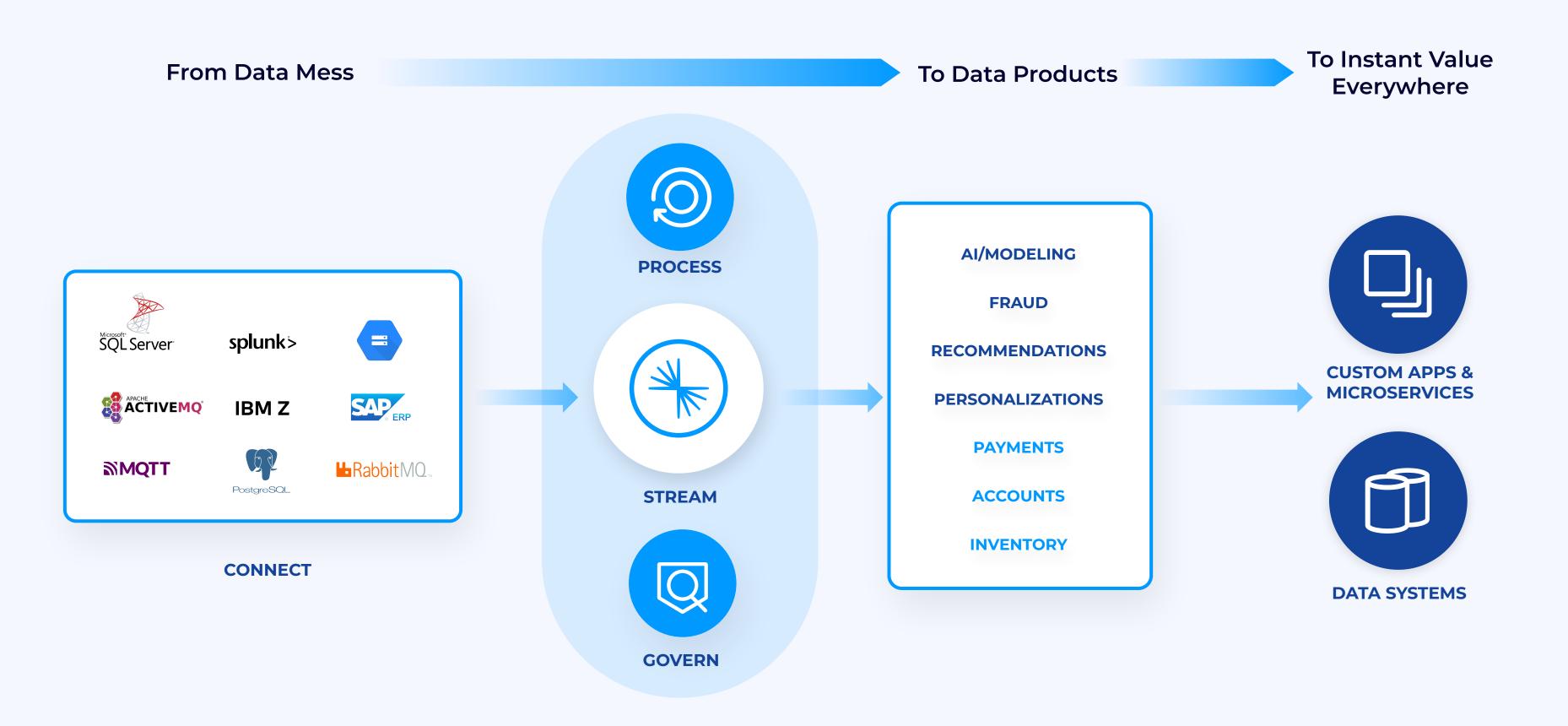
Databases Bring Point-in-Time Queries to Stored Data; This Leads to a **Giant Mess** in Data Architecture



From Giant Mess to Central Nervous System



A New Paradigm for Data in Motion: Data Streaming

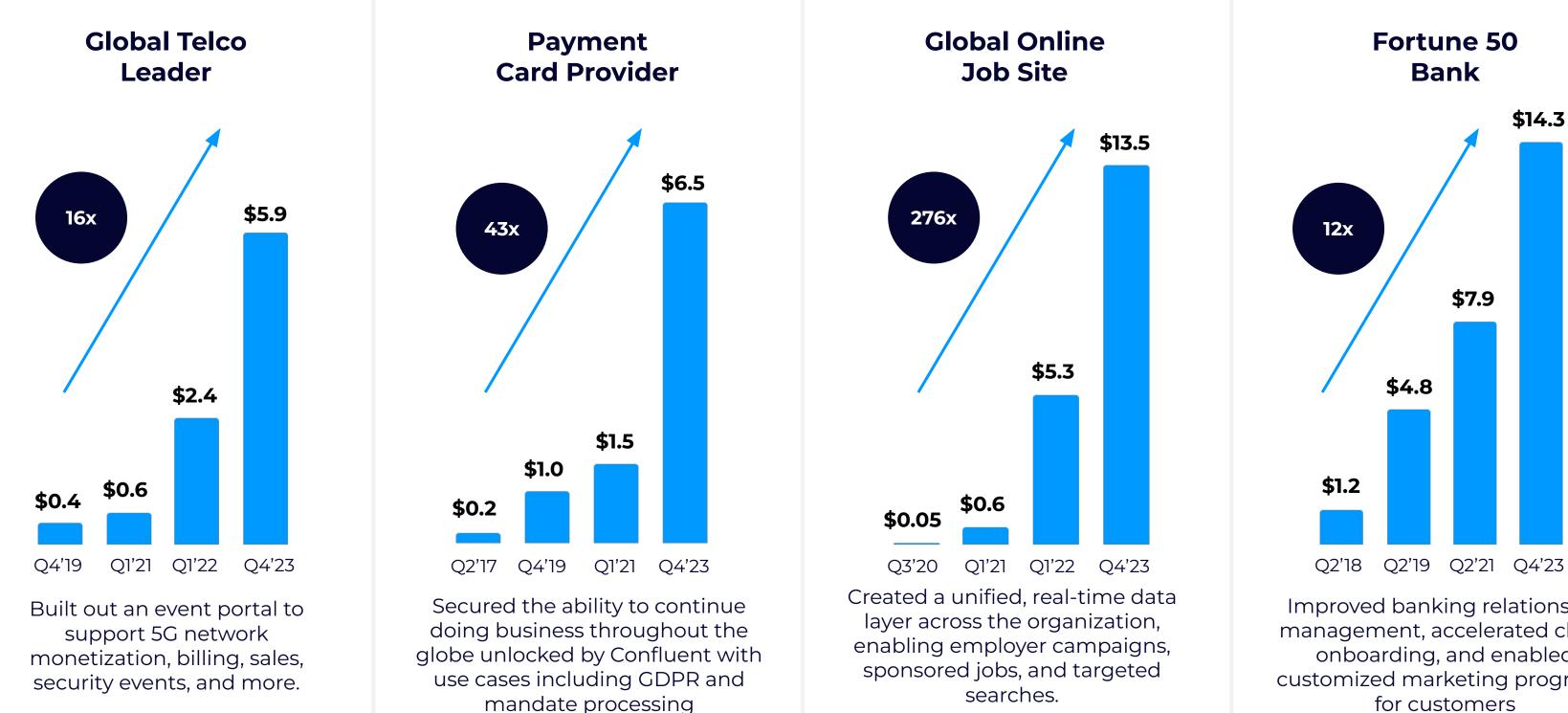


Proven Success Across Industries



Customer Expansion Journey Case Studies

ARR \$ in millions



Note: The expansion multiple is calculated based on the land ARR and the Q4'23 ending ARR, using actual unrounded numbers. The customer examples shown on this slide are illustrative only and may not be representative of growth of other customers within the same vertical(s).

Improved banking relationship management, accelerated client onboarding, and enabled customized marketing programs for customers

Use Cases Across All Industries

Retail	Inventory Management	Personalized Promotions	Product Development & Introduction	Sentiment Analysis	Streaming Enterprise Messaging	Systems of Scale for High Traffic Periods
Healthcare	Connected Health Records	Data Confidentiality & Accessibility	Dynamic Staff Allocation Optimization	Integrated Treatment	Proactive Patient Care	Real-Time Monitoring
Finance & Banking	Early-On Fraud Detection	Capital Management	Market Risk Recognition & Investigation	Preventive Regulatory Scanning	Real-Time What-If Analysis	Trade Flow Monitoring
Transportation	Advanced Navigation	Environmental Factor Processing	Fleet Management	Predictive Maintenance	Threat Detection & Real-Time Response	Traffic Distribution Optimization
Transportation Teleco					& Real-Time	Distribution

Why Confluent Wins



Product Differentiation

Cloud-native: Re-imagined Kafka for the Cloud

Complete: Enable developers to reliably & securely build next-gen apps faster

Everywhere: Be everywhere customers want to be

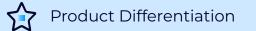


Product Led: Getting customers' hands on product early to qualify and deliver faster time-to value

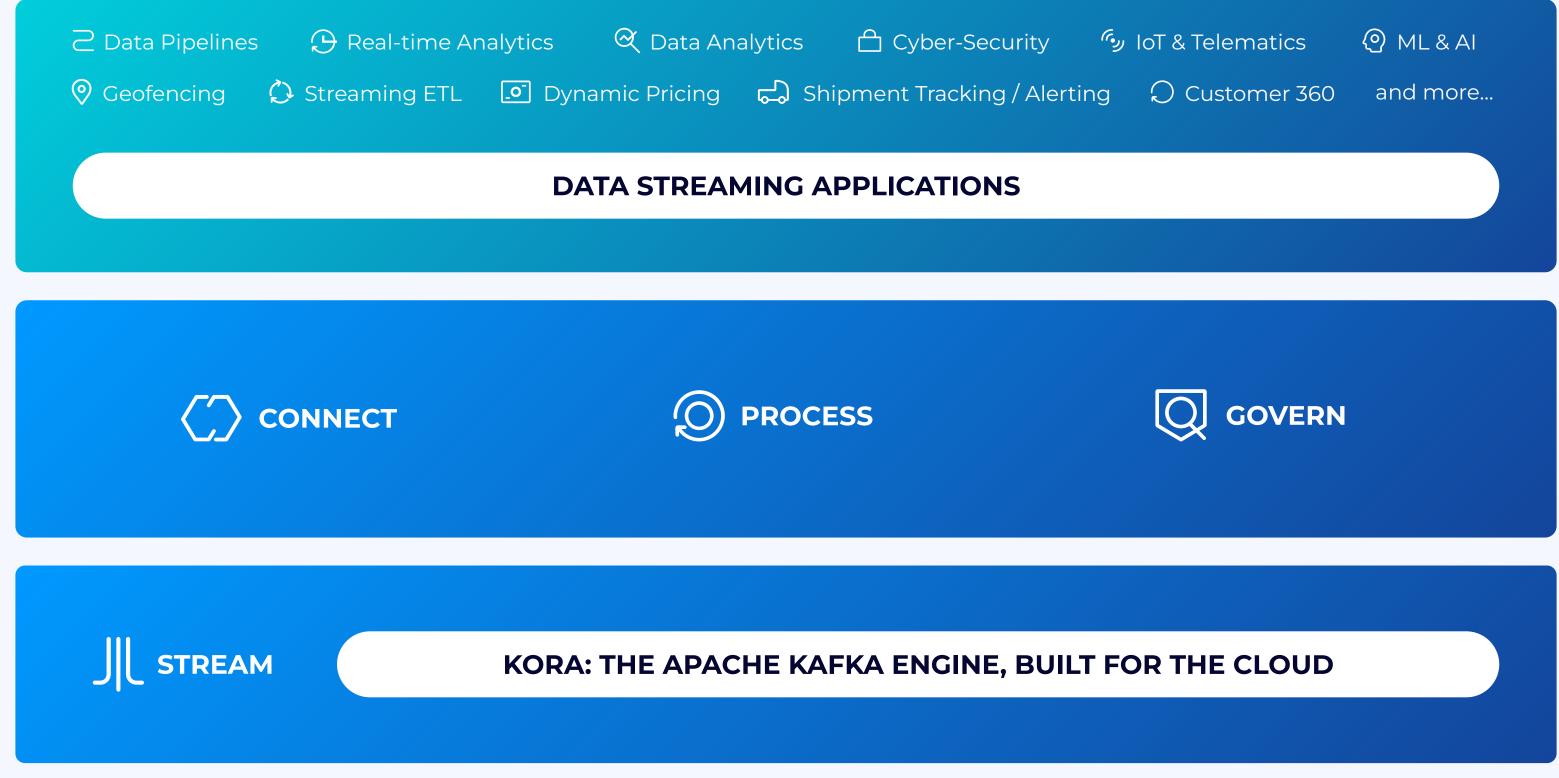
Consumption Oriented: Customer health and actual usage are primary indicators for customer success

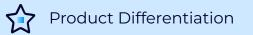
Purpose Built for Data in Motion Journey: Targeted features and expertise from early stage to Central Nervous System

Customer Growth Go-To-Market Model

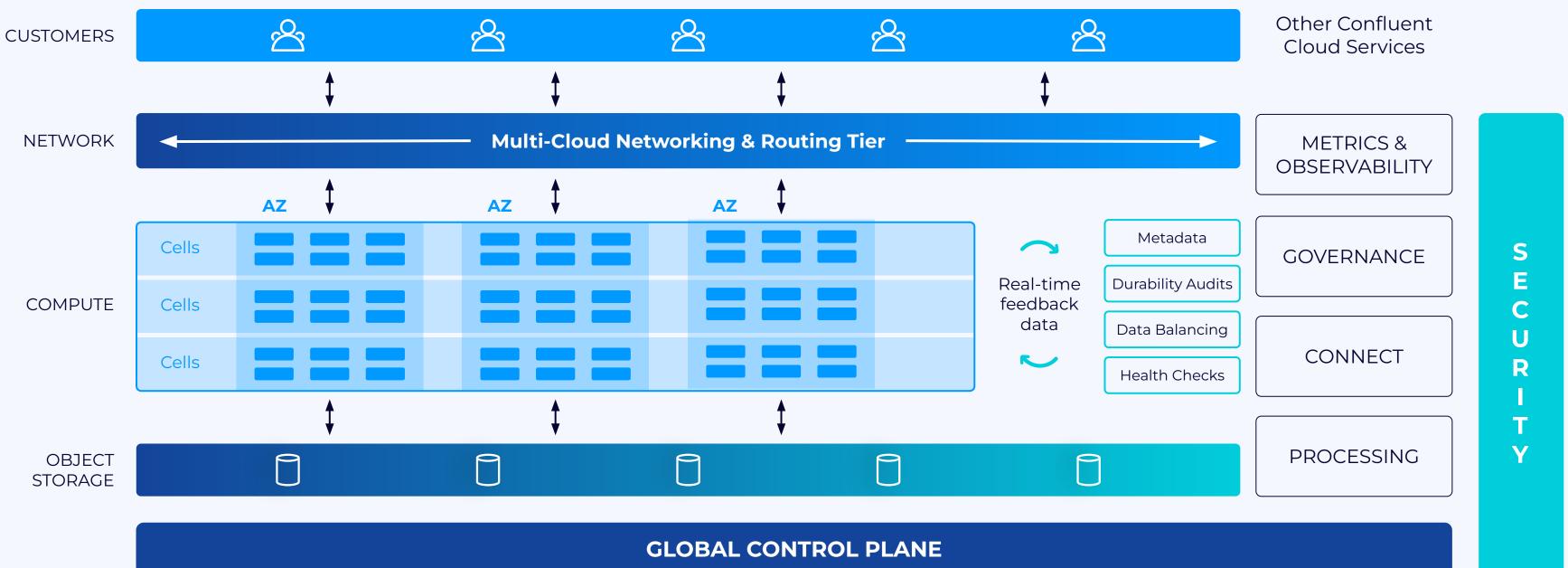


The Confluent Data Streaming Platform Stream + Connect + Process + Govern





Confluent's Cloud Advantage: Kora Architecture



30X ELASTICITY

Scale to handle GBps+ workloads and peak customer demands 30x faster without operational burden

10X RESILIENCY

Ensure high availability and offload Kafka ops with 99.99% uptime SLA, multi-AZ clusters, and no-touch Kafka patches

∞X STORAGE

Never worry about Kafka storage again with Intelligent Tiered Storage and Infinite Retention



Stronger Capabilities, With Up to 60% Lower TCO





Development & Operations Personnel



DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS SAVINGS WITH CONFLUENT



Higher Utilization of Infrastructure

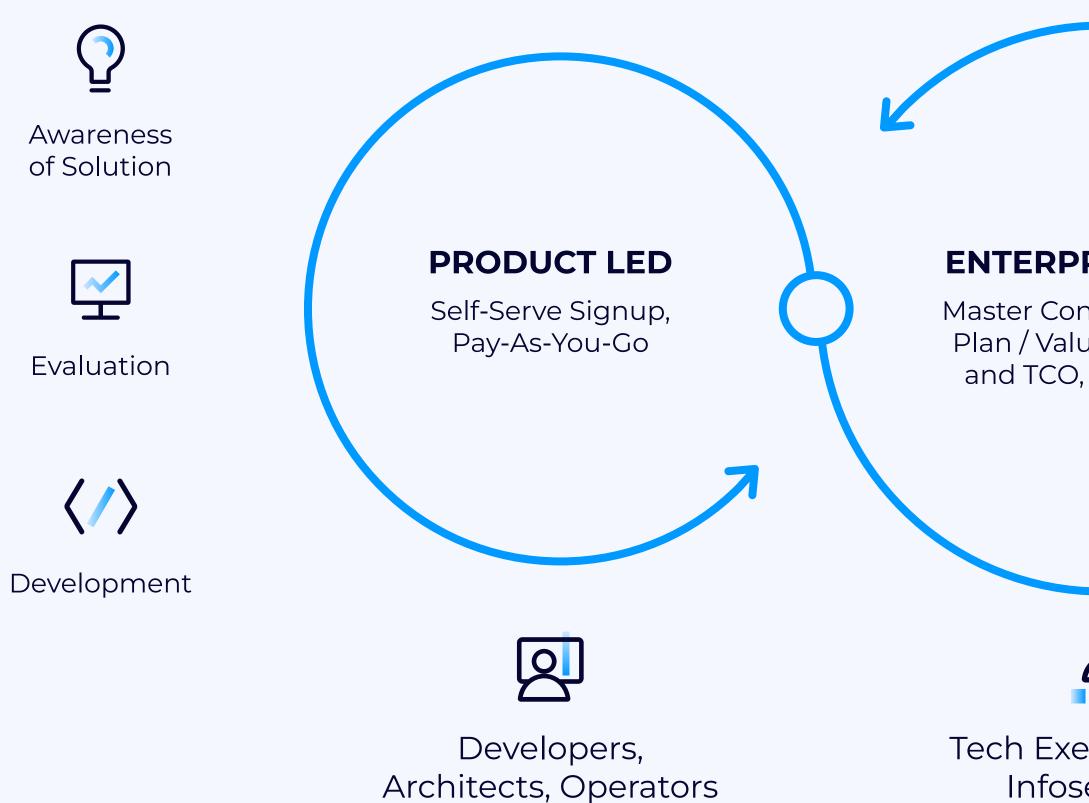


Software-driven Operations



Real-time Monitoring & Validation

Product Led Complements Enterprise Sales GTM Motion



ENTERPRISE SALES

Master Contract, Success Plan / Value Realization and TCO, Governance



Mission Critical



Production

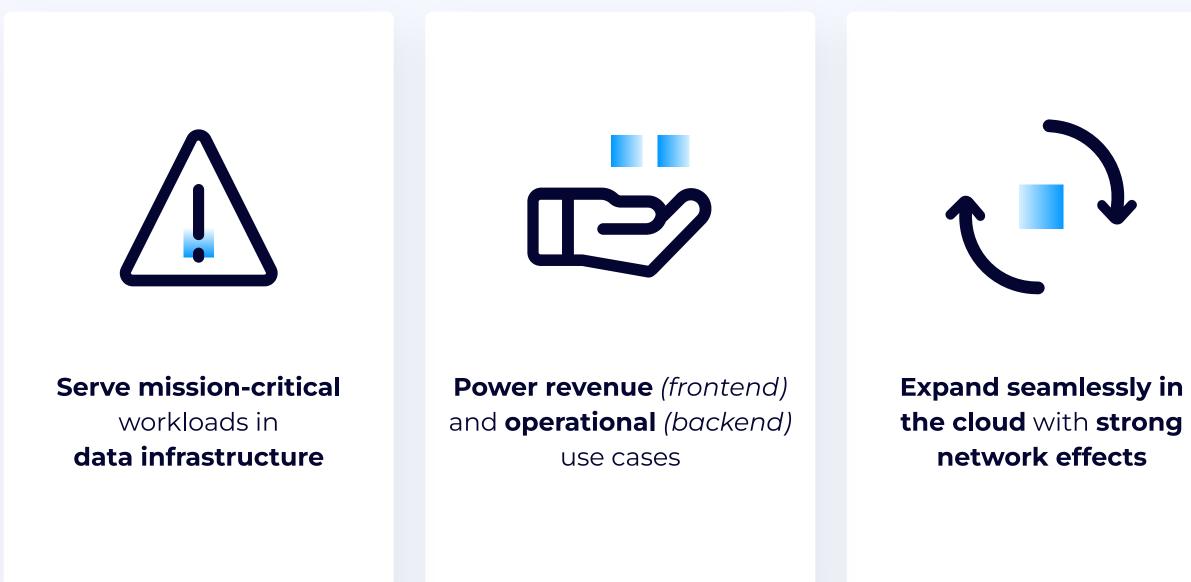


Central Nervous System



Tech Exec, CIO/CTO, Infosec/CISO

Our Powerful and Differentiated Cloud Consumption Model





Moving up the stack with Flink and capitalizing on Cloud and Gen Al opportunities

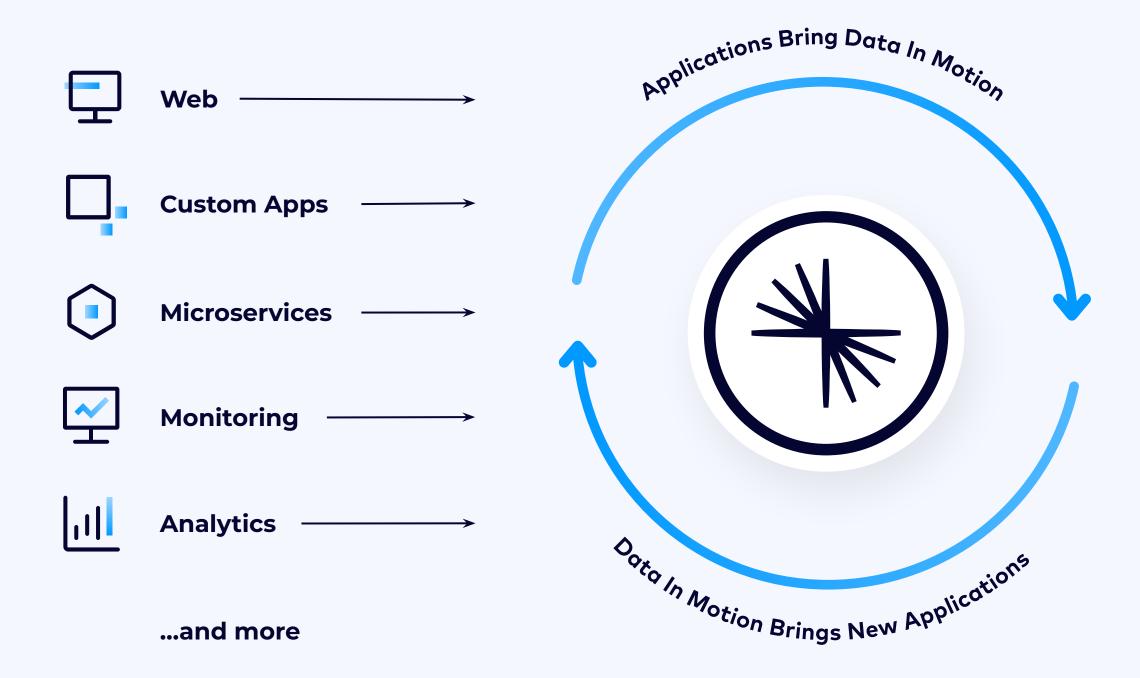
Data in Motion Journey



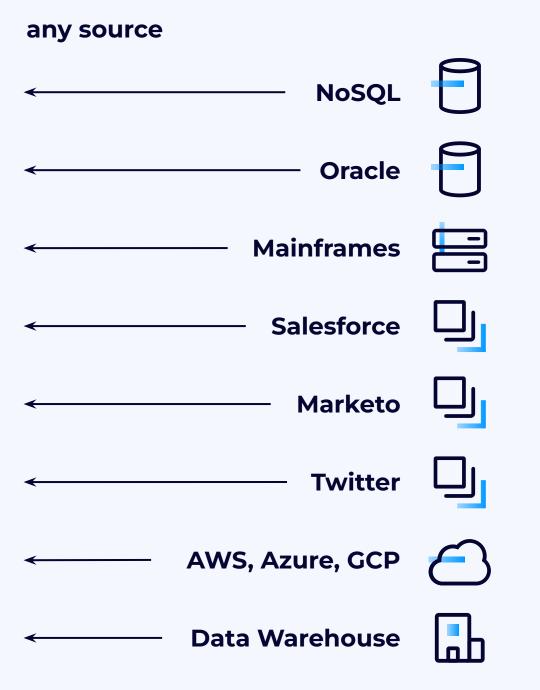




Network Effects Drive Further Expansion



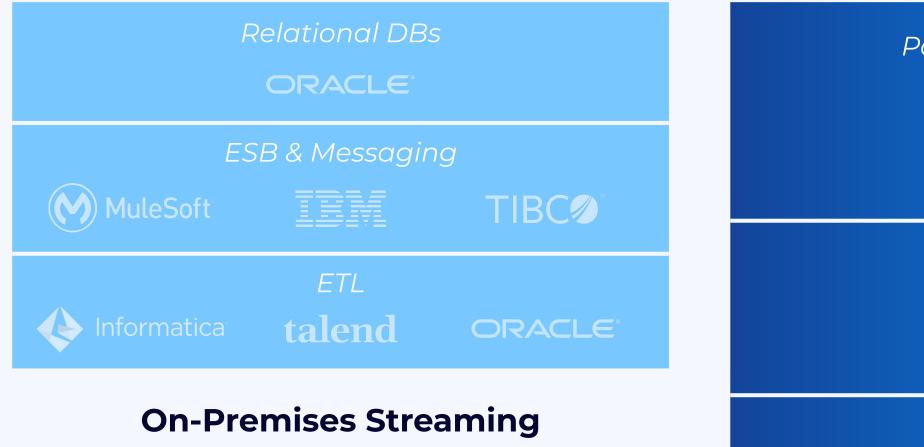




any destination

Competitive Landscape







Cloud Providers

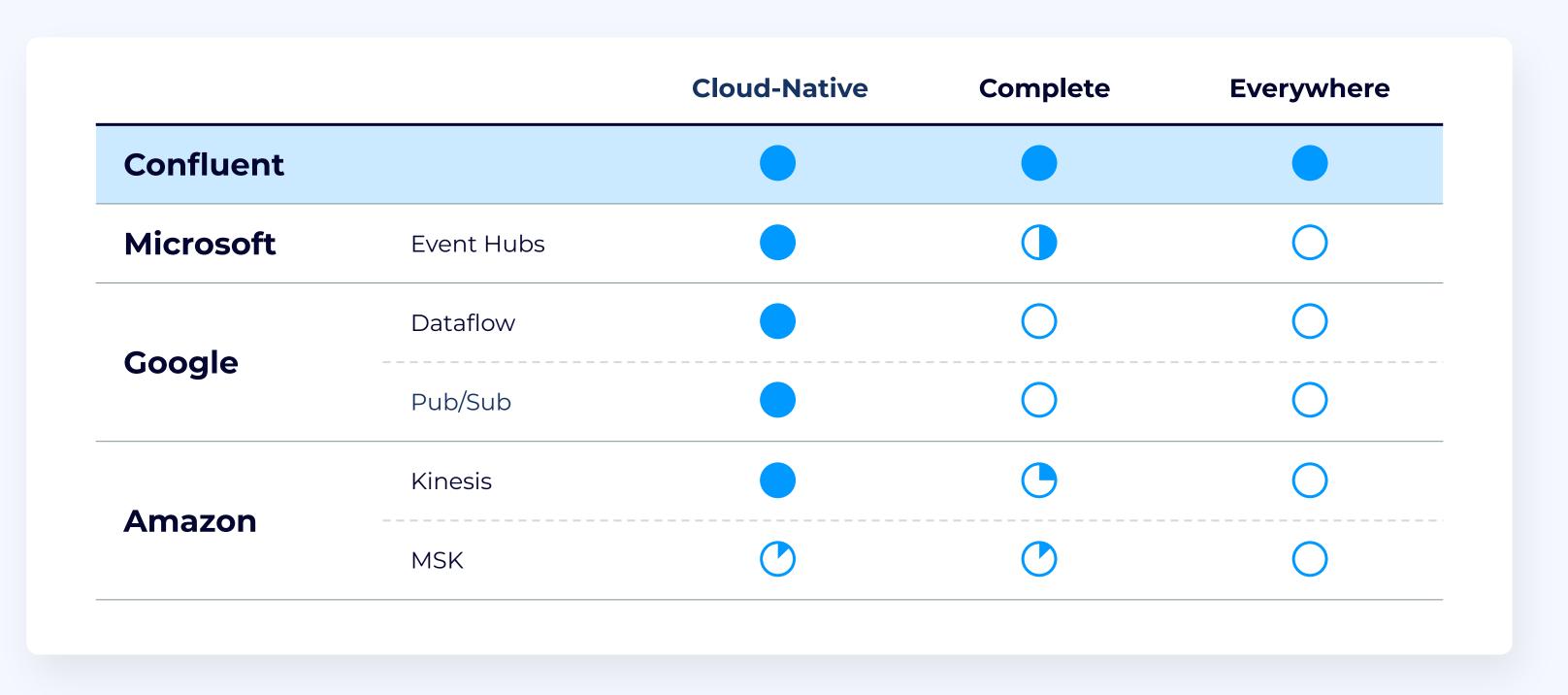
Partners & Competitors







Cloud Competitive Landscape



Multiple Levers of Growth in a Large and Growing TAM



One Team, One Mission: Set Data in Motion



Jay Kreps Co-Founder & CEO

Linked in



Jun Rao **Co-Founder** Linked in



Erica Schultz

President, Field Operations

New Relic. ORACLE



Rohan Sivaram Chief Financial Officer

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Melanie Vinson Chief Legal Officer

workday.



Christina Liu Chief Accounting Officer





Chad Verbowski Chief Technology Officer

Google Microsoft



Rey Perez Chief Customer Officer

New Relic. ORACLE



Shaun Clowes Chief Product Officer

MuleSoft 🛦 ATLASSIAN







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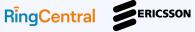
Alyssa Henry Former CEO at Square



Gunjan Aggarwal

Chief People Officer









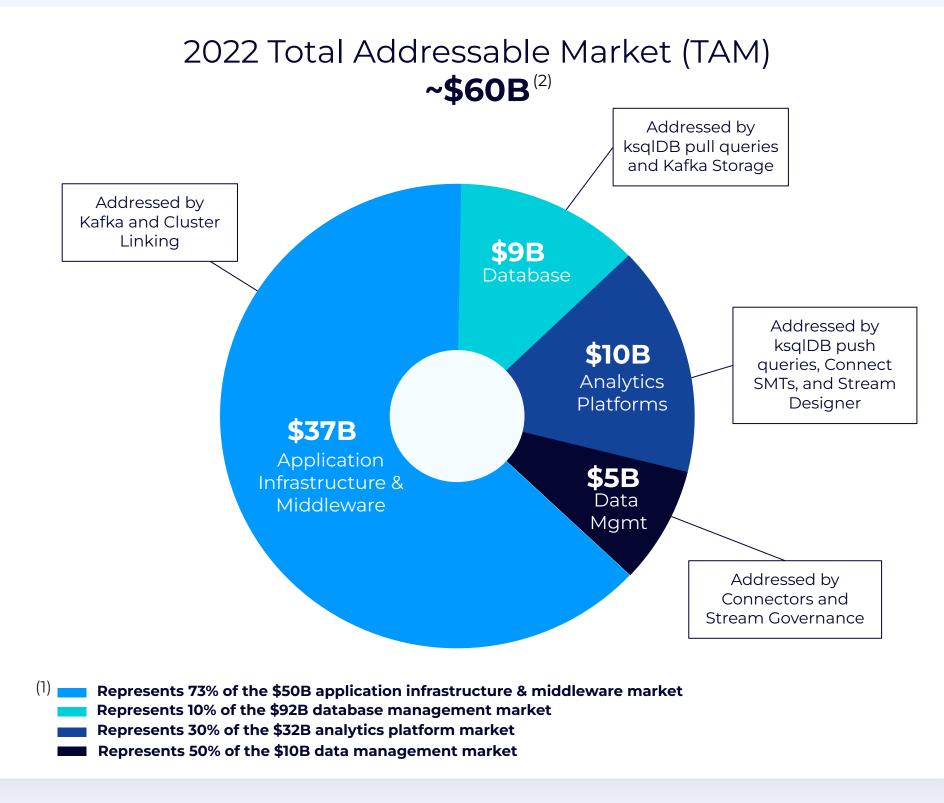
Hemanth Vedagarbha **Global Head of Sales**

ORACLE

Financial Highlights



A New Data Category, A Large Market Opportunity



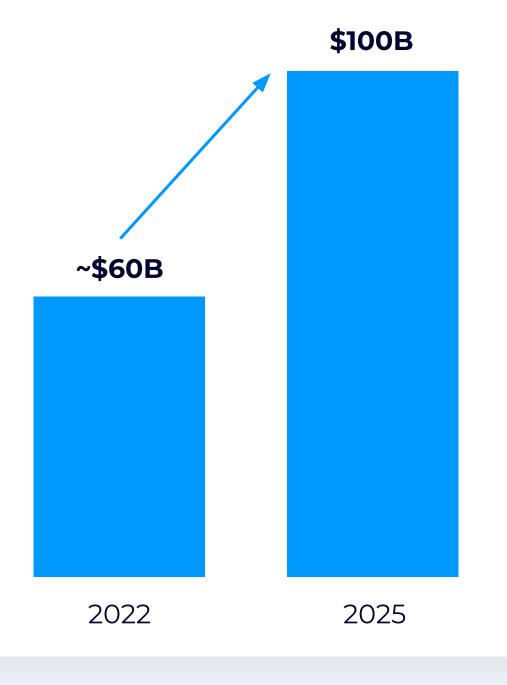
(1) Market size based on Gartner estimates from

- Forecast: Enterprise Infrastructure Software, Worldwide, 2020-2026, 2Q22 Update. Published 30 June 2022. Arunasree Cheparthi et al.
- Forecast Analysis: Enterprise Application Software, Worldwide. Published 3 August 2022. Amarendra et al.

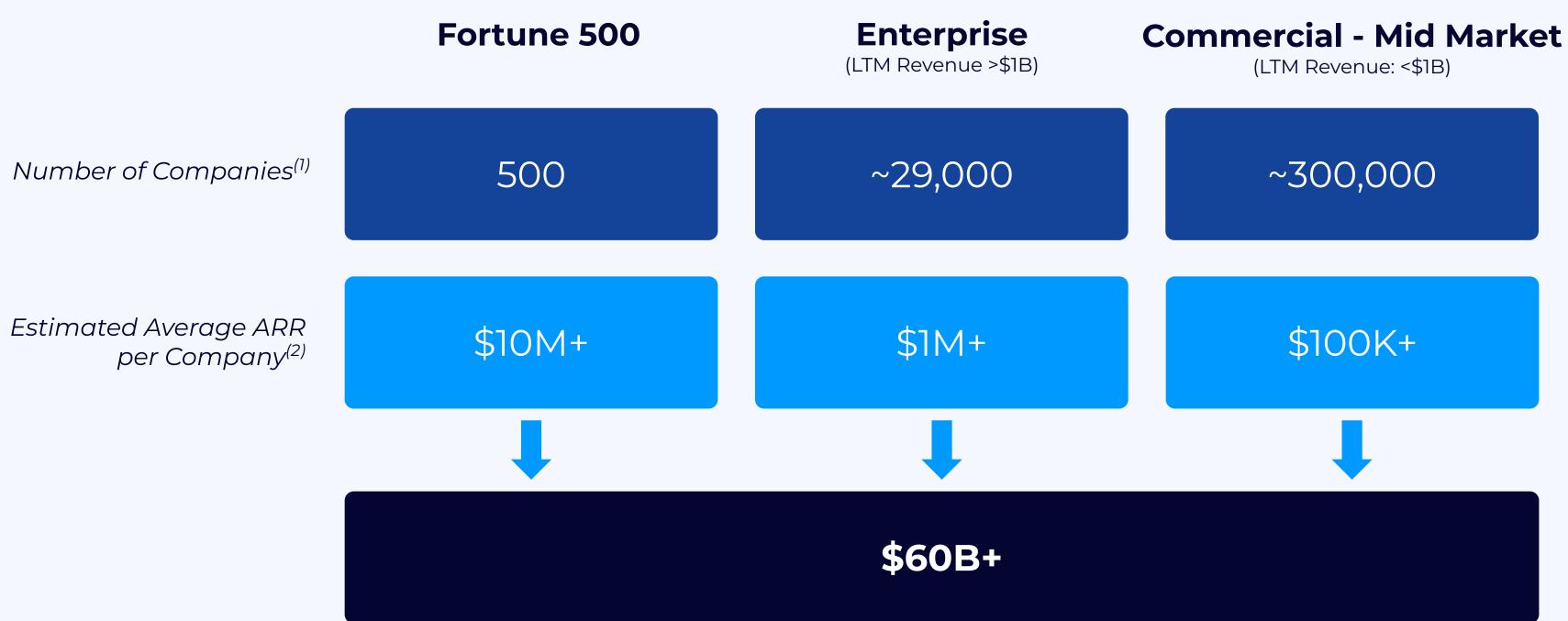
(2) Confluent product share based on internal analysis of use cases in each Gartner market category addressable with generally available Confluent products (3) Confluent TAM based on estimated share of each Gartner market from 2022 to 2025, which is tied to our current product offering and planned product roadmap



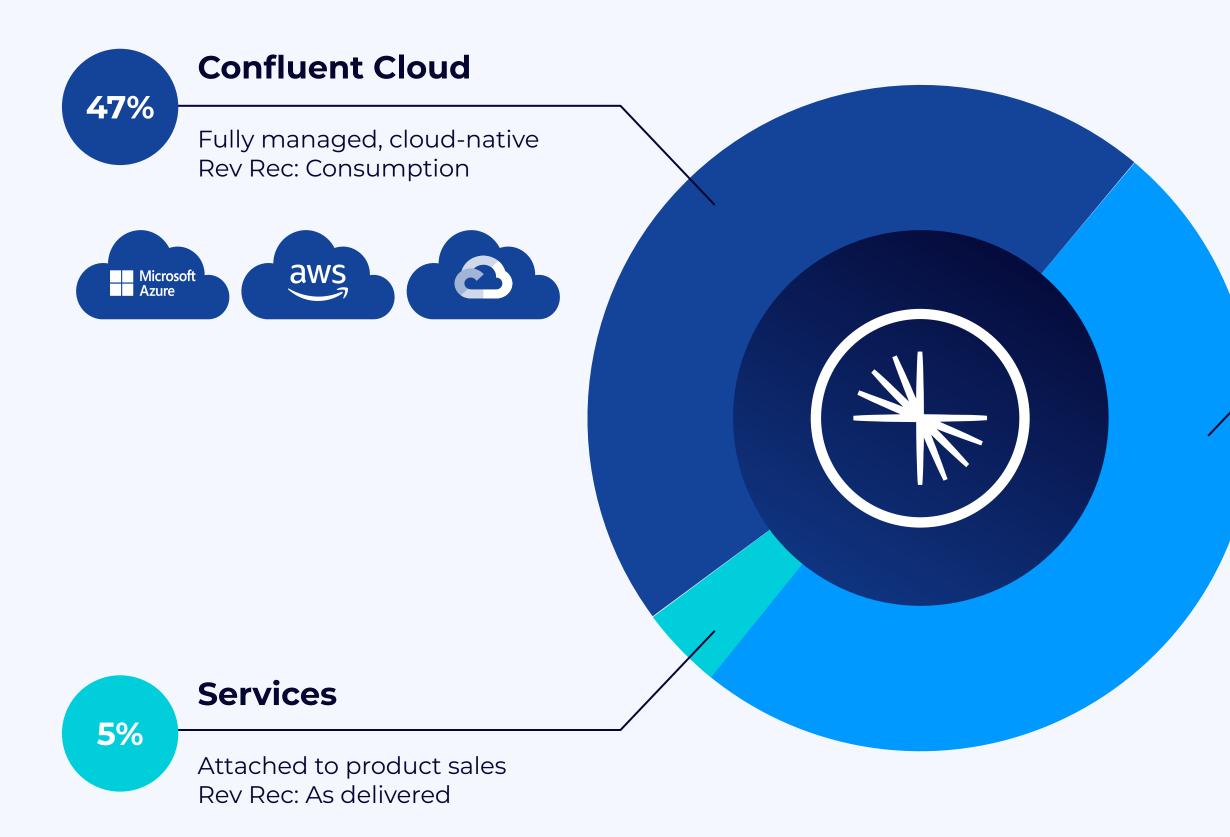
2022-2025 TAM Growth ⁽³⁾ **19% CAGR**



Bottoms-up View of Our 2022 Addressable Market



The Power of Our Hybrid Model



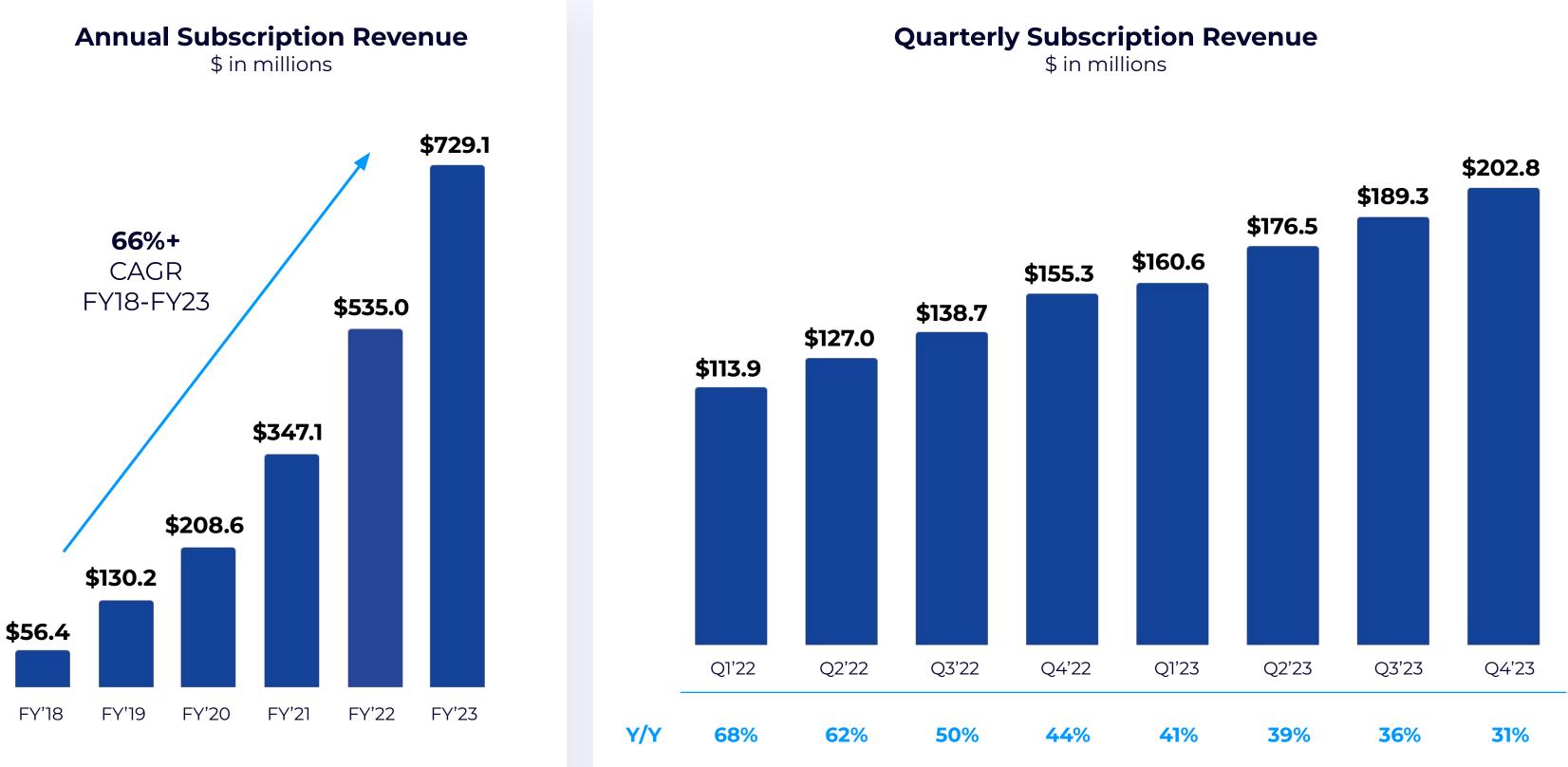
Confluent Platform

Self-managed software Rev Rec: Upfront & ratable



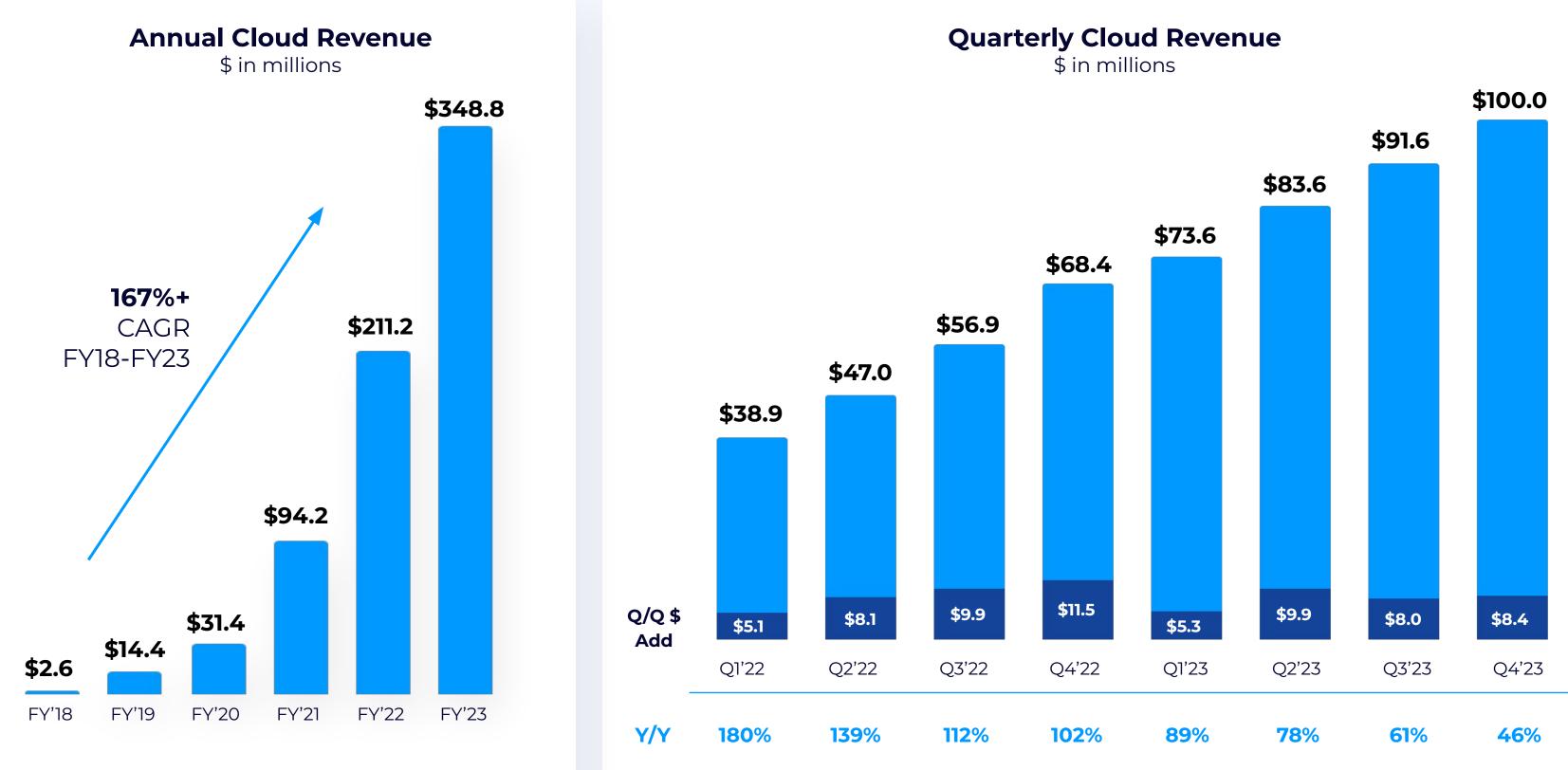
48%

Subscription Revenue

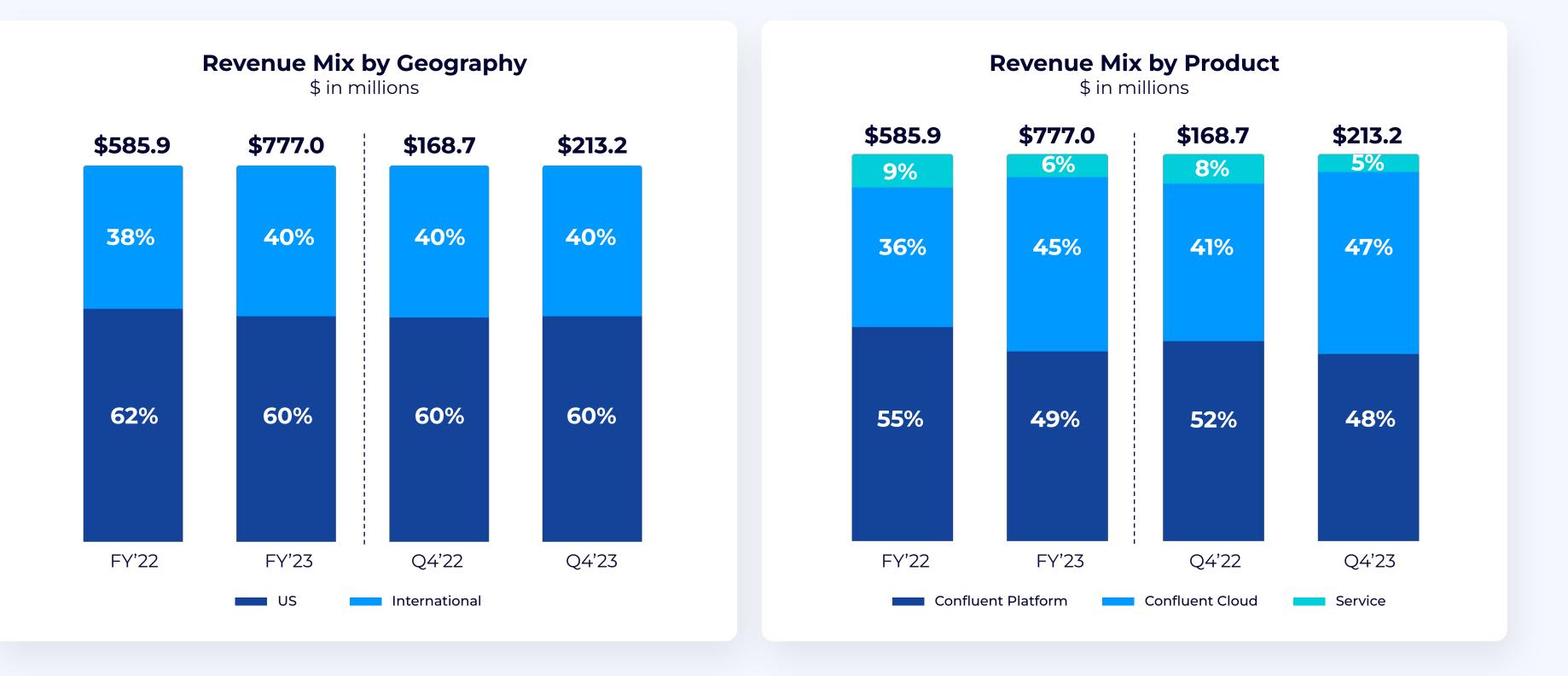




Confluent Cloud Revenue



Revenue Mix by Geography and Product



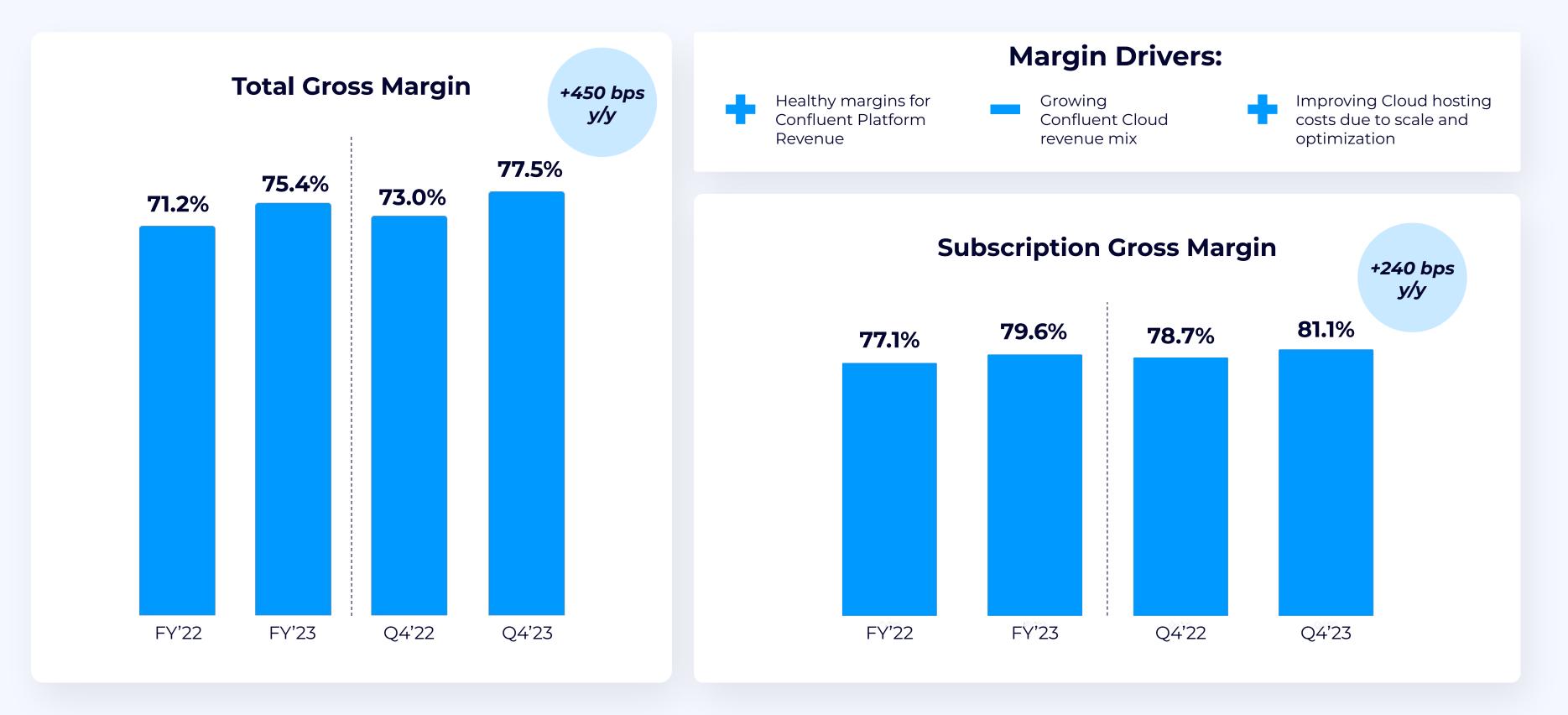
Note: Q4'22 revenue mix by product does not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Customers



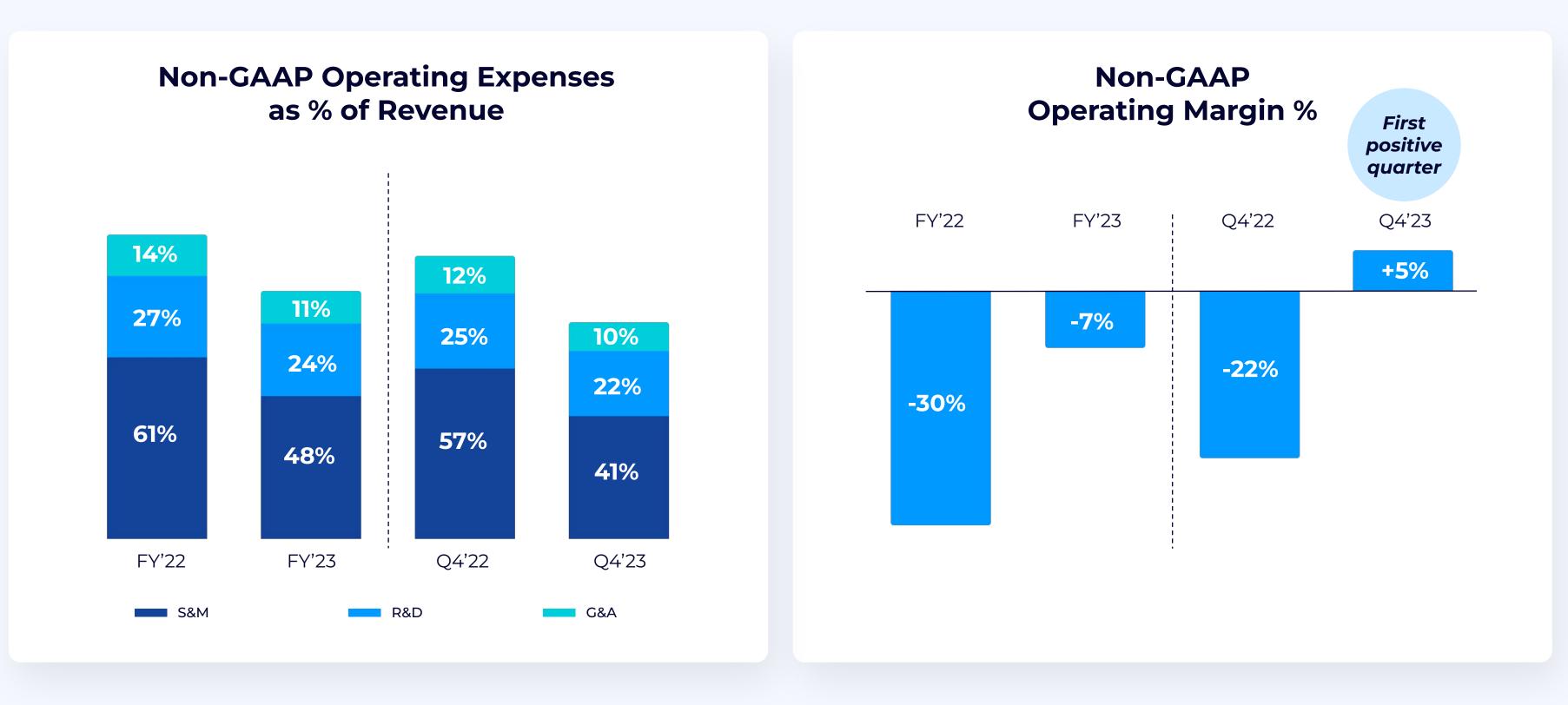
Ended FY'23 with 19 Customers with \$5M+ in ARR, +10 Customers YoY

Non-GAAP Gross Margins



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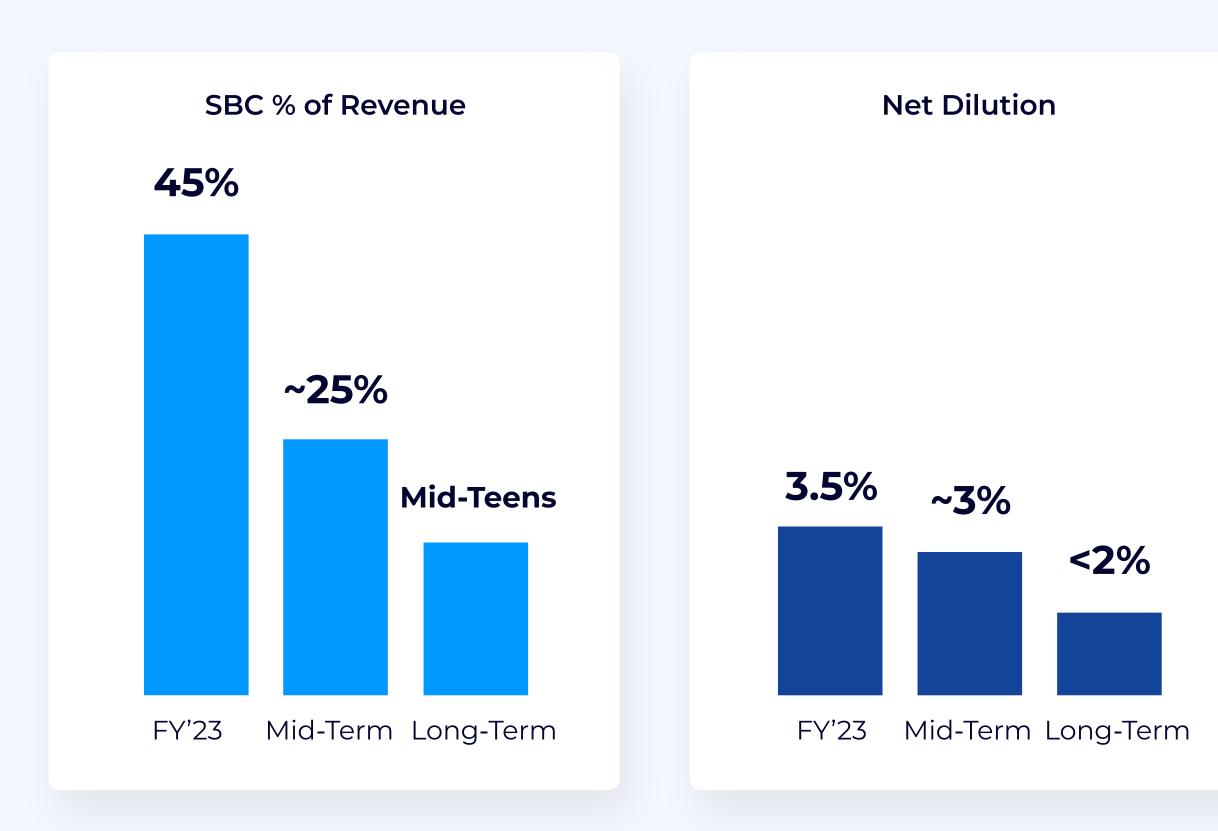
Driving Efficient Growth



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Focus on Managing Net Dilution



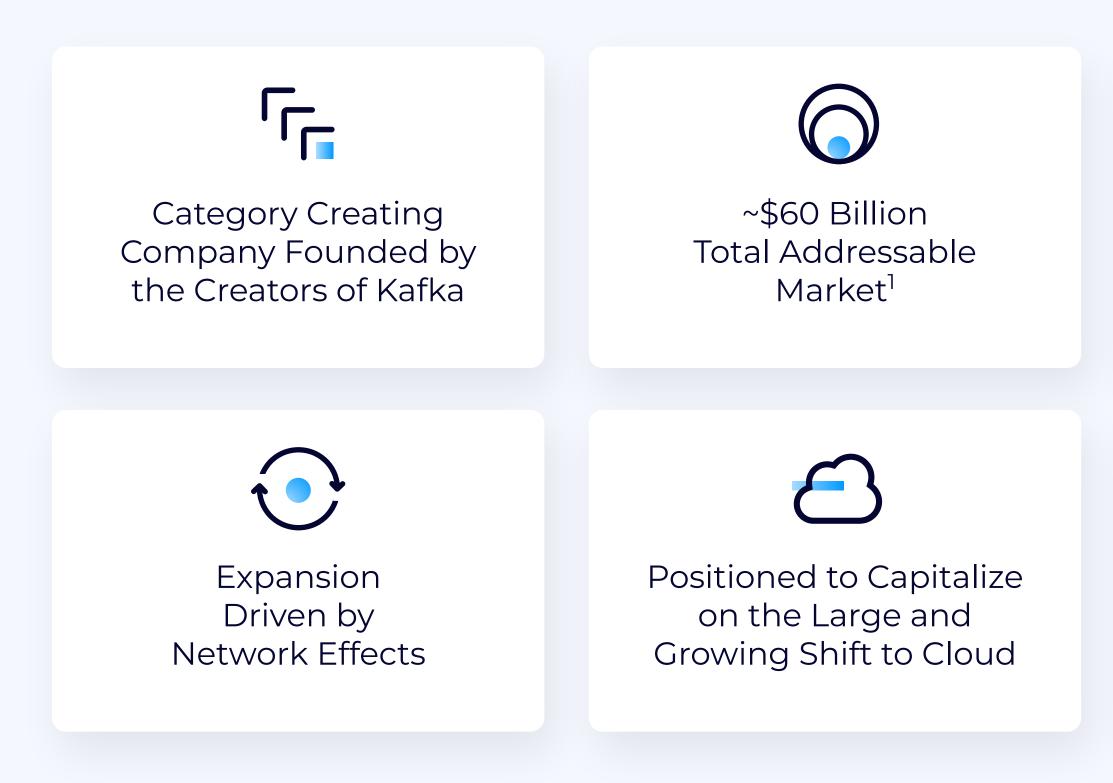


 (Shares granted - shares forfeited) / WASO

Drivers

- SBC is a lagging indicator
- Final tranches of pre-IPO options recognized in SBC through 1H FY25
- FY'24 net dilution target of ~3%
- Focus managing net dilution LT below 2% and SBC % of revenue mid-teens

Key Takeaways



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Strong Growth and Long-Term Margin Profile



Seasoned Management Team with Track Record of Execution

Appendix



Definitions

Annual Recurring Revenue (ARR):

We define ARR as (1) with respect to Confluent Platform customers, the amount of revenue to which our customers are contractually committed over the following 12 months assuming no increases or reductions in their subscriptions, and (2) with respect to Confluent Cloud customers, the amount of revenue that we expect to recognize from such customers over the following 12 months, calculated by annualizing actual consumption of Confluent Cloud in the last three months of the applicable period, assuming no increases or reductions in usage rate. Services arrangements are excluded from the calculation of ARR. Prior to the first quarter of 2023, ARR with respect to Confluent Cloud customers excluded pay-as-you-go arrangements and was based on contractual commitments over the following 12 months, regardless of actual consumption. We adjusted our methodology for calculating ARR commencing with the first quarter of 2023 to incorporate actual consumption of Confluent Cloud and applied this change retroactively.

Dollar-Based Net Retention Rate:

We calculate our dollar-based net retention rate (NRR) as of a period end by starting with the ARR from the cohort of all customers as of 12 months prior to such period end ("Prior Period Value"). We then calculate the ARR from these same customers as of the current period end ("Current Period Value"), and divide the Current Period Value by the Prior Period Value to arrive at our dollar-based NRR. The dollar-based NRR includes the effect, on a dollar-weighted value basis, of our Confluent Platform subscriptions that expand, renew, contract, or attrit. The dollar-based NRR also includes the effect of annualizing actual consumption of Confluent Cloud in the last three months of the applicable period, but excludes ARR from new customers in the current period. Our dollar-based NRR is subject to adjustments for acquisitions, consolidations, spin-offs, and other market activity.

Total Customers:

Represent the total number of customers at the end of each period. For purposes of determining our customer count, we treat all affiliated entities with the same parent organization as a single customer and include pay-as-you-go customers. Our customer count is subject to adjustments for acquisitions, consolidations, spin-offs, and other market activity.

Customers with \$100,000 or greater in ARR:

Represent the number of customers that contributed \$100,000 or more in ARR as of period end.

Customers with \$1,000,000 or greater in ARR:

Represent the number of customers that contributed \$1,000,000 or more in ARR as of period end.

Customers with \$5,000,000 or greater in ARR:

Represent the number of customers that contributed \$5,000,000 or more in ARR as of period end.

GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations



GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations

(in thousands, except percentages)

	FY'22
Total revenue	\$585,944
Total gross profit on a GAAP basis	\$383,529
Add: Stock-based compensation expense	32,389
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	1,173
Add: Amortization of acquired intangibles	-
Non-GAAP total gross profit	\$417,091
Non-GAAP total gross margin	71.2%

	FY'22	FY'23	Q4'22	Q4'23
Subscription revenue	\$535,009	\$729,112	\$155,341	\$202,787
Subscription gross profit on a GAAP basis	\$388,685	\$553,108	\$116,645	\$157,980
Add: Stock-based compensation expense	23,136	25,620	5,492	6,207
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	569	867	84	102
Add: Amortization of acquired intangibles	-	564	-	195
Non-GAAP subscription gross profit	\$412,390	\$580,159	\$122,221	\$164,484
Non-GAAP subscription gross margin	77.1%	79.6%	78.7%	81.1%

	FY'22	FY'23	Q4'22	Q4'23
Total revenue	\$585,944	\$776,952	\$168,666	\$213,184
Research and development (R&D) expense on a GAAP basis	\$264,041	\$348,752	\$71,809	\$86,948
Less: Stock-based compensation expense	101,499	139,809	28,385	36,596
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	2,632	4,037	755	376
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	-	19,203	-	3,841
Non-GAAP R&D expense	\$159,910	\$185,703	\$42,669	\$46,135
Non-GAAP R&D expense as a % of total revenue	27.3%	23.9%	25.3%	21.6%

FY'23	Q4'22	Q4'23
\$776,952	\$168,666	\$213,184
\$547,282	\$114,717	\$156,127
36,716	7,871	8,782
1,259	469	150
564	-	195
\$585,821	\$123,057	\$165,254
75.4%	73.0%	77.5%

GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations

(in thousands, except percentages)

	FY'22	FY'23	Q4'22	Q4'23
Total revenue	\$585,944	\$776,952	\$168,666	\$213,184
Sales and marketing (S&M) expense on a GAAP basis	\$456,452	\$504,929	\$122,684	\$119,911
Less: Stock-based compensation expense	99,366	124,568	26,846	30,895
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	2,485	3,880	177	511
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	_	4,304	-	1,076
Non-GAAP S&M expense	\$354,601	\$372,177	\$95,661	\$87,429
Non-GAAP S&M expense as a % of total revenue	60.5%	47.9%	56.7%	41.0%
	FY'22	FY'23	Q4'22	Q4'23
Total revenue	\$585,944	\$776,952	\$168,666	\$213,184
General and administrative (G&A) expense on a GAAP basis	\$125,710	\$137,520	\$35,209	\$33,948
Less: Stock-based compensation expense	44,402	48,740	12,926	12,598
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	720	1,855	131	259
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	1,104	1,640	1,104	650
Non-GAAP G&A expense	\$79,484	\$85,285	\$21,048	\$20,441

	FY'22
Total revenue	\$585,944
Operating loss on a GAAP basis	(\$462,674)
Add: Stock-based compensation expense	277,656
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	7,010
Add: Amortization of acquired intangibles	-
Add: Acquisition-related expenses	1,104
Add: Restructuring and other related charges	-
Non-GAAP operating (loss) income	(\$176,904)
Non-GAAP operating margin	(30.2%)

FY'23	Q4'22	Q4'23
\$776,952	\$168,666	\$213,184
(\$478,773)	(\$114,985)	(\$84,680)
349,833	76,028	88,871
11,031	1,532	1,296
564	-	195
25,147	1,104	5,567
34,854	-	-
(\$57,344)	(\$36,321)	\$11,249
(7.4%)	(21.5%)	5.3%



