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Confluent Momentum-at-a-Glance

Founded in 2014 by the Original Creators of *Apache Kafka*

~\$60B Total Addressable Market¹

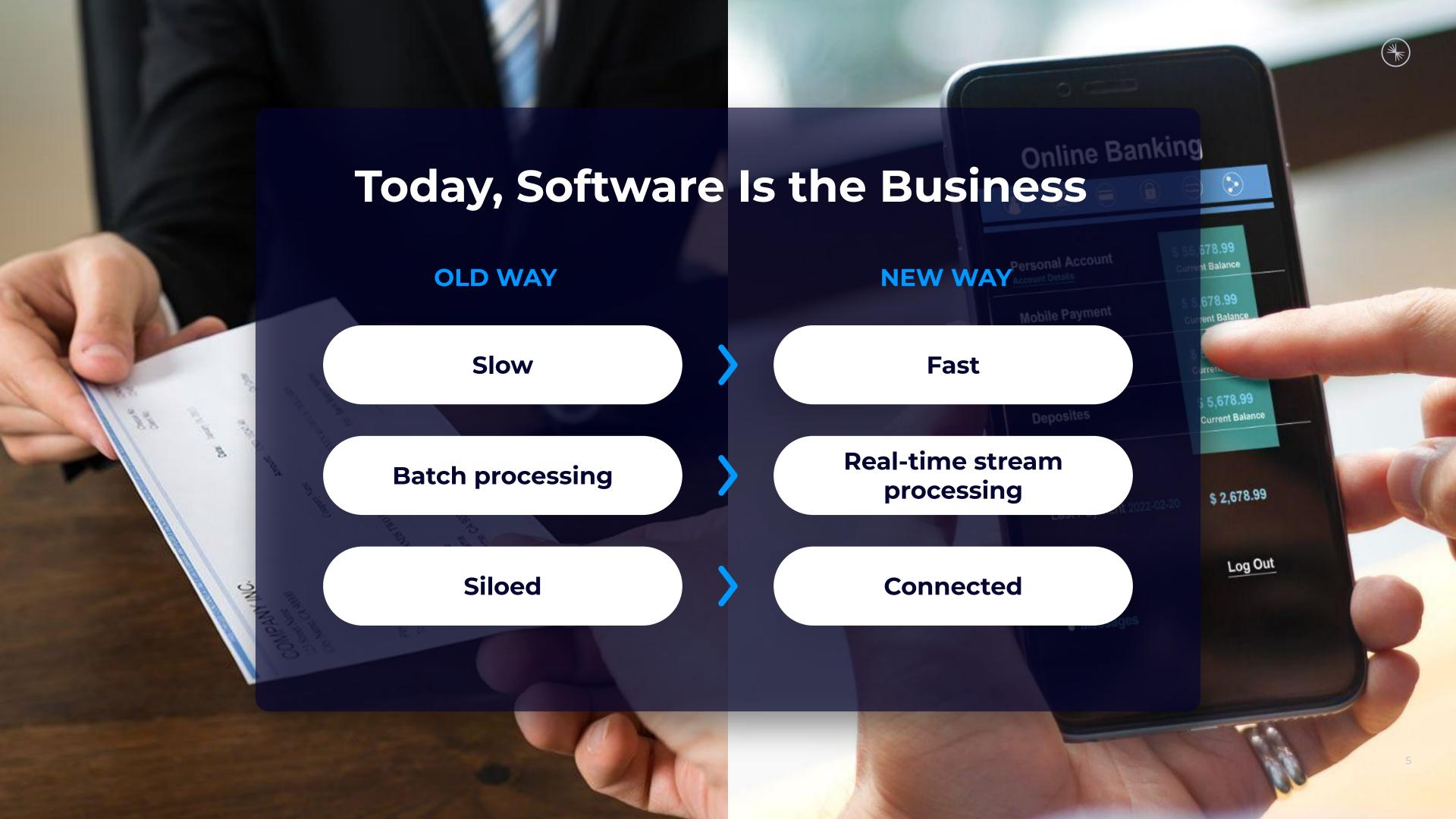
		Q3'23 \$200M / +32% YoY	
S	Total Revenue		
(\$)	Confluent Cloud Revenue	\$92M / +61% YoY	
(\$)	Non-GAAP Operating Margin (OM)	(5.5%) / +22pts YoY	
ıll	Dollar-Based Net Retention Rate	Just Under 130%	
2	Customers with ≥ \$100K in ARR	1,185 / +25% YoY	



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. ²Q4'23 non-GAAP operating margin guidance of 0-1% is as of Confluent's Q3'23 earnings call dated November 1, 2023.



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



The Problems with Data at Rest and Legacy Movement Tools

Data at Rest

Legacy Data Movement Tools

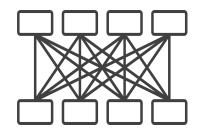
Databases

- Slow, daily batch processing
- Simple, static real-time queries



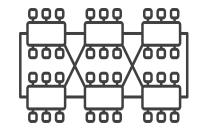
ETL/Data Integration

- Batch
- Expensive
- Time Consuming



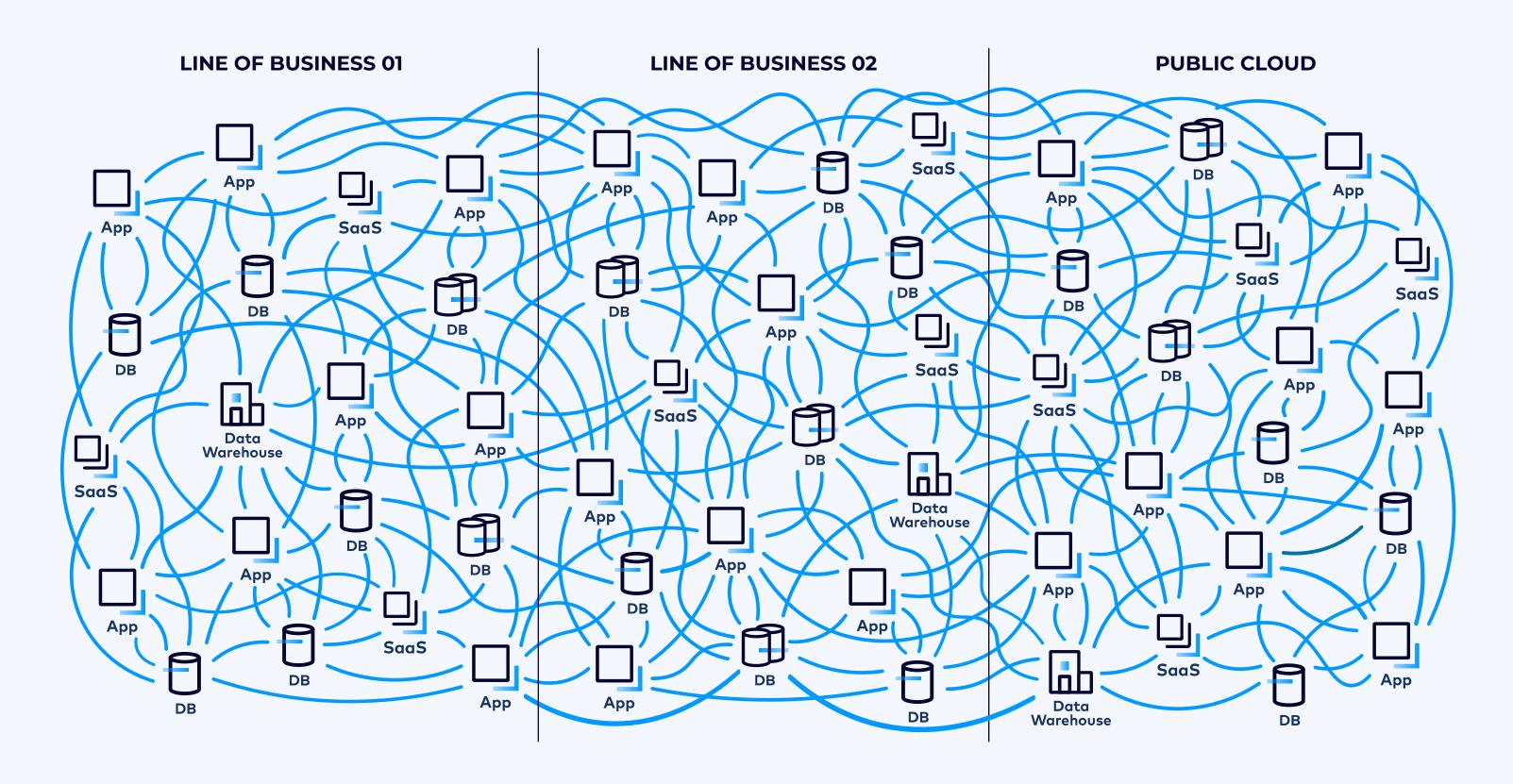
Messaging

- Difficult to Scale
- No Persistence
- Data Loss
- No Replay





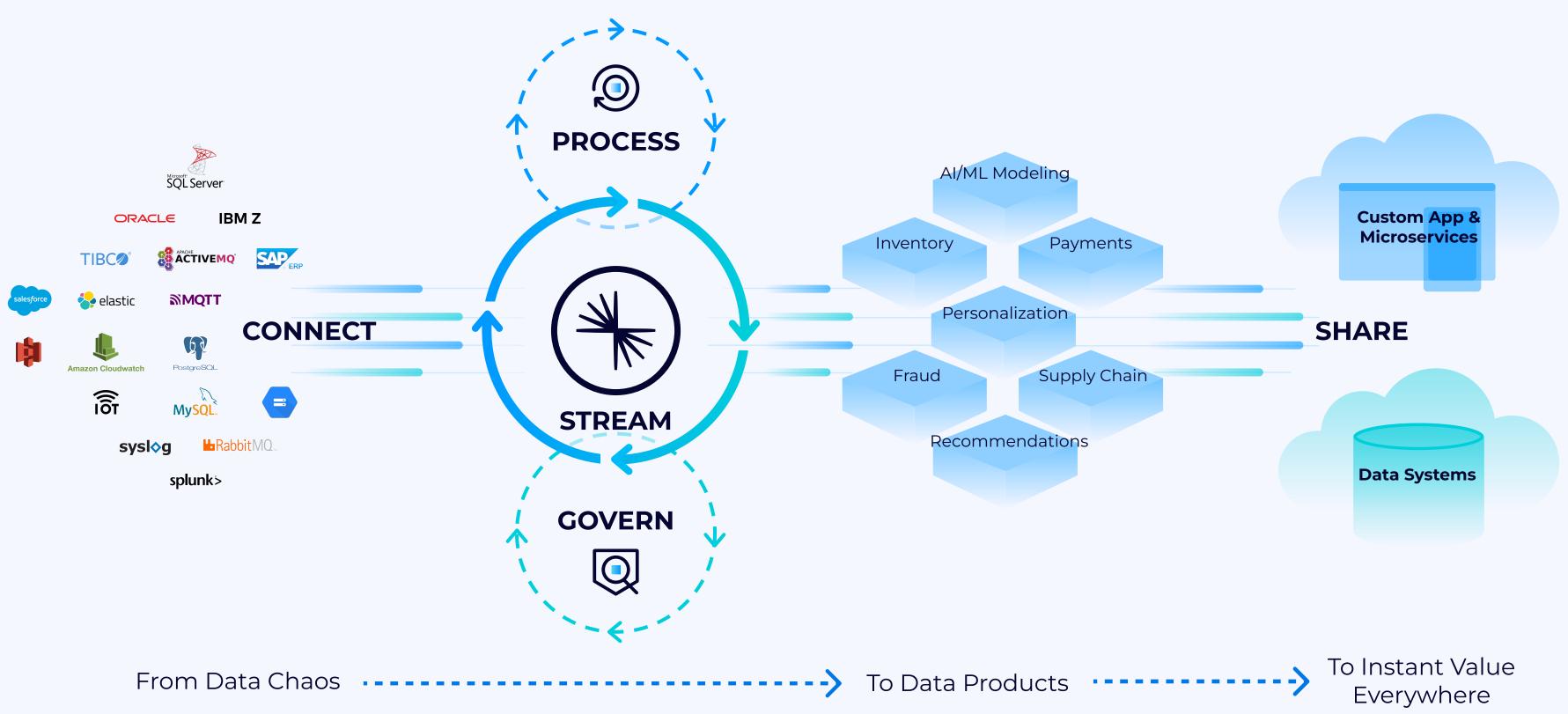
Databases Bring Point-in-Time Queries to Stored Data; This Leads to a Giant Mess in Data Architecture



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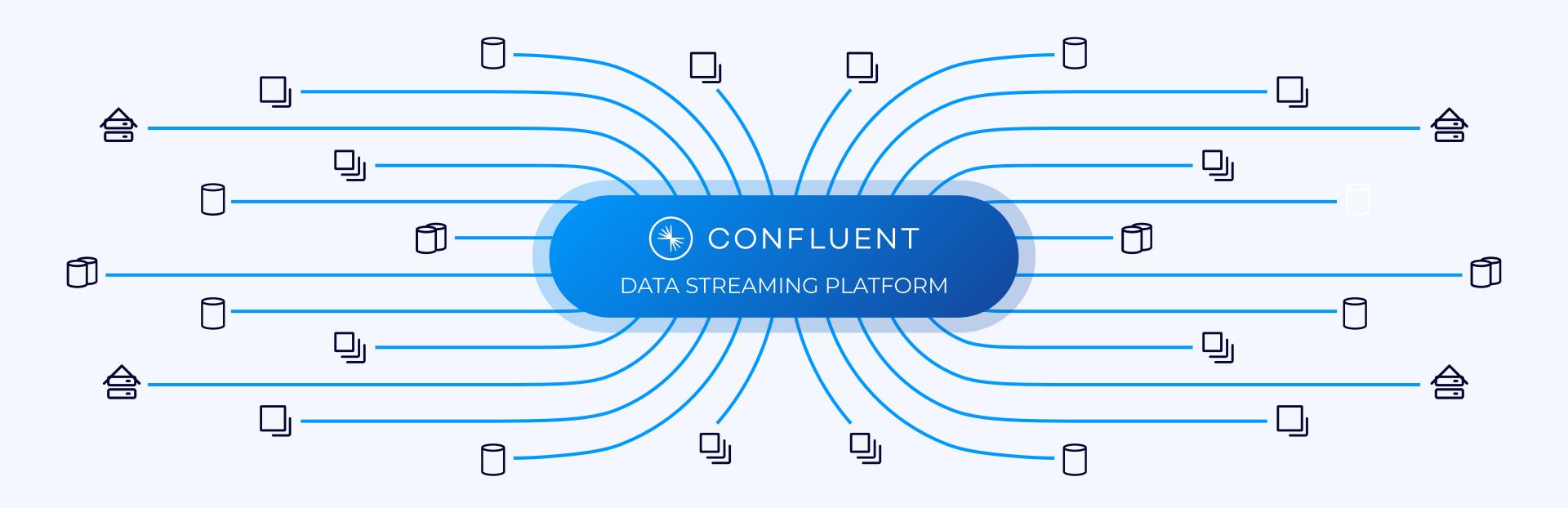
A New Paradigm for Data in Motion: Data Streaming

All your data continuously streamed, processed, governed and shared as a product, making it instantly valuable, usable, and trustworthy everywhere.



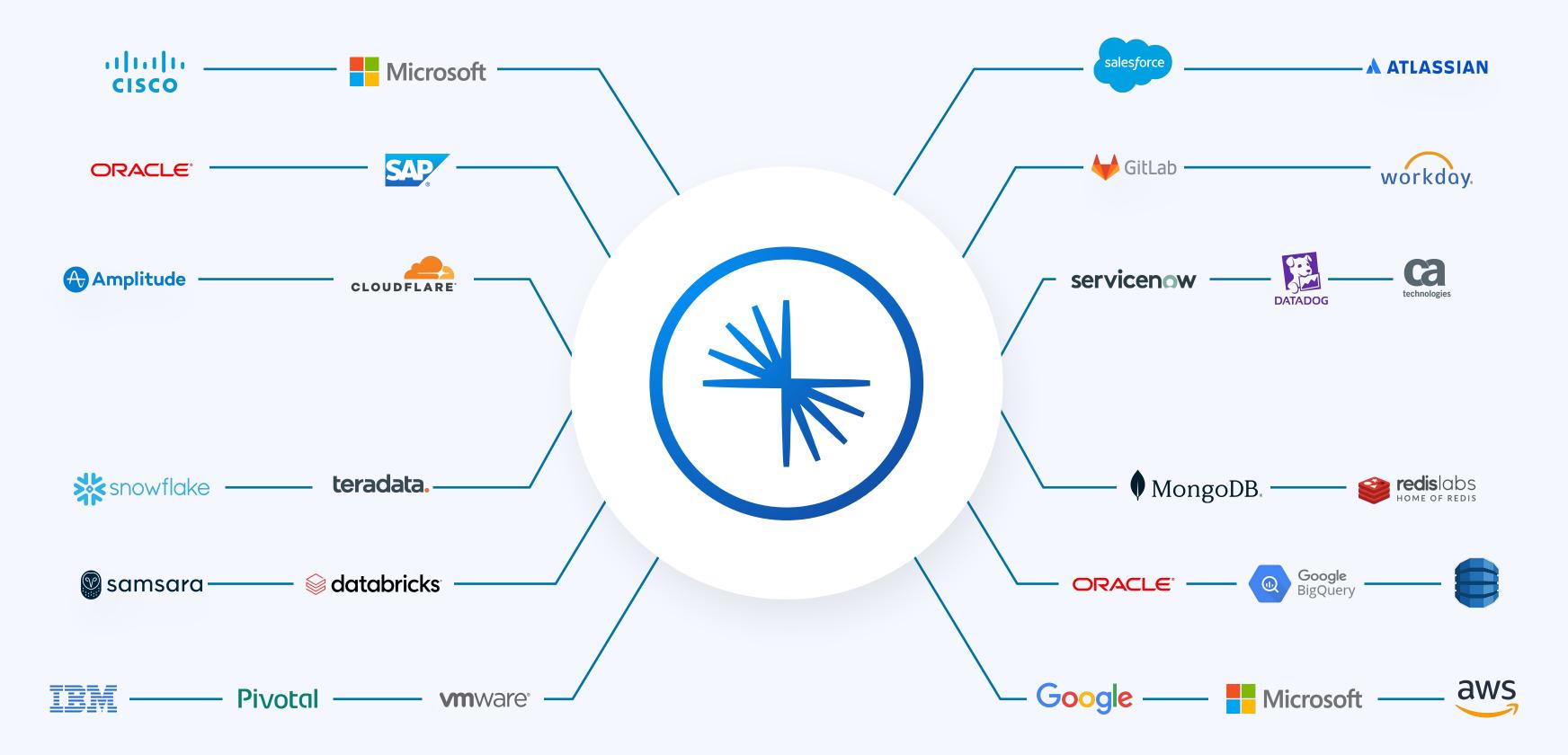
From Giant Mess to Central Nervous System







Confluent is Becoming the Central Nervous System of the Modern Technology Stack



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Proven Success Across Industries













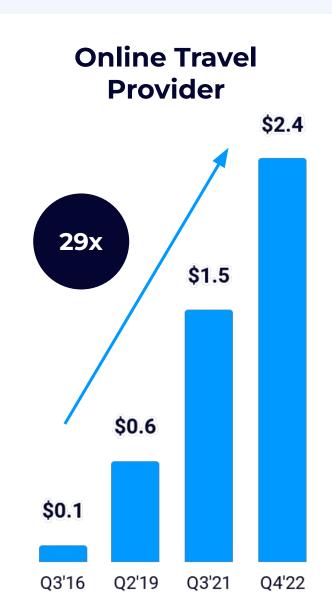




Customer Expansion Journey Case Studies

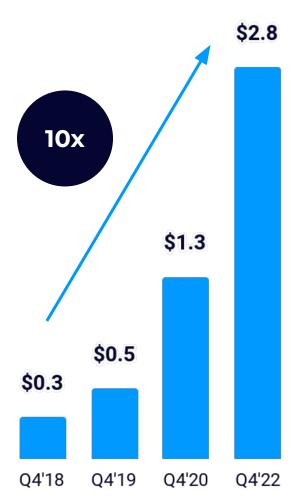


ARR \$ in millions



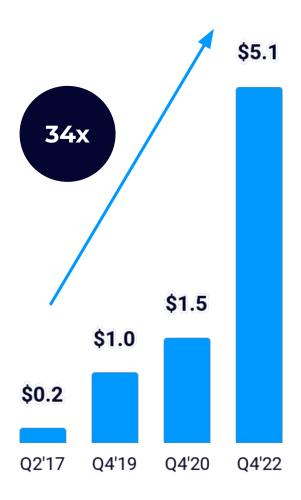
Rapid global adoption driving elevated customer experiences and seamless internal engineering initiatives

Health Benefits Provider



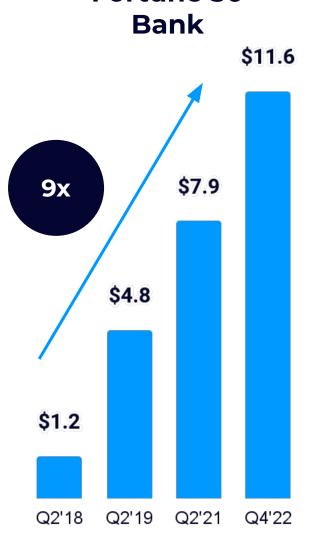
Accelerated claims approval and processing, member digital experience, and internal systems aggregation

Payment Card Provider



Secured the ability to continue doing business throughout the globe unlocked by Confluent with use cases including GDPR and mandate processing

Fortune 50 Bank



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

Use Cases Across All Industries





Why Confluent Wins





Product Differentiation

Cloud-native: Re-imagined Kafka experience for the Cloud

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

Everywhere: Be everywhere our customers want to be



Customer Growth Go-To-Market Model

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

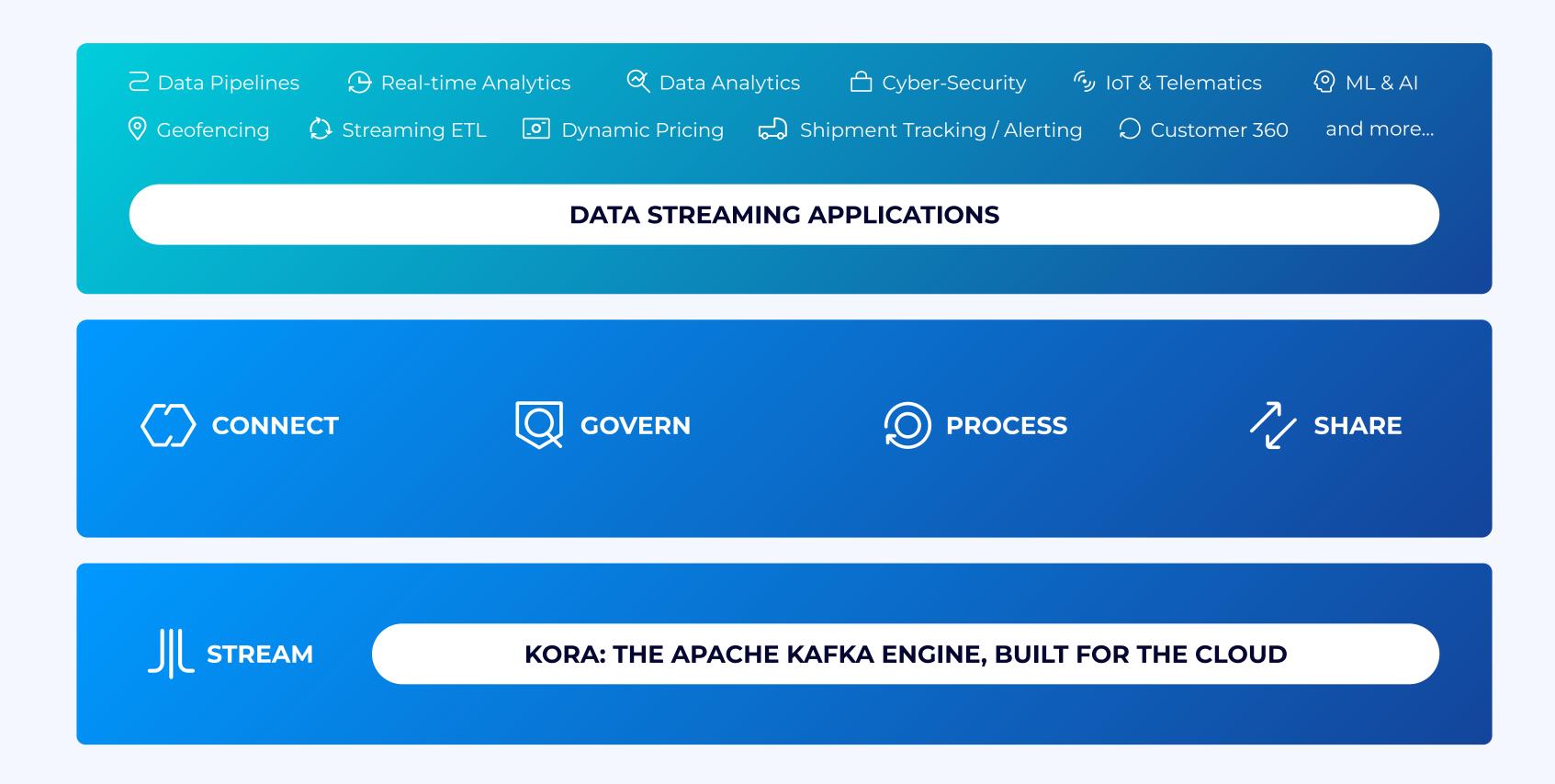
Purpose Built for Data in Motion Journey:

Targeted features and expertise from early stage to Central Nervous System





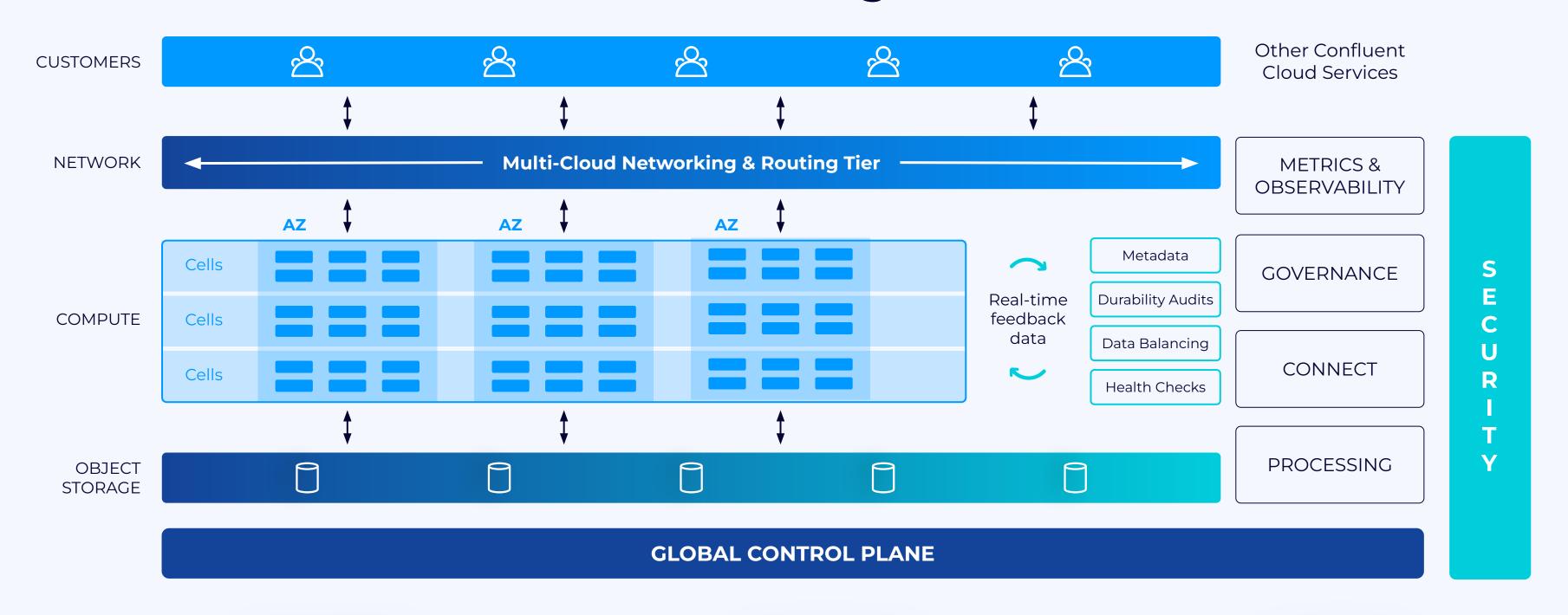
The Confluent Data Streaming Platform







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

HEADCOUNT

SAVINGS WITH CONFLUENT



Development & Operations Personnel

INFRASTRUCTURE

SAVINGS WITH CONFLUENT



Multi-tenancy



Elastic



Data Balancing



Networking & Replication

DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS

SAVINGS WITH CONFLUENT



Higher Utilization of Infrastructure



Software-driven Operations



Real-time Monitoring & Validation





Product Led Complements Enterprise Sales GTM Motion



Awareness of Solution



Evaluation



Development





Mission Critical



Production



Central Nervous System



Developers, Architects, Operators



Tech Exec, CIO/CTO, Infosec/CISO



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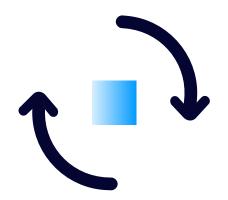
Our Powerful and Differentiated Cloud Consumption Model



Serve mission-critical workloads in data infrastructure



Power revenue (frontend)
and operational
(backend) use cases



Expand seamlessly in the cloud with **strong network effects**



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

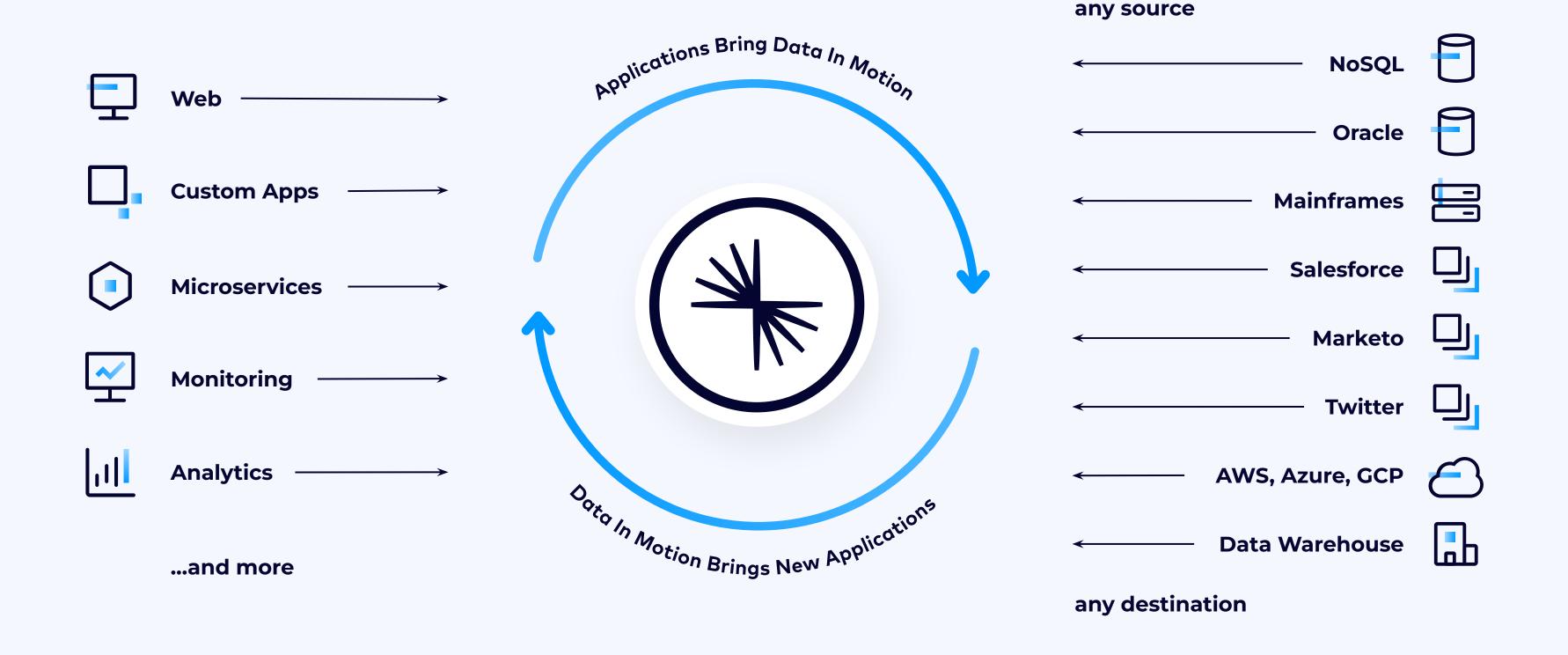


Data in Motion Journey



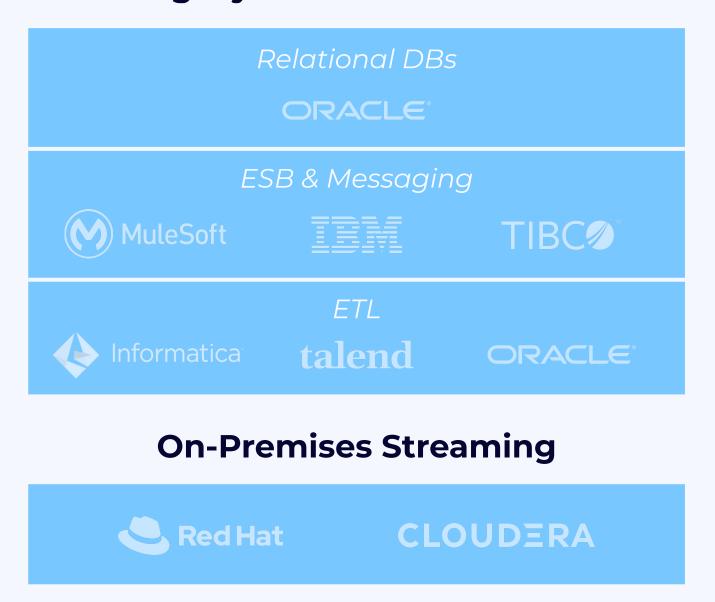
Network Effects Drive Further Expansion



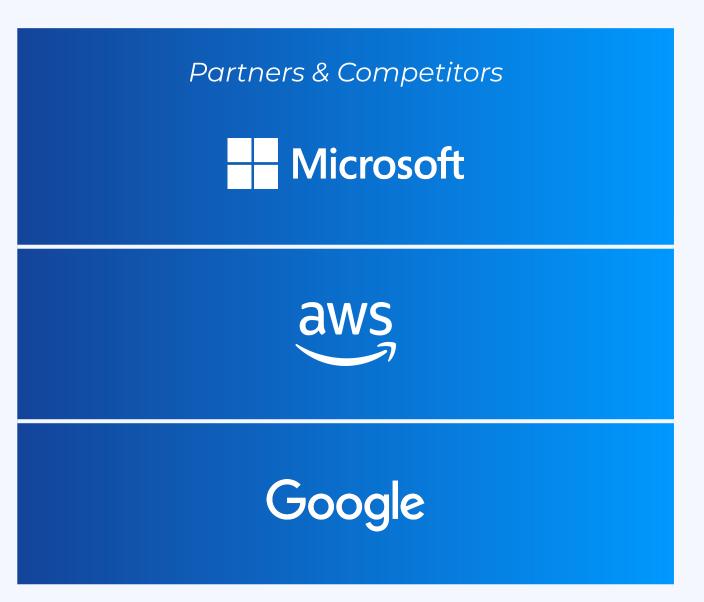


Competitive Landscape

Legacy Data Infrastructure



Cloud Providers



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Cloud Competitive Landscape

		Cloud-Native	Complete	Everywhere
Confluent				
Microsoft	Event Hubs			0
	Dataflow			
Google	Pub/Sub			
_	Kinesis			
Amazon	MSK			

Multiple Levers of Growth in a Large and Growing TAM



Easy and Frictionless Land with Cloud Pay-As-You-Go



Expand in

Underpenetrated Segments

(e.g. Commercial, Tech)



Enterprise-Wide Expansion via **Solutions Selling**



Grow and Harness our **Partner Ecosystem**



Continued
International Expansion



Productize Use Cases

Up-The-Stack

One Team, One Mission: Set Data in Motion



Jay Kreps
Co-Founder & CEO

Linked in



Jun Rao Co-Founder

Linked in



Erica SchultzPresident, Field Operations

New Relica

ORACLE*



Stephanie BuscemiChief Marketing Officer







Rohan Sivaram
Chief Financial Officer

paloalto
Morgan Stanley



Chad Verbowski
Chief Technology Officer
Google
Microsoft



Chief Customer Officer

New Relic

ORACLE°



Gunjan Aggarwal
Chief People Officer
RingCentral
ERICSSON



Melanie Vinson Chief Legal Officer





Christina Liu
Chief Accounting Officer
Zendesk





Shaun Clowes
Chief Product Officer
MuleSoft

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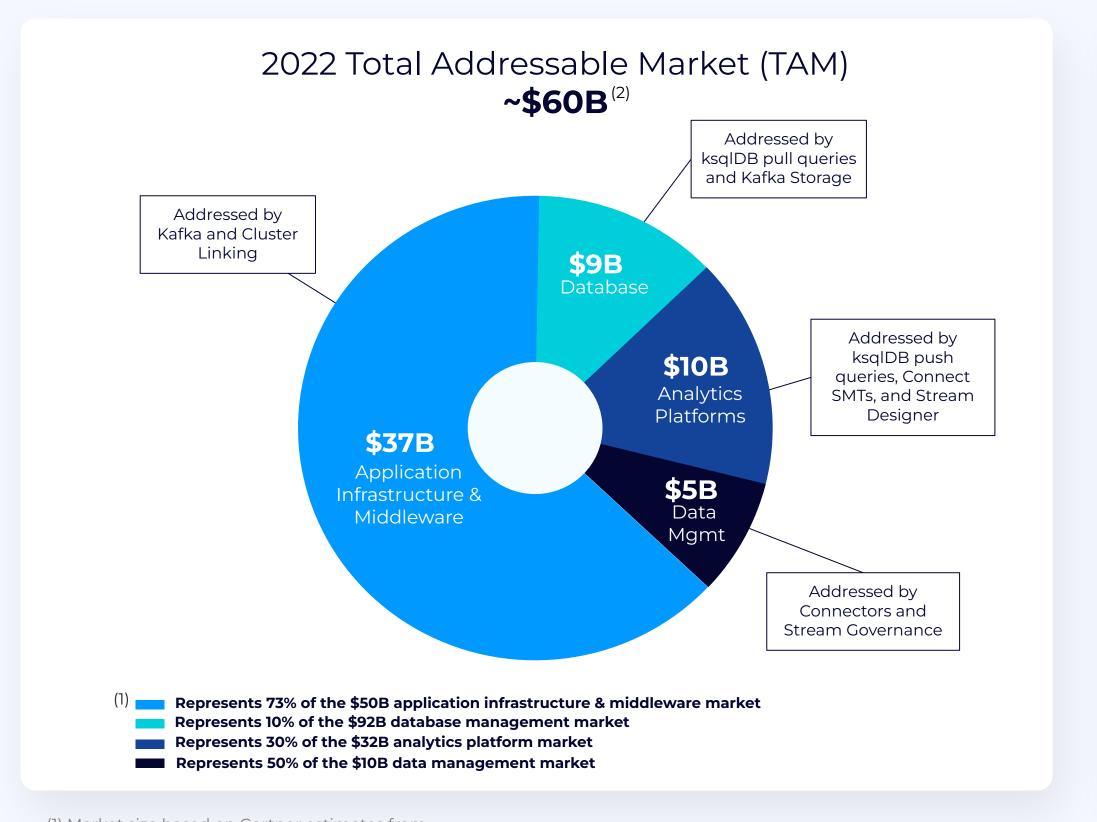
Former CEO at Square

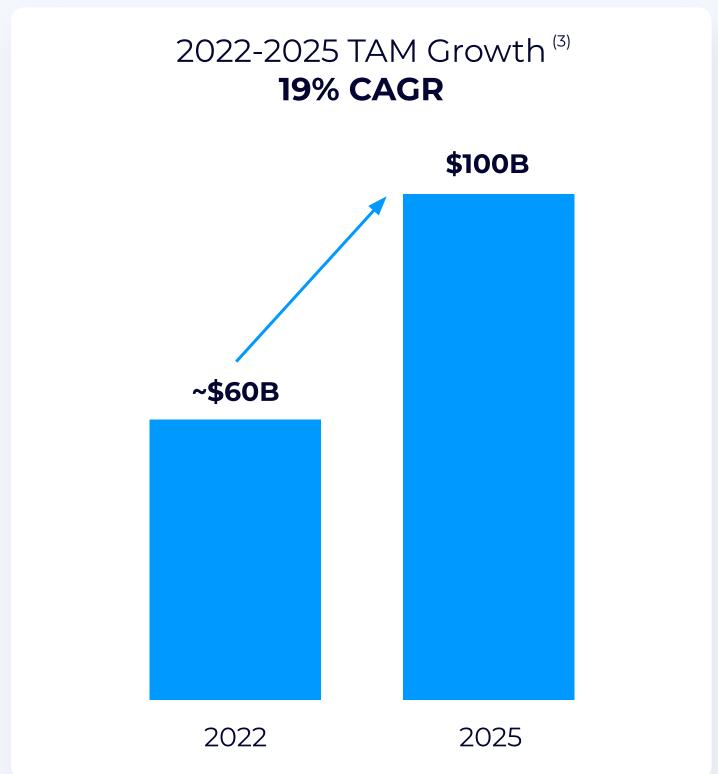
2,778 employees as of Q3 2023



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.

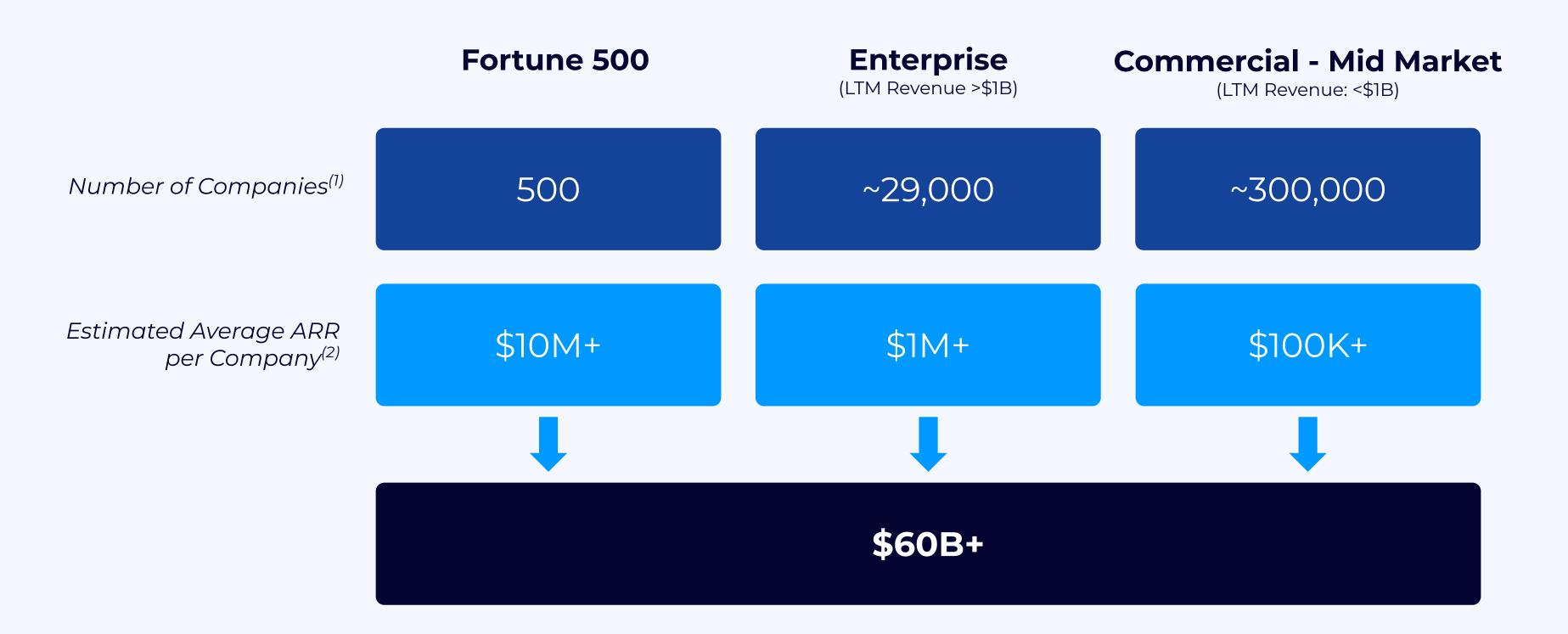
⁻ Forecast Analysis: Enterprise Application Software, Worldwide. Published 3 August 2022. Amarendra et al.

⁽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

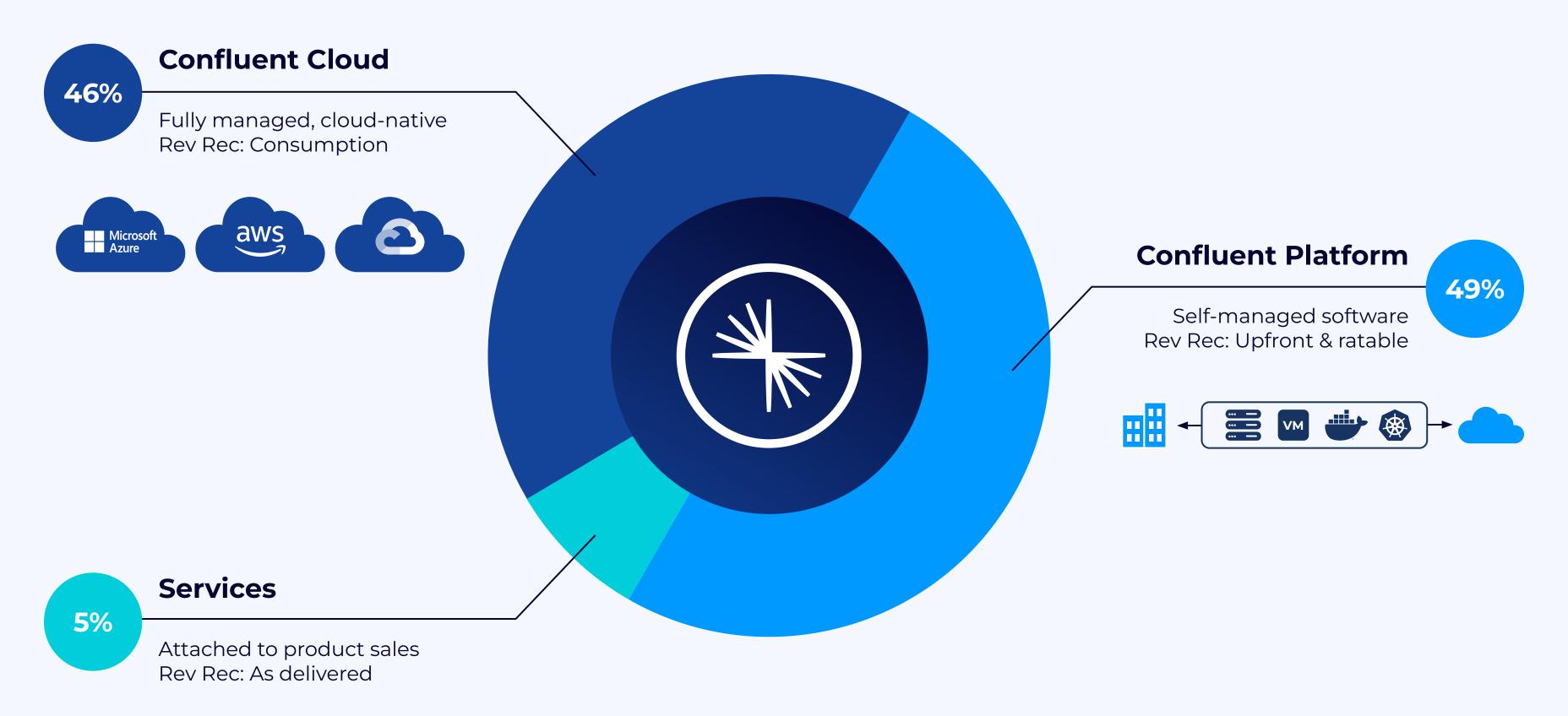
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Bottoms-up View of Our 2022 Addressable Market

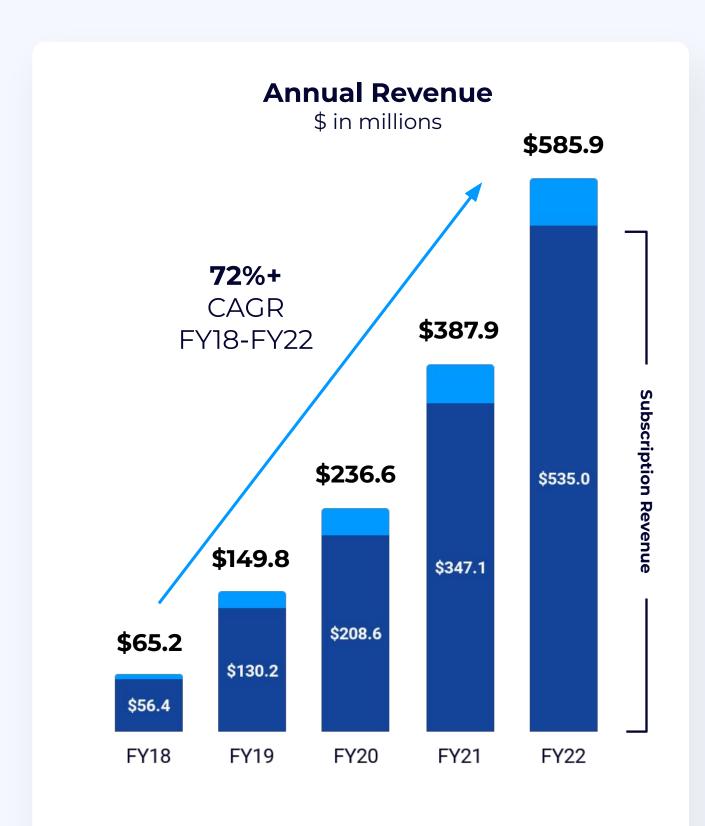


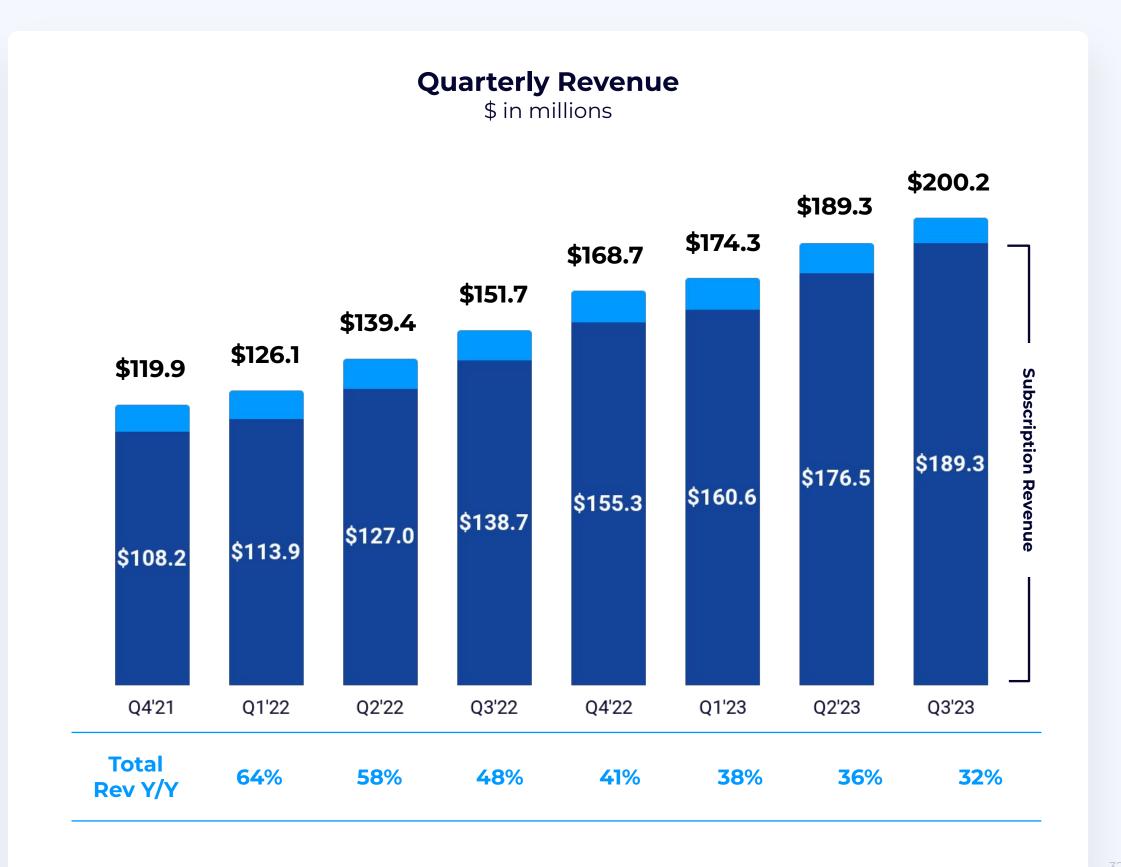
The Power of Our Hybrid Model





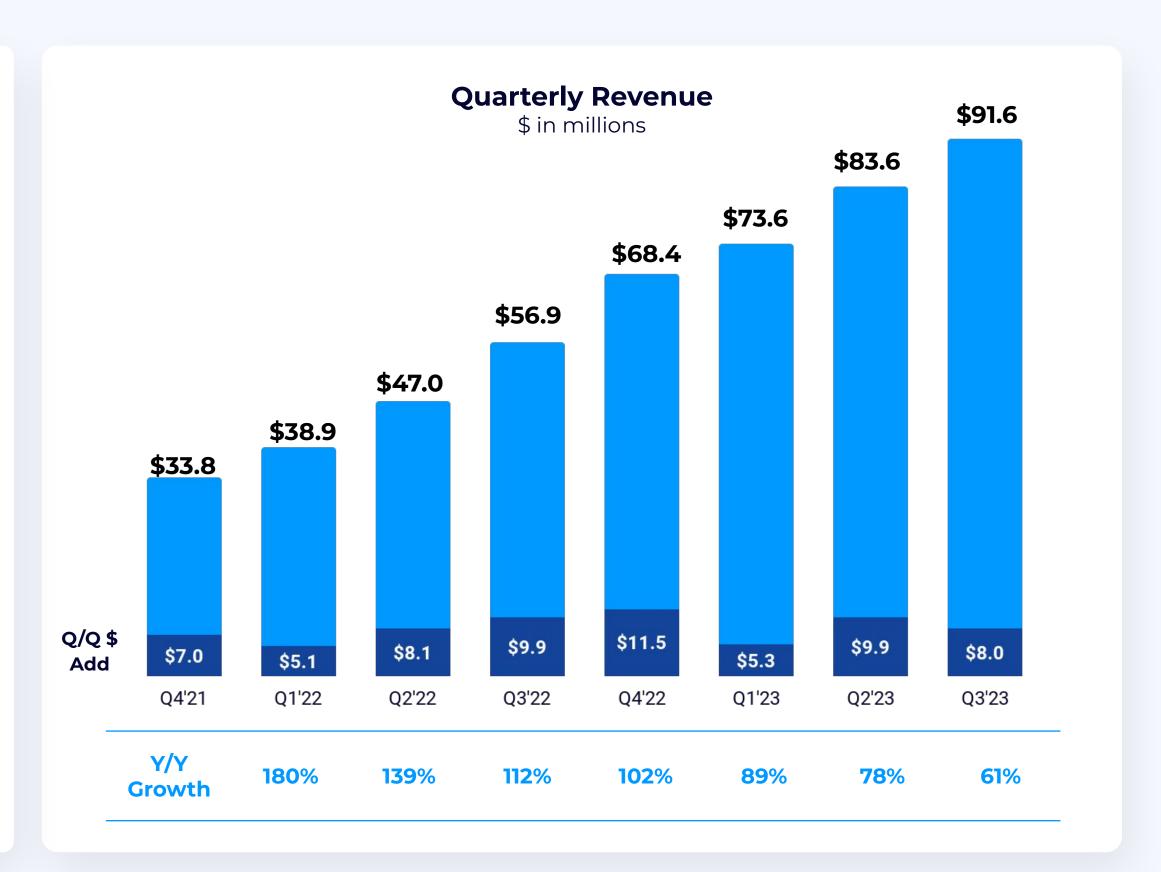
Significant Revenue Growth at Scale





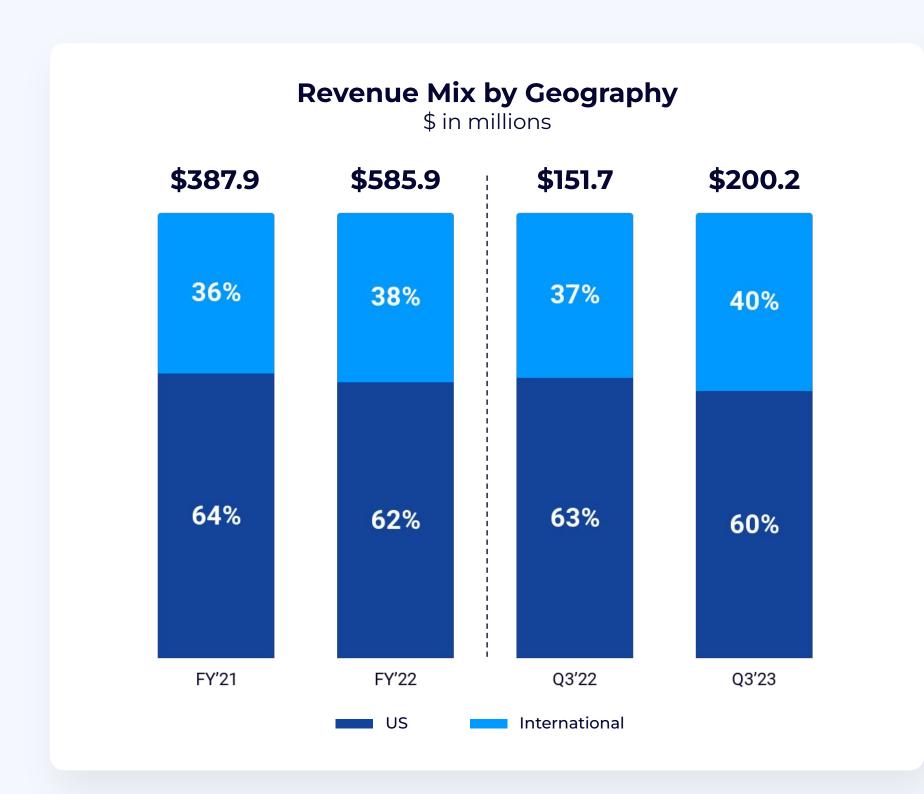
Fast-Growing Confluent Cloud Revenue

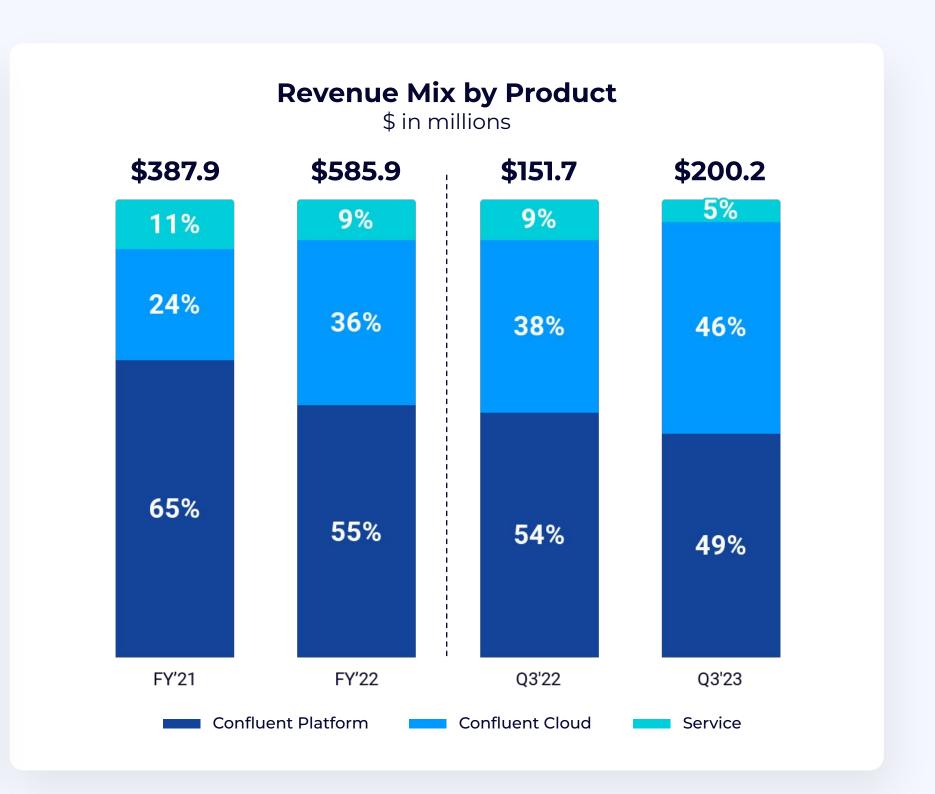






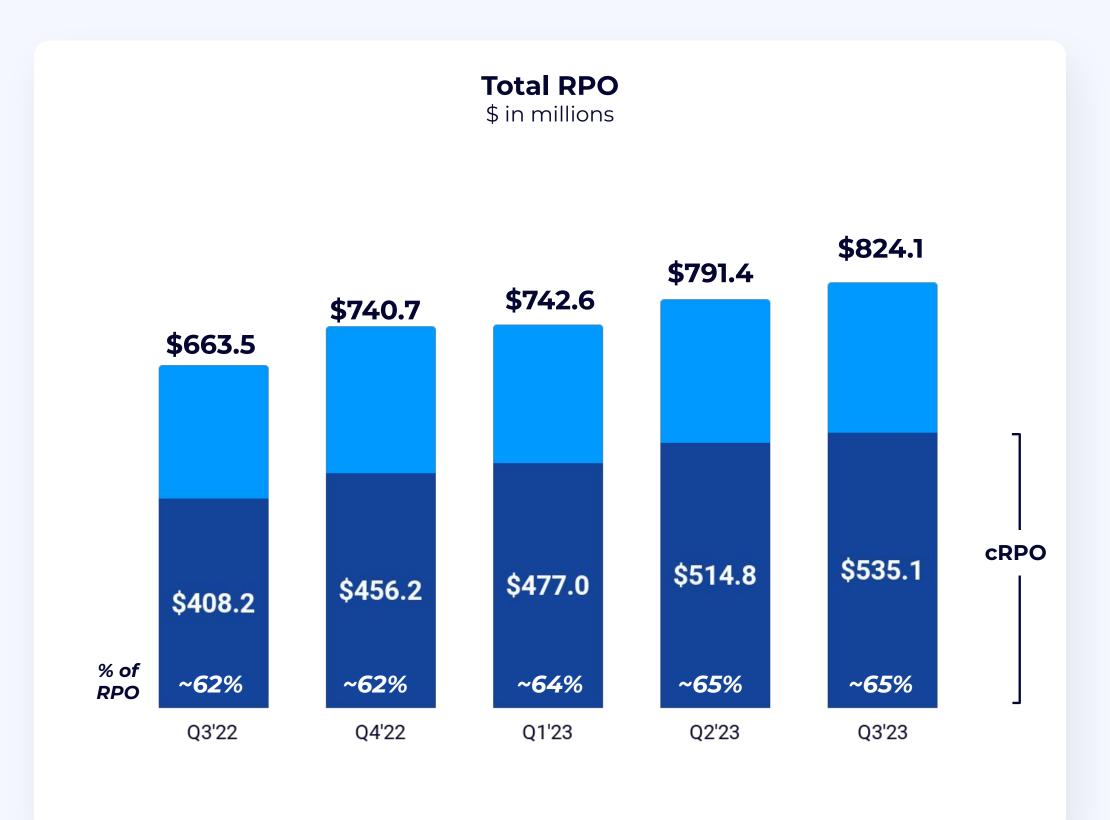
Early International Expansion and Accelerating Adoption of Confluent Cloud





RPO and current RPO (cRPO)

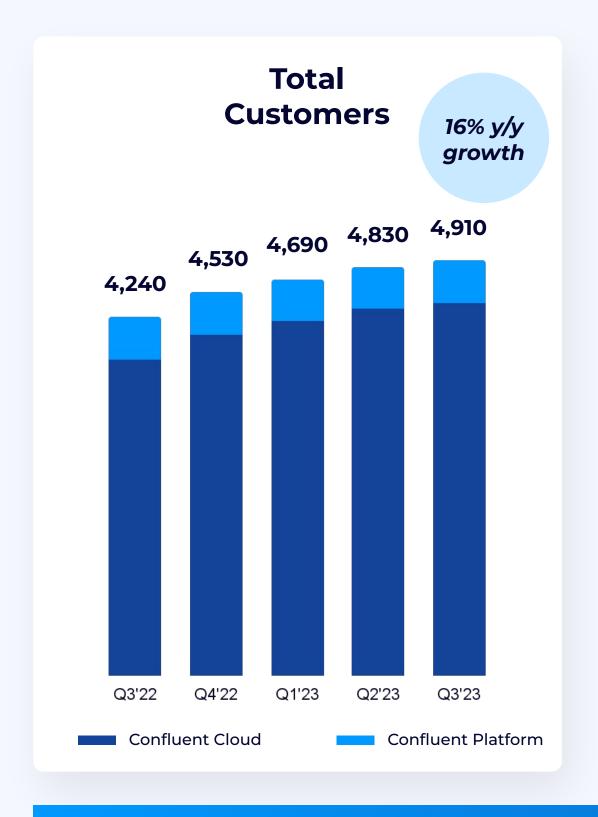


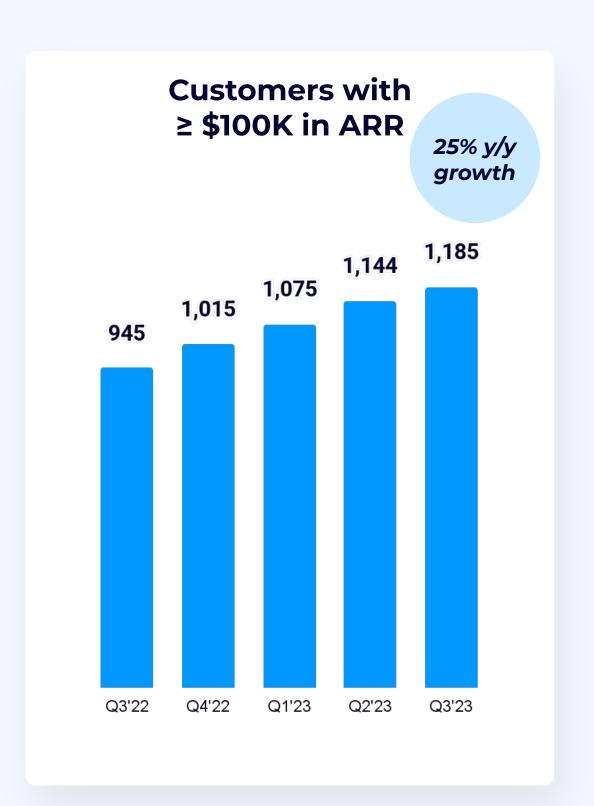


- RPO represents contractually committed revenue to be recognized in the future, regardless of:
 - Billings terms
 - O Variability in cloud consumption patterns
- RPO and cRPO was impacted by
 - A decline in both average deal sizes and average contract duration
 - Current macro conditions negatively impacting customers' appetite to commit to large upfront contracts

Rapid Customer Growth & Large Customer Momentum





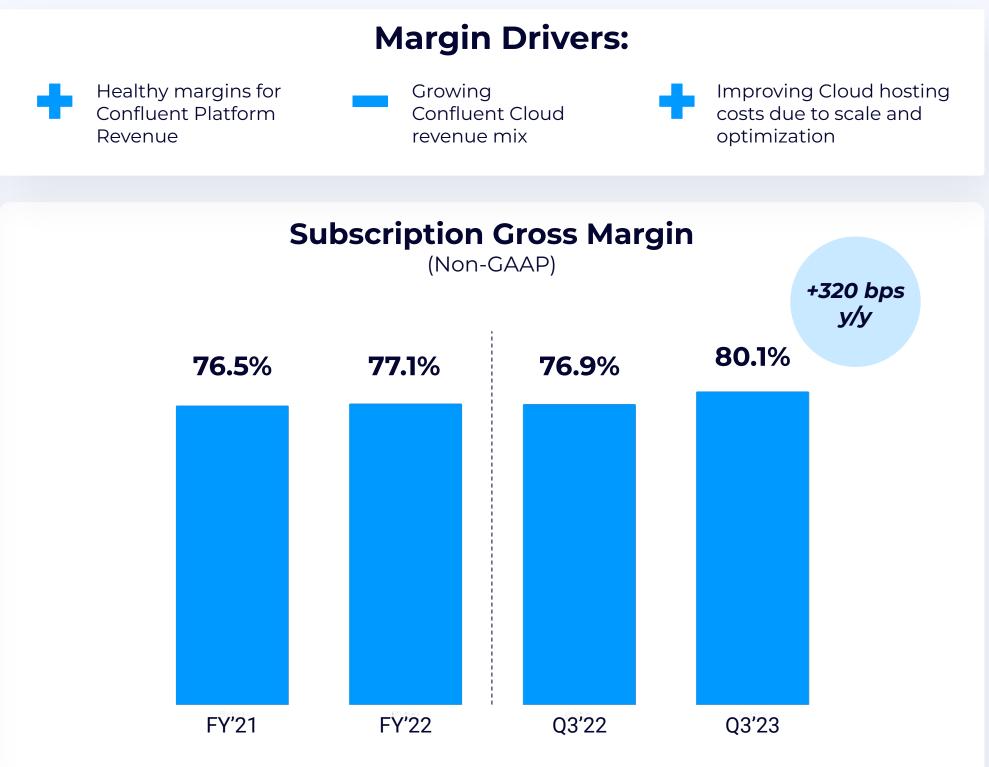




Gross Margin Healthy as Revenue Mix Shifts

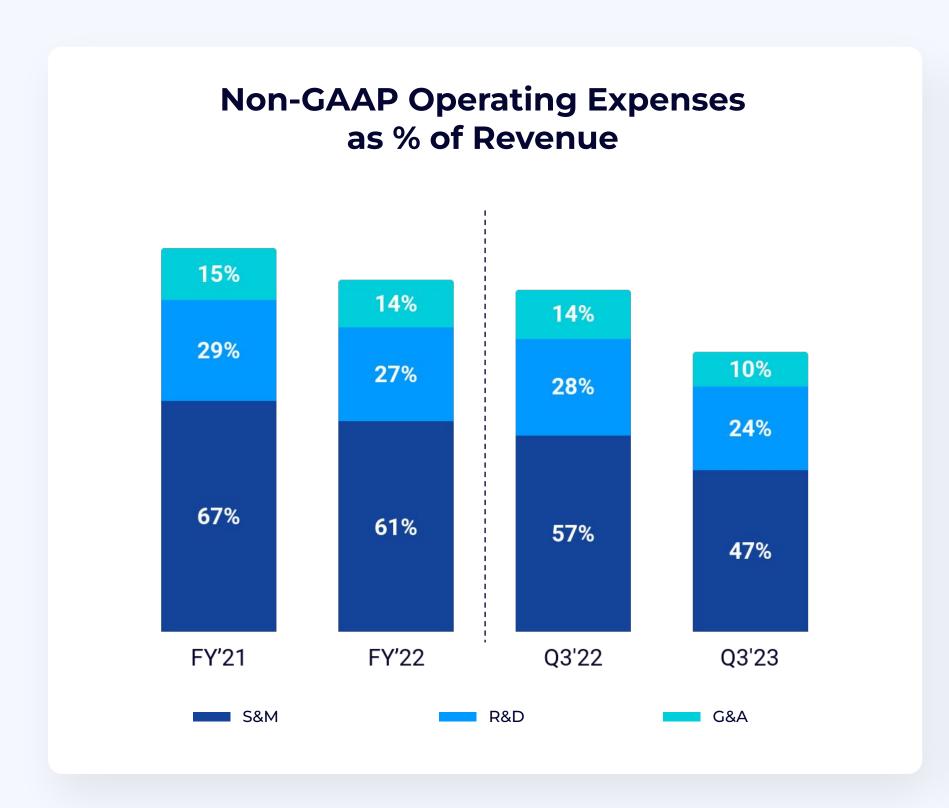






Driving Efficient Growth

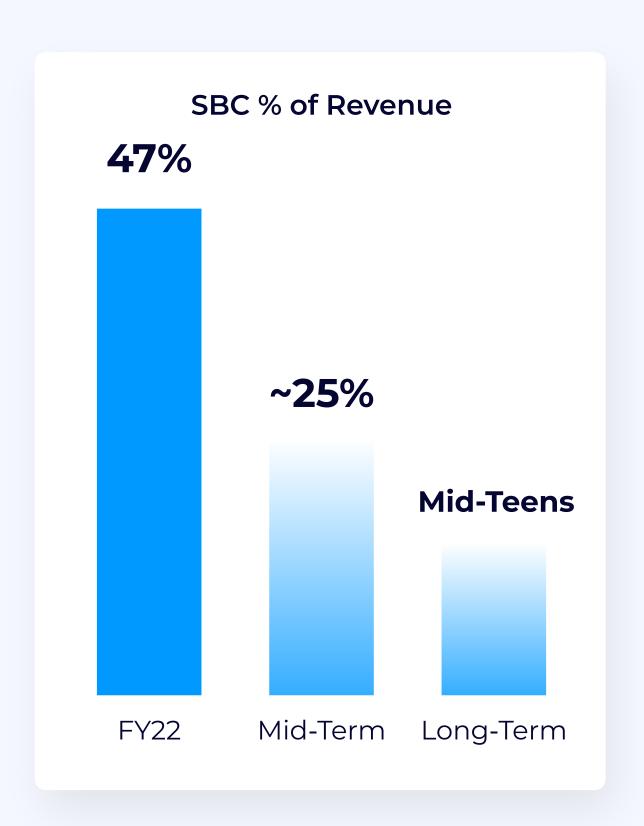


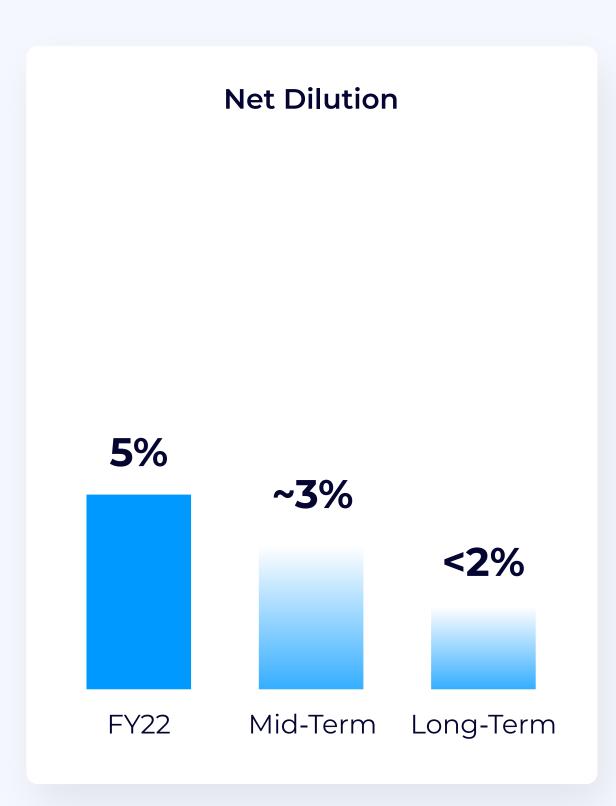






Focus on Managing Net Dilution





Net dilution Calc

 (shares granted - shares forfeited) / WASO

Drivers

- SBC is a lagging indicator
- Final tranches of pre-IPO options recognized in SBC through 1H FY25
- FY23 net dilution target of 3-4%
- Focus managing net dilution LT below 2% and SBC % of revenue mid-teens

Key Takeaways





Category Creating Company Founded by the Creators of Kafka



~\$60 Billion Total Addressable Market¹



Strong Growth and Long-Term Margin Profile



Expansion
Driven by
Network Effects



Positioned to Capitalize on the Large and Growing Shift to Cloud



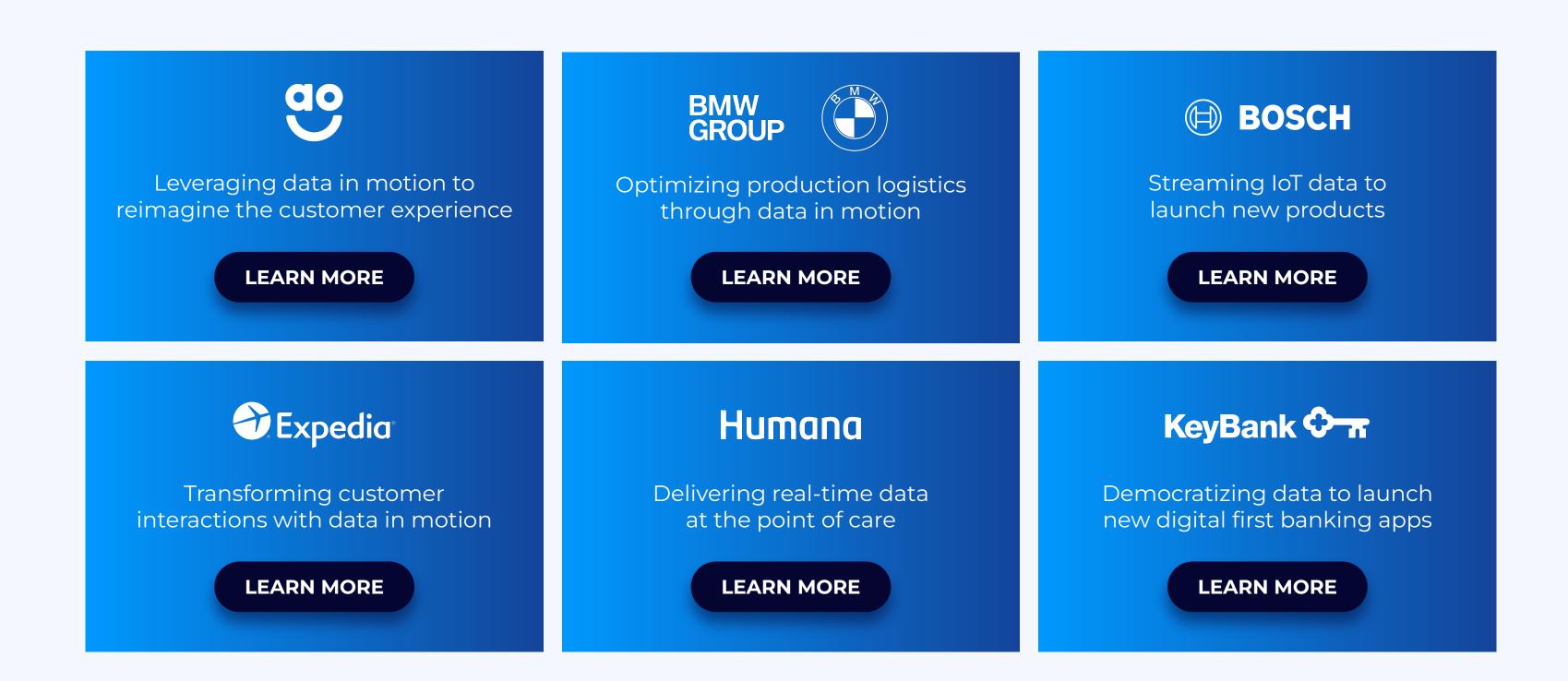
Seasoned Management Team with Track Record of Execution



Appendix

Customer Success with Confluent





Meet More Confluent Customers: confluent.io/customers

Teleco Use Cases





Teleco

operations

Drive analytics and streamline

5G Network



Migration to the Cloud



Dynamic Sales Prediction Model



Legacy IT Modernization



Edge Computing



Automating Operations



Data Security



Fraud Detection & Analysis



Regulatory Reporting & Compliance



Customer Dispute Resolution



Real-time Network Monitoring



Response Monitoring



Product Development & Introduction



Predictive/Preventative Maintenance



Product Quality Monitoring



Efficiency/Waste Reduction



Logistics Telemetry



Real-Time Collaboration Across Teams



Sentiment Analysis



Customer Data Aggregation



Intelligence Visualization & Transformation



Machine Learning Training



Real-Time Associate feedback



Responsive Model Correction





Financial Services Use Cases





Financial Services

Reshape customer experience and streamline operations

Corporate and Investment Banking, Capital Markets



Real-time Payments



Risk Analytics



Market, Reference, & Security Master Data Distribution



Trade System
Integration & Automation



Trade Processing



Finance, Risk, Compliance, IT & Cyber



Operational Log Hub



IT Observability



Cyber Security / SIEM Modernization



Credit & Market Risk



Fraud Detection



Retail Banking, Wealth & Asset Management



Customer 360



Omni-channel Banking



Fraud Detection



Client Advisor Workstations



Data & Analytics
Service



Technology Modernization



Mainframe Modernization



Bridge to Cloud



Streaming Analytics



Event-driven Microservices



CDC Patterns from System of Records





Retail Use Cases





Retail

Drive consumer analytics & streamline operations

Inventory Management



Omni-Channel Experiences



Dynamic Sales
Prediction Model



Integrated Order Implementation



Real-Time Alternate Scenario Analysis



Transportation Optimization



Personalized Promotions



Correlation Detection & Analysis



Customer Profile Development



Event-Driven Processing of Customer Navigation



Real-time Personalized Messaging



Promotion Release & Response Monitoring



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Originally created by the founders of Confluent while at LinkedIn

>150,000

organizations using Kafka

>75% of the F500 estimated to be using Apache Kafka

>65,000 Kafka meetup members

>200 global meetup groups

Definitions

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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.



GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations

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(in thousands, except percentages)

	FY'21	FY'22	Q3'22	Q3'23
Total revenue	\$387,864	\$585,944	\$151,732	\$200,181
Total gross profit on a GAAP basis	\$250,572	\$383,529	\$98,552	\$143,632
Add: Stock-based compensation expense	17,989	32,389	8,997	8,790
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	1,013	1,173	144	305
Add: Amortization of acquired intangibles	-	-	-	129
Non-GAAP total gross profit	\$269,574	\$417,091	\$107,693	\$152,856
Non-GAAP total gross margin	69.5%	71.2%	71.0%	76.4%

	FY'21	FY'22	Q3'22	Q3'23
Subscription revenue	\$347,099	\$535,009	\$ 138,730	\$189,270
Subscription gross profit on a GAAP basis	\$252,239	\$388,685	\$100,313	\$145,166
Add: Stock-based compensation expense	12,571	23,136	6,313	6,171
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	636	569	82	179
Add: Amortization of acquired intangibles	-	-	-	129
Non-GAAP subscription gross profit	\$265,446	\$412,390	\$106,708	\$151,645
Non-GAAP subscription gross margin	76.5%	77.1%	76.9%	80.1%

	FY'21	FY'22	Q3'22	Q3'23
Total revenue	\$387,864	\$585,944	\$151,732	\$200,181
Research and development (R&D) expense on a GAAP basis	\$161,925	\$264,041	\$70,099	\$91,237
Less: Stock-based compensation expense	49,051	101,499	27,692	37,778
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	2,278	2,632	496	686
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	-	-	-	3,841
Non-GAAP R&D expense	\$110,596	\$159,910	\$41,911	\$48,932
Non-GAAP R&D expense as a % of total revenue	28.5%	27.3%	27.6%	24.4%

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	FY'21	FY'22	Q3'22	Q3'23
Total revenue	\$387,864	\$585,944	\$151,732	\$200,181
Sales and marketing (S&M) expense on a GAAP basis	\$319,331	\$456,452	\$114,312	\$128,624
Less: Stock-based compensation expense	55,506	99,366	26,712	32,297
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	4,266	2,485	580	798
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	-	-	-	1,076
Non-GAAP S&M expense	\$259,559	\$354,601	\$87,020	\$94,453
Non-GAAP S&M expense as a % of total revenue	66.9%	60.5%	57.4%	47.2%
	FY'21	FY'22	Q3'22	Q3'23
Total revenue	\$387,864	\$585,944	\$151,732	\$200,181
General and administrative (G&A) expense on a GAAP basis	\$108,936	\$125,710	33,041	31,874
Less: Stock-based compensation expense	33,078	44,402	11,992	10,649
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	2,532	720	149	684
Less: Common stock charitable donation expense	13,290	-	-	-
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	-	1,104	-	148
Non-GAAP G&A expense	\$60,036	\$79,484	\$20,900	\$20,393
Non-GAAP G&A expense as a % of total revenue	15.5%	13.6%	13.8%	10.2%
	FY'21	FY'22	Q3'22	Q3'23
Total revenue	\$387,864	\$585,944	\$151,732	\$200,181
Operating loss on a GAAP basis	\$(339,620)	\$(462,674)	\$(118,900)	\$(108,632)
Add: Stock-based compensation expense	155,624	277,656	75,393	89,514
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	10,089	7,010	1,369	2,473
Add: Common stock charitable donation expense	13,290	-	-	-
Add: Amortization of acquired intangibles	-	-	-	129
Add: Acquisition-related expenses	-	1,104	-	5,065
Add: Restructuring and other related charges	-	-	-	529
Non-GAAP operating loss	\$(160,617)	\$(176,904)	(42,138)	(10,922)
Non-GAAP operating margin	(41.4%)	(30.2%)	(27.8%)	(5.5%)

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