

Your Resource Monitor Isn't Watching Your AI Spend

Cortex AI credits bill separately. Most cost controls don't track them.

THE PROBLEM

Resource Monitors track one thing: virtual warehouse compute credits.

Set a threshold, get an alert, auto-suspend if you want it. That's the entire scope.

THE GAP

Cortex AI Function and Cortex Agent credits get logged separately:

`CORTEX_AI_FUNCTIONS_USAGE_HISTORY`

`CORTEX_AGENT_USAGE_HISTORY`

Your Resource Monitor never queries those tables.

THIS ISN'T THEORETICAL

GitLab's public engineering handbook proves this gap is real.

Their team built a custom alerting layer for Cortex AI credits because the native monitor missed them.

THE COST SWING

~59x

One workload, run on a frontier model instead of an open-source one, at Snowflake Summit 2026. Same output, about 59 times the cost.

Your Resource Monitor can't see which model ran.

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Does any Resource Monitor, budget, or alert
you own reference
CORTEX_AI_FUNCTIONS_USAGE_HISTORY or
CORTEX_AGENT_USAGE_HISTORY?

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Have you turned on Snowflake's Budgets for AI Features, live since April 2026?

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Does your FinOps reporting separate AI credits from compute credits, or blend them into one number?

That's the blind spot. Most teams never check for it.

If you run Cortex AI Functions in production: have you verified your alerts cover AI credit usage, or did you assume they do?