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## Financial Models 101

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# Some tips for competition



NVBC is a great experience- deliverables and deadlines are helpful motivators



Don't worry about winning- It is just a nice bonus!



Get a good editor and keep it clear and professional



Be real (Use case study example)



Be a confident thought leader



Tell an interesting story (Ted Talk)



**The financial model is critical and is generally the lowest scoring category in the competition**



Don't be afraid to ask for help- it leads to opportunities- both sales and investment



# Financial Model

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What to include?  
(Historic + 3-5 years  
**"Projections"**)



What will my business  
finances look like in  
the future if you invest  
today?



(GAAP/IFRS- but you  
don't need to be an  
accountant!)



Balance Sheets  
Profit and Loss  
Cash flows



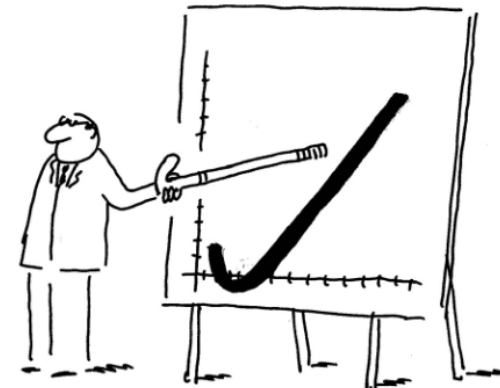
**Build in excel:** Bottom up  
and Top down- Monthly to  
Annual



Key Performance  
Indicators and Milestones



**Financial model drives  
your valuation-  
convert idea to cash**



# Key Terms

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GAAP (IFRS) and Non-GAAP KPI's (**Key Performance Indicators and Milestones**)

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Understand “Revenue” versus “Sales”

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Burn Rate – the net cash expenditures per month

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Spend Rate- the gross cash expenditures per month

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Runway - the number of months left until you run out of cash

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EBITDA- Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization (approximates the Burn)

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Post-Money Value (fully diluted) (Calculate this first)

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Pre-Money Value (fully diluted) (subtract funds raised plus exercise cash)

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# Keys to Good Financial Modeling

Keep it Simple and Understandable:

- **Step 1- Opportunity Analysis**
- **Step 2- Sales to Revenue to Cash**
- **Step 3- Gross Margin-** how much profit on each sale
- **Step 4- KPI's, milestones and Valuation**
- **Case studies** are ideal for financial model- provides clear perspective
- **Believability**... shows your knowledge of magnitude of the “problem” and how to finance a solution and profit



# Example- Elegantly simple

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We take low-value raw materials, such as cranberry pomace, and transform them into high-value bioactive extracts.



Cranberry Pomace:  
1 tonne = \$1K cost

Extraction uses our Patented  
Pressurized Low Polarity Water  
(PLPW) process - PhytoClean™



Simple, high margin  
financial model  
Margins (by product) range  
from 65 to 75%



Produces Cranberry Extract:  
42kg of 8% Bioactive extract = \$6K revenue

# Step 1- Opportunity Analysis

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- Everyone has a billion \$ opportunity – prove it!
- Reference your sources but apply your specific story to the target market opportunity
- 5-10% of Target Market but why...?
- Better marketing? Cooler Product? Cheaper product? Get clever!
- Rate of Growth- Be Realistic (Sensitivities)
- What competitive advantages do you have that will unlock this opportunity:
  - Team
  - Novel Idea/ Patents
  - First mover
  - Traction



# Step 2- Sales to Revenue to Cash

**B2C- Retail? Online?**

**B2B- Services? Products? Franchise?  
License? Combo?**

- Who's going to buy what you're selling and when?
- What price are you going to charge and why?
- How does this compare to competitors?
- Why should the customer buy? (IRR)
- When does the sale, revenue and cash happen?



## Step 3- Gross Margins

### Answer the simple stuff

- What does it cost to deliver what you're selling per unit?
- How are positioning your product? Outsource? Software? Services?
- How do you drive down variable costs and increase margins? Economies of scale.
- Other innovative ways to compete that overlap into your financial model
- Gross margin trending
- Product and Service mix or trends

# Step 4- KPI's, milestones and Valuation

## **KPIs and Milestones:**

- Customer acquisition costs (CAC)?
- Customer Sat – Churn rate–  
Recurring/Repeat customers
- Renewal rates – Lifetime Value –  
Exit Value
- Launch, Break-even, Runway, etc

## **Value is a Sum of the Parts:**

Team, Tech, Opportunity, Risk

Valuation Analysis- Support your value

- Discounted cash flows 5x or 20%  
NPV (Risk) compare to GIC

# Example- Projections

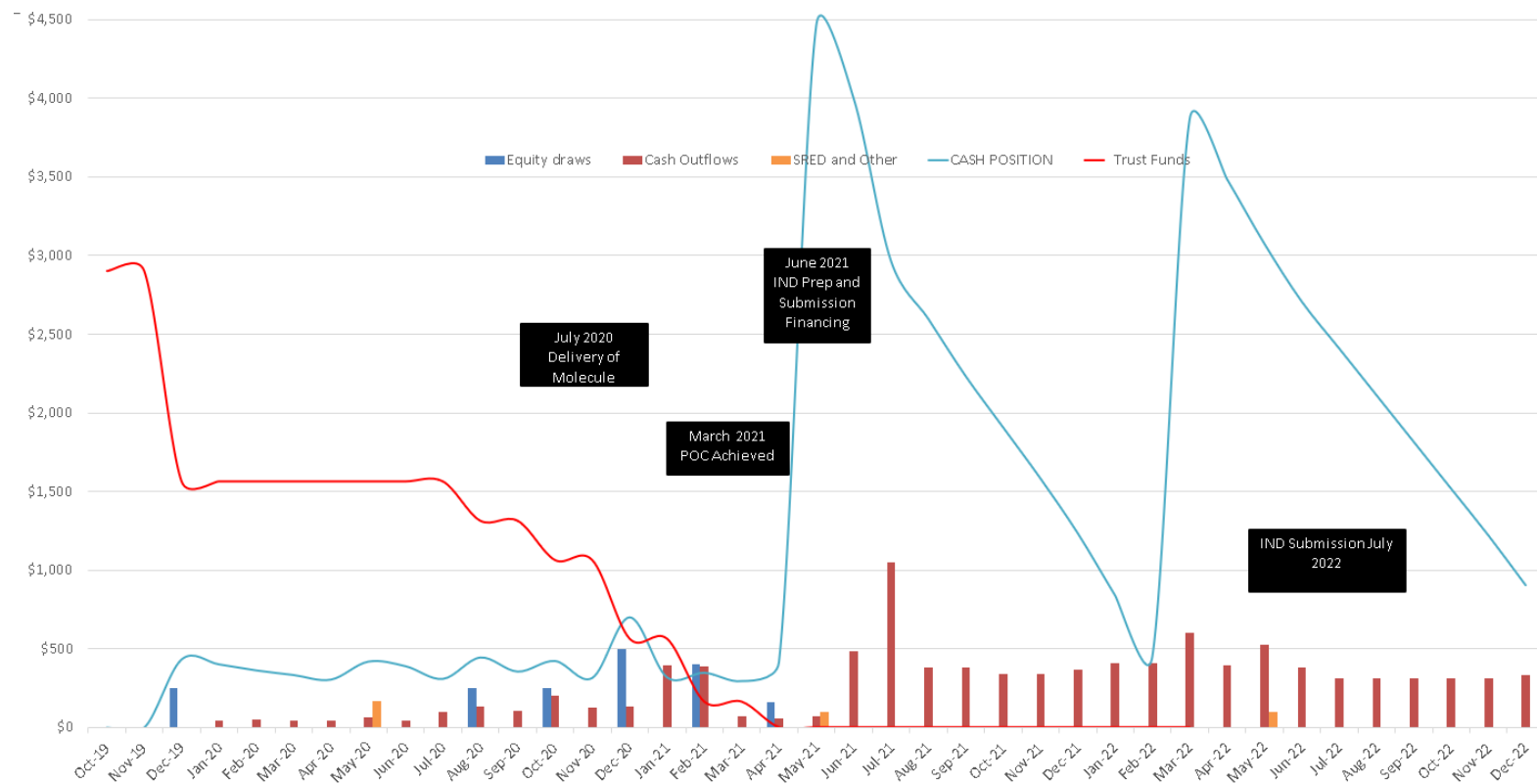
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ABC FOUR YEAR PROJECTED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT AND LOSS Consolidated (in Canadian Dollars) (Unaudited)											
	Actuals			Actuals			Actuals			Projections	
	2017			2018			2019			2020	2021
										2022	2023
REVENUE											
Software subscriptions	-			173,641			161,394			106,000	234,000
Training and events	113,562			74,698			171,060			626,834	1,427,362
Contract development work	126,455			108,228			78,313			125,500	279,750
TOTAL REVENUE	240,017			356,567			410,767			858,334	1,941,112
LESS COST OF REVENUE											
Software costs	-			51,999			14,184			9,400	26,000
Training and events costs	85,172			26,144			53,440			170,800	372,800
Contract development work costs	94,841			81,171			31,162			79,560	176,190
TOTAL COST OF REVENUE	180,013			159,314			98,786			259,760	574,990
GROSS PROFIT											
Software	-			0%			121,642			96,600	91%
Training and events	28,391			25%			48,554			208,000	89%
Contract development work	31,614			25%			27,057			501,000	90%
TOTAL GROSS PROFIT	60,004			75,611			164,772			976,800	91%
OPERATING EXPENSES											
General & Administration	11,465			48,882			45,778			96,034	91%
Research & Development	267,356			352,906			192,295			246,267	91%
Research & Development Tax Credits	(124,000)			(141,162)			(76,918)			103,560	37%
Sales & Marketing	38,101			32,005			119,495			154,400	211,400
Facilities	18,279			31,152			25,378			246,400	296,400
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 211,201			\$ 323,782			\$ 306,028			\$ 423,204	\$ 567,024
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (151,196)			\$ (248,171)			\$ (141,256)			\$ 730,820	\$ 866,112
NON-OPERATING REVENUES											
Total Government Funding †	2,700			20,510			-			-	-
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSES											
Amortization	(2,563)			(5,275)			(6,594)			(8,242)	(10,303)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX	\$ (151,059)			\$ (231,528)			\$ (147,850)			\$ 477,235	\$ 1,046,701
Tax Provision (after loss carryforwards)	-			-			-			136,071	520,400
INCOME (LOSS)	(151,059)			(231,528)			(147,850)			70,527	477,235
										910,630	1,481,138
R&D Assets	\$ 7,328			\$ 15,559			\$ 29,000			\$ 25,199	\$ 30,449
Total Assets	\$ 7,328			\$ 15,559			\$ 29,000			\$ 40,949	\$ 57,442
R&D Expenses (plus 50% of Facilities)	\$ 276,496			\$ 368,482			\$ 204,984			\$ 264,267	\$ 345,567
Non-R&D Expenses	\$ 58,705			\$ 96,463			\$ 177,962			\$ 348,044	\$ 433,144
Total Expenses	\$ 335,201			\$ 464,945			\$ 382,946			\$ 693,611	\$ 901,471
EBC Qualifying Ratio:	283,824			384,041			233,984			289,466	376,016
	342,529			480,504			411,946			555,310	734,210
	0.83			0.80			0.57			0.52	0.51
										0.53	0.52



# Example- Runway

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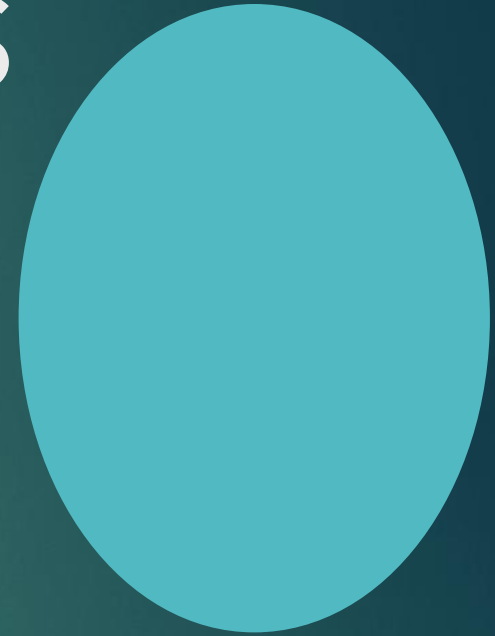


# Concluding Remarks

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- **Keep it Simple Stupid (KISS)**
- **Enlighten the judges (Know your #'s)**
- **Find a Comparative Public Company- SEDAR.com and EDGAR (sec.gov)**
- **Know your key metrics and build business processes that focus on improving these metrics**
- **Use Google- there are lots of great examples- ie. SAAS Metrics/Retail Metrics, etc.**

# Questions





# Appendix A- BC Tech Model- 10 Rules



Incorporate - simple  
reverse vesting  
common shares for  
founder teams



Raise your first \$25k  
from friends and  
family



Get good at  
expense reporting  
(separate Self from  
Inc.)



Register immediately  
to get your GST  
back!



Build real SR&ED and  
optimize Proxy rules

# Appendix A- BC Tech Model- 10 Rules



Register as an EBC  
(30% incentive for  
BC angel investors)



Leverage the NRC-  
IRAP, NSERC, etc.



Angel circuit- links  
to customers and  
maybe even \$



Find customers  
who will help build  
your product



Build partnerships  
and networks early