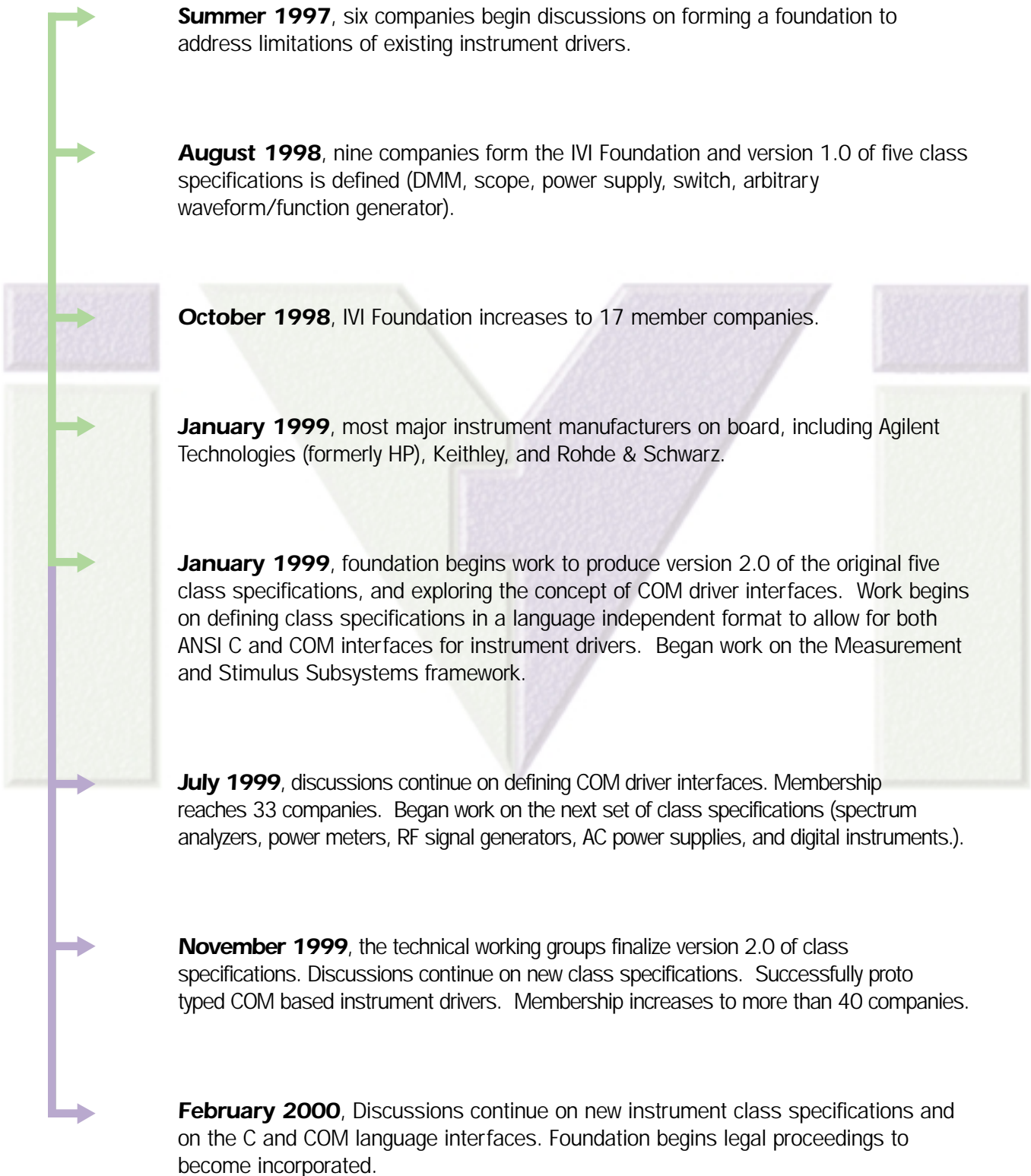


Major IVI Milestones



Summer 1997, six companies begin discussions on forming a foundation to address limitations of existing instrument drivers.

August 1998, nine companies form the IVI Foundation and version 1.0 of five class specifications is defined (DMM, scope, power supply, switch, arbitrary waveform/function generator).

October 1998, IVI Foundation increases to 17 member companies.

January 1999, most major instrument manufacturers on board, including Agilent Technologies (formerly HP), Keithley, and Rohde & Schwarz.

January 1999, foundation begins work to produce version 2.0 of the original five class specifications, and exploring the concept of COM driver interfaces. Work begins on defining class specifications in a language independent format to allow for both ANSI C and COM interfaces for instrument drivers. Began work on the Measurement and Stimulus Subsystems framework.

July 1999, discussions continue on defining COM driver interfaces. Membership reaches 33 companies. Began work on the next set of class specifications (spectrum analyzers, power meters, RF signal generators, AC power supplies, and digital instruments.).

November 1999, the technical working groups finalize version 2.0 of class specifications. Discussions continue on new class specifications. Successfully prototyped COM based instrument drivers. Membership increases to more than 40 companies.

February 2000, Discussions continue on new instrument class specifications and on the C and COM language interfaces. Foundation begins legal proceedings to become incorporated.