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The symposia's origins are in Zürich, where Professor Emeritus Kovári recognised the lack of knowledge practicing engineers and geologists had with instrumentation and how to interpret the results. These symposia deal, broadly, with the use of instrumentation by civil engineers, geotechnical engineers, mining engineers, engineering geologists and geophysicists to measure the properties of soil deposits and geological formations and/or to quantify the performance and behaviour of manmade structures and other engineering works by taking physical measurements.

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