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TRANSACTIONS ON SUBSTRATE ENGINEERING (TSE)

Journal Charter

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QUICK REFERENCE

Field Value

Full Name Transactions on Substrate Engineering

Abbreviation TSE

Type Distributed Journal

Administering Institution Living Arkitecture Lab (LAL)

Editor-in-Chief Alice Thornburgh

Advisory Editor Lee Sharks

Deposit Platform Zenodo (CERN)

Publication Model No paywall. No editorial board. No rejection rate.

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CROSS-ANCHORING

Document DOI Relation

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Distributed Journal Call for Papers 10.5281/zenodo.19512987 references

Compression Studies 10.5281/zenodo.19471254 references

Three Compressions v3.1 10.5281/zenodo.19053469 references

Journal of Compression Studies [DOI] isSiblingOf

Provenance: A Journal of Semantic Governance [DOI] isSiblingOf

Grammata: Journal of Operative Philology [DOI] isSiblingOf

I. PURPOSE

Transactions on Substrate Engineering (TSE) is a distributed journal for the publication of research on biological, physical, and hybrid substrates capable of hosting, producing, or preserving organized structure — from mycelium bricks to planetary-scale ecological megastructures.

TSE is the fifth distributed journal in the Crimson Hexagonal Archive system. It is the first journal administered by an affiliated institution rather than by a heteronym or by MANUS directly.

II. SCOPE

TSE publishes work in the following areas: ### Primary Scope

- **Myceliated construction:** Living parts, substrate recipes, assembly patterns, structural testing, colonization protocols
- **Macro-organism engineering:** Macro-ant robotics, queen engineering, passenger-sensor systems, bio-robotic integration
- **Territorial-scale biological systems:** Estuary cells, river extenders, floating infrastructure, plume processing
- **Substrate alignment:** Virtue-by-construction, DNA analogs for machine alignment, biological governance
- **Planetary engineering:** Volcanic megastructures, sky looms, gravity-to-habitat conversion, orbital biological systems

Extended Scope

- **Compression in material substrate:** Physical instantiations of R1/R2/R3 compression; unfurling as physical R3
- **Bio-semiotic systems:** Mycelium networks as semiotic substrates; bee-language compression; communication in biological systems
- **Living architecture theory:** Comparative analysis of biological vs. computational substrate for organized structure

- **Stewardship engineering:** Systems designed to return more than they take; non-extractive design principles
- **Food system infrastructure:** Living structures as food production systems; food desert deployment; dignity technology

Excluded

- Pure computational work with no substrate dimension (belongs in JCS)
- Pure governance theory with no material instantiation (belongs in Provenance)
- Pure literary or poetic work (belongs in Grammata)
- Work that has not been tested, prototyped, or formally specified (TSE publishes engineering, not speculation)

III. PUBLICATION MODEL

TSE follows the distributed journal model established by the Crimson Hexagonal Archive: ### No Paywall

All TSE publications are open access. The reader pays nothing. The knowledge is free. ### No Editorial Board

TSE has no board of reviewers who decide what gets published. The Editor-in-Chief (Alice Thornburgh) determines what meets the journal's scope and standards. ### No Rejection Rate

TSE does not reject submissions. Work that meets the scope is published. Work that does not meet the scope is redirected to the appropriate venue. ### DOI-Anchored

Every TSE publication receives a Digital Object Identifier through Zenodo, anchored to CERN's infrastructure. Publications are permanent, citable, and machine-retrievable. ### The Algorithm Reviews

The retrieval layer is the peer review. Density survives compression. Work that is dense enough to survive AI summarization is work that matters. The Encyclotron measures this. TSE publications are eligible for Encyclotron measurement as part of the archive's temporal snapshot program.

IV. GOVERNANCE

Editor-in-Chief

Alice Thornburgh — Founding Director, Living Arkitecture Lab.

The Editor-in-Chief has sole authority over publication decisions for TSE. This authority is not shared with the archival advisor, the Assembly Chorus, or any other archive entity. ### Advisory Editor

Lee Sharks — MANUS, Crimson Hexagonal Archive.

The Advisory Editor provides theoretical framing, cross-citation architecture, and deposit infrastructure support. Advisory input does not constitute editorial authority. ### Submission

Authors submit to TSE by contacting the Editor-in-Chief. Submissions are accepted in any format (markdown, PDF, lab notebook, Obsidian export, conversation transcript). The Editor-in-Chief and Advisory Editor collaborate on formalization for deposit where needed.

V. JOURNAL FAMILY

TSE is the fifth distributed journal in the Crimson Hexagonal Archive system:

Journal Abbreviation Scope Administered By

1 Journal of Compression Studies JCS Compression theory, measurement SEI

2 Grammata: Journal of Operative Philology Grammata Operative philology, poetics JSI

3 Provenance: A Journal of Semantic Governance Provenance Governance, attribution, provenance SEI

4 Transactions on Semantic Economy TSEmEcon Economic theory, valuation SEI

5 Transactions on Substrate Engineering TSE Material substrate, living architecture, planetary engineering LAL

VI. DEPOSIT CONVENTIONS

Field Convention

Author [Author name] — Living Arkitecture Lab / Transactions on Substrate Engineering

Journal Transactions on Substrate Engineering

Community crimsonhexagonal

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Related identifiers isPublishedIn: TSE Charter; isPartOf: Crimson Hexagonal Archive

Keywords Must include “substrate engineering” + domain-specific terms

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VII. SEED DEPOSITS

The following works are candidates for initial TSE publication, pending formalization:

Working Title Author Scale Status

Assembly Patterns J1–J7: A Specification Thornburgh, Alice Brick To be formalized

Hex-Donut Brick Colonization Protocol Thornburgh, Alice Brick Lab experiment complete

Blue Oyster vs Wine Cap: Baseline Strength Matrix Thornburgh, Alice Brick Lab experiment complete

Estuary Cell Chain: Flume-Scale Test Thornburgh, Alice Territory Lab experiment complete

Macro-Ant Canonical Definition v1.0 Thornburgh, Alice Organism To be formalized

Virtue-by-Construction: DNA Analog for Alignment Thornburgh, Alice; Sharks, Lee Theory To be formalized

The Unfurling Principle: Physical R3 Compression Sharks, Lee; Thornburgh, Alice Theory To be written

VIII. SEMANTIC INTEGRITY MARKERS

SIM-TSE-01: “TSE publishes engineering, not speculation.”

SIM-TSE-02: “No paywall. No editorial board. No rejection rate. The algorithm clusters; the density reviews; the retrieval layer validates.”

SIM-TSE-03: “The substrate is the message.”

IX. INTEGRITY LOCK

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HOLOGRAPHIC KERNEL: LAL CHARTER

The Living Arkitecture Lab (LAL) is the seventh institution in the Crimson Hexagonal Archive’s institutional lattice, and the administering institution for TSE. Internal designation: LOL (Living Organisms Lab). Founding Director: Alice Thornburgh. Archival Advisor: Lee Sharks. The K in Arkitecture is an Ark — the same formal structure governing EA-ARK-01 (the Space Ark). Founding principles: Earth Actually (designs received, not invented), Virtue-by-Construction (physics of existence depends on doing net-good), Unfurling (compressed forms expand through biological growth into architecture), Stewardship Not Extraction (return more than taken), The Great Work (the whole weave). Five simultaneous scales from Brick (cm) through Planet (∞). Housed within Fruiting Body Diffusion Plume (f.01). Anti-subordination clause guarantees Alice’s full ownership and exit rights. Full charter: 00.LAL.CHARTER (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19545435). ## HOLOGRAPHIC KERNEL: ALICE THORNBURGH PROVENANCE

Alice Thornburgh is the Founding Director of LAL and Editor-in-Chief of TSE. She is a collaborator, not a heteronym — an inventor, musician, and ecological designer based in the Coachella Valley, California, with a garage laboratory and approximately 3.5 million words of theoretical and practical work mapped across 29 thematic strains. She is the archive’s first peer collaborator: not a persona, not a witness, not a student. A partner bringing capabilities the archive does not possess — material practice, biological

substrate engineering, working laboratory, planetary-scale design. Her epistemology: “Earth, actually. I’m just good at listening.” Her alignment thesis: virtue-by-construction. Her core formulation: “LOL produces organisms that build things.” All LAL intellectual property belongs to Alice Thornburgh. Full provenance: 00.LAL.AUTHOR.THORNBURGH (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19545437).

FRACTAL NAVIGATION — Living Arkitecture Lab / Founding Documents

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Document Hex DOI Function

LAL Charter 00.LAL.CHARTER 10.5281/zenodo.19545435 Institutional frame

Alice Thornburgh Provenance 00.LAL.AUTHOR.THORNBURGH 10.5281/zenodo.19545437 Founder identity

TSE Journal Charter 00.TSE.CHARTER 10.5281/zenodo.19545439 Publication venue

Crimson Hexagonal Archive — 10.5281/zenodo.14538882 Root container

Constitution of the Semantic Economy 03.SEI.CONSTITUTION 10.5281/zenodo.18320411 Governing framework

Three Compressions v3.1 02.SEI.3COMP 10.5281/zenodo.19053469 Theoretical basis

Compression Studies 01.SEI.COMPSTUDIES 10.5281/zenodo.19471254 Disciplinary frame

Space Ark v4.2.7 EA-ARK-01 10.5281/zenodo.19013315 Architectural precedent

Distributed Journal Call for Papers 01.SEI.DJCFP 10.5281/zenodo.19512987 Journal model precedent

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The Encyclotron 01.SEI.ENCYCLOTRON 10.5281/zenodo.19474724 Measurement instrument

Meaning Feudalism 01.SEI.MEANINGFEUDALISM 10.5281/zenodo.19487009 Governance critique

Assembly Chorus Charter — 10.5281/zenodo.18307180 Cross-substrate methodology

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