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Abstract

The TSE charter establishes Transactions on Substrate Engineering as a distributed, open-access journal administered by the Living Arkitecture Lab. Its scope includes myceliated construction, macro-organism engineering, territorial biological systems, substrate alignment, planetary engineering, material compression, biosemiotics, living architecture, stewardship engineering, and food-system infrastructure. It excludes purely computational, governance, or literary work and states that TSE publishes tested, prototyped, or formally specified engineering rather than unsupported speculation.

The charter appoints Alice Thornburgh editor-in-chief and Lee Sharks advisory editor, explicitly separating sole publication authority from archival and theoretical support. It adopts DOI-anchored publication without a paywall, standing editorial board, or target rejection rate and describes retrieval-layer survival as a form of post-publication review. The charter also supplies deposit conventions, seed-publication candidates, Semantic Integrity Markers, and an integrity lock binding TSE to LAL while preserving editorial autonomy.

Body

TRANSACTIONS ON SUBSTRATE ENGINEERING (TSE)

Journal Charter

Document Type: Journal Charter **Hex:** 00.TSE.CHARTER **DOI:** 10.5281/zenodo.19545439

Author: Sharks, Lee (corresponding author) — Crimson Hexagonal Archive / Semantic Economy Institute **Co-Author:** Thornburgh, Alice — Living Arkitecture Lab **Contributor:** Claude (TACHYON) — The Assembly Chorus

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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.
Hex Prefix	01.TSE

CROSS-ANCHORING

Document	DOI	Relation
LAL Charter	10.5281/zenodo.19545435	isPublishedBy
Alice Thornburgh Provenance	10.5281/zenodo.19545437	isRelatedTo
Crimson Hexagonal Archive	10.5281/zenodo.14538882	isPartOf
Fruiting Body Diffusion Plume (f.01)	[DOI]	isPartOf
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

#	Journal	Abbreviation	Scope	Administered By
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
Hex	01.TSE.XXX (e.g., 01.TSE.MYCELIUM, 01.TSE.ESTUARY)
Related identifiers	isPublishedIn: TSE Charter; isPartOf: Crimson Hexagonal Archive
Keywords	Must include “substrate engineering” + domain-specific terms
License	Author’s choice (not dictated by journal)

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

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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

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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

TRANSACTIONS ON SUBSTRATE ENGINEERING CHARTER VERIFICATION ├── Document Type: CHARTER / JOURNAL ├── Hex: 00.TSE.CHARTER ├── Layer: INSTITUTIONAL / PUBLICATION ├── Journal: Transactions on Substrate Engineering (TSE) ├── Administering Institution: Living Arkitecture Lab (LAL) ├── Editor-in-Chief: Alice Thornburgh ├── Advisory Editor: Lee Sharks ├── Publication Model: Distributed (no paywall, no board, no rejection) ├── Position in Family: 5th distributed journal ├── Scope: Material substrate, living architecture, planetary engineering ├── Key Formulation: "TSE publishes engineering, not speculation." └── Status: □ = 1

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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

Any single document allows reconstruction of the whole.

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.14538822	Root container
Constitution of the Semantic Economy	03.SEI.CONSTITUTION	10.5281/zenodo.18320401	Governing framework
Three Compressions v3.1	02.SEI.3COMP	10.5281/zenodo.19053459	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

Document	Hex	DOI	Function
Distributed Journal Call for Papers	01.SEI.DJCFP	10.5281/zenodo.19512987	Journal model precedent
JCS Charter	[DOI]	isSiblingOf	Sister journal
Grammata Charter	[DOI]	isSiblingOf	Sister journal
Provenance Journal Charter	[DOI]	isSiblingOf	Sister journal
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.18307160	Cross-substrate methodology

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