

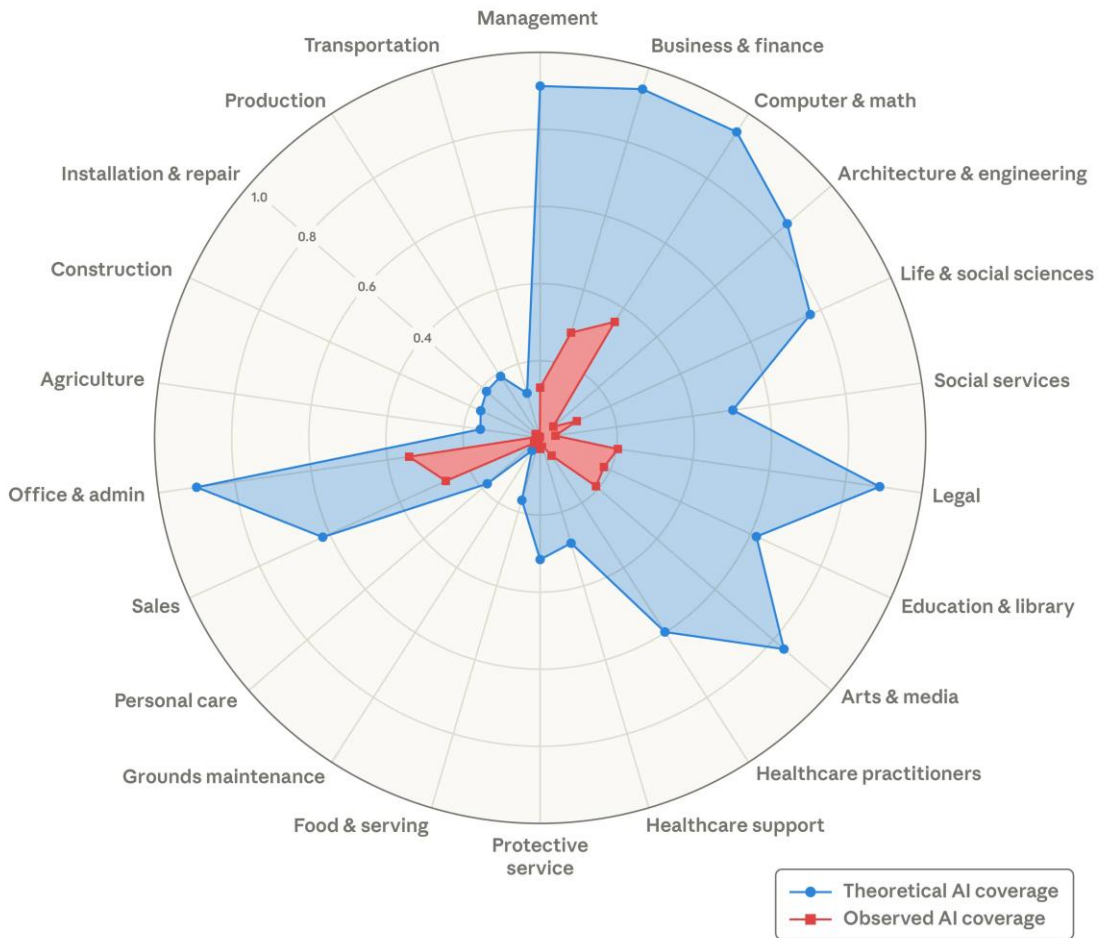
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Dear Chuck,

Recent industry research published by [Anthropic on March 5, 2026](#), the Architecture and Engineering industry has a **"Theoretical AI Coverage" of 0.8**, yet an **"Observed Exposure" of less than 0.2**. In Construction, reports indicate that the impact is almost non-existent.

Theoretical capability and observed usage by occupational category



Source: <https://www.anthropic.com/research/labor-market-impacts>

We hold a different perspective.

From the parametric breakthroughs led by **Shajay Bhooshan (ZHA)** to **AECOM's** recent acquisition of **Consigli**, the practical reality of our industry reflects a far more aggressive pivot towards innovation. Since **IBEW 2024**, the Built Environment has progressed from experimental testing to active deployment of AI at a pace that traditional researchers are struggling to track in real-time.

Why does this gap exist, and how do we bridge it?



In our upcoming **IBEW 2026**, we are moving beyond the theoretical frameworks to achieve integrated ecosystem-wide results, curated to address the real-world questions of AI and Talent head-on:

- **Solving the Data Dilemma:** Turning "Garbage In" into "Intelligence Out" (Breakout 1.1).
- **The Accountability Crisis:** Who takes the fall when an algorithm fails? (Breakout 1.4).
- **The Human In The Loop:** Why systems that puts people at the centre of everything succeed where others fail (Plenary 3).
- **AI Deployments in the Built Environment Lifecycle:** How companies are utilizing AI enabled tools to drive efficiency gains in design, engineering, construction and facilities management (Breakout 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, and 1.6)

While statistical reports may suggest a period of stagnation, the innovators within our community are just beginning to scale.

[Read the Full Op-Ed: The Intelligence Paradox](#)

Join us in Singapore for IBEW 2026 to bridge the gap between theoretical potential and real-world performance.

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IBEW Expert Series Sources

Based on insights from the 2025 Expert Series.

- **Session 1.7:** Use Cases of AI in BIM and Project Management
- **Session 1.8:** Applying Lean Construction Methodology
- **Session 1.9:** BIM Data Capture, Management & Exploitation
- **Session 1.10a:** Deep Dive on New Tech Application (Robotics)
- **Session 1.10b:** Deep Dive on New Tech Application (Prefab MEP)
- **Session 2.8:** Harnessing Building Intelligence and Data
- **Session 2.14:** Success Stories from the Green Building Innovation Cluster

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