Special Issue

Edible Films and Coatings in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: From Materials to Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

The growing global demand for safer, healthier, and more sustainable food has sparked a remarkable transformation in food preservation technologies. This Special Issue, titled "Edible Films and Coatings in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: From Materials to Applications", seeks to reflect the breadth of advances in this dynamic and rapidly evolving field. Our goal is to connect fundamental materials research with practical, real-world applications. We welcome contributions on new biopolymers, characterization methods, and encapsulation techniques, but we are especially interested in studies that integrate emerging technologies. In particular, we encourage submissions exploring the use of microfluidics for developing precision-engineered emulsions and delivery systems, computer vision for non-destructive quality assessment, and artificial intelligence (AI) or machine learning for optimizing formulations, predicting shelf life, and analyzing complex sensory data.

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