

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN FOOD INDUSTRY

Abstract

Artificial intelligence otherwise known as AI, is a technology which is used to automate tasks using human intelligence. This chapter entitled as Artificial intelligence in food industry emphasis the application of AI in all the process of a food industry like helping customers to make decisions in choosing the food items, food packaging, tracking food supply chain, highlighting marketing strategies, food preparation and delivery, maintaining food safety, customer service, food waste reduction, hospitality and many more. Readers of this chapter will definitely acquire knowledge about how AI can be applied in food industry in a best way.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The food industry plays a big role in providing for our basic demand for food. Industries use a variety of technology instruments to keep up with their everyday tasks, from food production to packaging. Technology and the food industry's significance have allowed for rapid, significant advancements in the sector's quality, efficiency, and speed. It is rather admirable how the food sector has developed given that it started out as a much slower industry. In this profession, a typical day's work could involve anything from sorting food components to packaging them for delivery to clients. Every stage of this requires technical support. The industry's regulation has become more effective as a result of the rise of increasingly automated operations. It is impossible to completely eliminate manual labor, nevertheless, as quality control personnel and technicians must constantly evaluate the production process. This begs the question of how various technologies, such artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and big data analytics, might be applied in the food sector. Numerous scientists have contended that the complete substitution of humans with machines would trigger a calamity that might ultimately cause human famine. Years of experience, however, have only demonstrated how much the sector may be improved by machines and automated technology.

“As it is in many industries, artificial intelligence (AI) is making huge waves in the world of food and beverage. More and more organizations within the industry are recognizing the potential of AI to drive greater efficiency and profits, reduce wastage and provide protection against supply chain disruptions.”

- Growth of AI in Industrial Sector

The next section, which discusses the applications and potential uses of AI in the food business, will show this wave of transformation.

II. WHAT IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Artificial intelligence is a branch of computer science that seeks to replicate or simulate human intelligence within machines. It involves the endeavor to imbue machines with the capability to think intelligently. The development of AI is rooted in the study of human behavior and cognitive processes, including the processes of learning, decision-making, and collaborative problem-solving. The insights gained from these extensive studies provide a foundation upon which intelligent software and systems are designed and created.

III. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN FOOD INDUSTRY

Artificial intelligence is poised to become a pivotal factor in the future of food production. Companies within the food and beverage sector are swiftly integrating this technology into their operations with the objective of enhancing efficiency in both operational and logistical aspects while meeting customer demands. Prominent players in the industry have adopted artificial intelligence to ensure a strong connection with their customer base. Artificial intelligence and machine learning offer a plethora of opportunities across various industries, as they facilitate process optimization, cost reduction, and the elimination of human errors. Restaurants, bars, coffee shops, and food manufacturers can all leverage the

advantages of AI and machine learning, which present numerous common use cases within the food industry.

1. Applications of Artificial Intelligence in the Food Industry: The food processing industry is known for its rigorous demands, encompassing tasks like the sorting of food and raw materials from farms, as well as the maintenance of machinery and diverse equipment. As the final product approaches the shipping stage, it undergoes quality checks to ensure readiness for shipment. However, artificial intelligence is increasingly automating these procedures in numerous food processing facilities. Below are the top five applications of artificial intelligence that directly influence food processing companies. These applications not only contribute to revenue generation but also enhance the overall customer experience.

- **Sorting Packages and Products:** The initial challenge faced by food processing companies is the sorting of raw materials, where every potato, tomato, orange, and apple is distinct and requires meticulous categorization. To remain competitive, these companies must maintain a certain level of quality. Without the automation offered by AI and emerging technologies like IoT, this task demands considerable human effort. TOMRA, a prominent provider of sorting and collection software solutions based in Norway, reported that as of the end of the 20th century, people were manually sorting 90% of food. TOMRA employs technologies such as X-ray, NIR (near-infrared) spectroscopy, LASER, and cameras, which are complemented by a sophisticated machine learning algorithm. This algorithm thoroughly analyzes various attributes of fruits or vegetables during the sorting process. It distinguishes itself from conventional food sorting robots, which only separate subpar produce from good ones. Another example is Kewpie Corporation, a Japanese food processing company, which has developed an AI-based machine capable of detecting irregularities in agricultural products. Companies like TOMRA and Kewpie provide invaluable support to the food industry, facilitating increased sales and improved yields.
- **Maintaining Food Safety:** Food safety is a critical concern within the food industry, where even the slightest contamination can have severe consequences. To address this issue, factories have begun implementing AI-based camera systems to monitor whether employees are adhering to proper dress code guidelines. This initiative mirrors the efforts of the Shanghai Municipal Health Department, which has already deployed AI-enabled cameras in over 200 restaurants. Remark Holding is collaborating on plans to expand this deployment to encompass more than 2,000 branches. These AI-supported cameras assist restaurant management by ensuring that employees are wearing the appropriate food safety gear in compliance with regulations, while also enabling real-time detection of any instances of misconduct.

- **Keeping Clean:** Hygiene is a paramount concern in food processing facilities. While many companies assert their cleanliness due to automated processes that eliminate human involvement, the risk of machine and device contamination remains. Customers have become more discerning, recognizing that automation alone doesn't guarantee product safety. The University of Nottingham has conducted research revealing that equipment cleaning accounts for over 30% of energy and water consumption in food processing plants. Their AI-based sensor system is estimated to save nearly \$133 million annually while reducing cleaning time by 50%. This innovation also leads to significant reductions in electricity and water usage. Unlike traditional cleaning systems lacking sensors, the previous methods couldn't effectively eliminate the smallest food particles from equipment containers. However, the new self-optimizing cleaning system, which utilizes optical fluorescence imaging and ultrasonic sensor technologies, not only achieves superior cleaning results but also provides data to a machine learning algorithm. Additionally, it aids in monitoring microbiological waste and food residues within the equipment.
- **Designing Products:** The food processing industry stands out as it allows a single company to produce a diverse array of products. Take Coca-Cola, for instance, which has acquired over 500 brands and offers an extensive selection of more than 3500 beverages to its customers. The question arises: how does the company decide on its next flavor offering? Before embracing AI, Coca-Cola relied on surveys and advertising campaigns to gain insights into consumer preferences. Presently, Coca-Cola manages a network of self-service beverage fountains that enable consumers to craft their personalized drinks by blending various Coca-Cola liquids. These fountains have been widely deployed throughout the United States, attracting hundreds of consumers who experiment with creating their unique beverages. The company also explored the utilization of artificial intelligence. Notably, it was observed that a popular combination among customers was mixing cherry-flavored cola with Sprite. Armed with this valuable data, Coca-Cola introduced a new product, Cherry Sprite, into its line-up.
- **Helping Customers Make Decisions:** AI plays a pivotal role in assisting customers, including food processors, in making more informed purchasing decisions. Kellogg's, recognized as the world's largest food company, introduced Bear Naked Custom, an initiative that empowered customers to craft their own distinctive granola blends using a selection of more than 50 ingredients. This innovative system harnessed IBM's Watson technology, specifically Chef Watson, which boasts an extensive repertoire of potential recipes. These recipes were subsequently processed through an AI algorithm, aiding users in determining ingredient compatibility. This technological advancement facilitated the creation of personalized cereal batches for customers while also influencing the company's future product line, akin to Coca-Cola's approach. While artificial intelligence is still in its nascent stages, it is reshaping the landscape of the food processing and handling industry and is poised to completely revolutionize the sector in the years ahead. AI will play a pivotal role in boosting these companies' sales by expediting the manufacturing process, reducing maintenance periods, minimizing production downtime, and mitigating the risk of

operational failures. Furthermore, AI is set to enhance the customer experience by proactively anticipating their preferences, dislikes, and desires.

- 1. Trend Analysis:** The initial use of AI in the food sector is in the analysis of current consumer needs and preferences by FMCG firms. AI may provide valuable insights into the requirements and desires of customers, which can be used to design new products, through the analysis of large data and machine learning models. This is a critical stage where businesses select a product that has the best chance of succeeding in the consumer market. AI is the driving force behind change that offers businesses the assurance to introduce a particular product with unique features. Food companies may effectively meet customer wants and correctly target the relevant audience in the market by using trend analysis techniques.
- 2. Efficient Speed:** The ability of AI to expedite the production process is one of its greatest benefits for the food business. In contrast to earlier times when labor-intensive procedures had to be completed by hand, the food business saw a high number of failures and a poor production rate all year long. But with the development of artificial intelligence (AI) and automated machinery, machines can now quickly produce more goods at once and achieve better results. Consequently, this helps the commercial buildings and increases sales.
“By using such types of systems, industries gained some advantages such as faster production rate, high-quality yielding, and labor cost cutting.”
- AI in Speedy Production
- 3. Quality Checking:** Examining for quality Quality checking is another laborious activity that was previously completed by humans. In the food industry, quality and adhering to regulatory agencies' criteria are paramount. Nonetheless, quality can rarely be neglected or compromised while producing food and other goods in large quantities. If the production process is executed in accordance with AI-supported machinery, this is not a drawback, though. To guarantee quality, AI tools and algorithms can be trained and modified to assess a variety of factors. This specific work can also be finished with little error because machines can only handle a specific level of quality.
- 4. Controlled cultivation :** The cultivation method affects the final product and its quality significantly, even if it is not the only aspect of the food industry. In order to employ food crops later on in the production process, they must first be cultivated. Crop failures can occasionally happen as a result of weather variations and shifting environmental factors, leading to low-quality yields. Cultivation under control is one way to manage and regulate this. AI can be used in food science and technology to enable controlled cultivation. This leads to a regulated quality that the farmer specifies to avoid crop damage in regulated environmental settings.

- 5. Smart Sensors:** If you could receive a warning or notification each time a machine malfunctioned, how would it make you feel? Efficient, isn't it? The food business and its processes can be promptly monitored and regulated with the use of clever, AI-controlled sensors. Intelligent sensors keep an eye on everything from the very beginning to the very end of production and packaging, reporting any anomalies or problems. This can apply to anything, such as power outages or problems with quality. The application of artificial intelligence (AI) to smart sensors in the food business is particularly advantageous for all food industries since these sensors not only help identify anomalous activity but also undermine the need for quality inspectors at every stage of the production process.
- 6. Investigative Exploration:** In any industry, errors in exploratory research are unavoidable. Issues might come up at any time, whether you work in a clothes factory or the food business. It's possible, nonetheless, that these impairments have unidentified causes. The food industry may look into these situations and discover the underlying causes of any accidents with the use of AI. AI programs are capable of conducting investigative investigations and producing results rapidly by looking over and analyzing historical datasets. This eliminates a great deal of time spent on other procedures and ensures that nothing is overlooked.
- 7. Segregation:** Food separation is one of the most crucial processes when beginning a food production process. An effective and well-organized production process requires the separation and sorting of food ingredients. People who performed this activity manually used to be involved in the separating process. Instead, specialized equipment driven by AI algorithms is currently employed to separate food ingredients before they are combined to create goods. In the past, segregation has been a labor-intensive procedure. However, these days, doing so takes less time and effort, which has led to a major reduction in the amount of resources used by the food producing businesses.
- 8. Tracking Food Supply Chain:** Have you ever wanted to know how a courier is tracked? Artificial intelligence introduced this technology long before anyone knew about it, even if you've been using it for a while. Food firms may follow the supply chain to make sure their raw materials are traveling in the right direction and at the right speed, much like they can track a courier or a delivery. Raw materials are frequently transported to new sites or relocated. This may seriously impede production and cause a delay in the finished product. Food firms can now use customized AI tools and websites to track food supply chains, from production ingredients to packaging materials.
- 9. Automated Packaging :** We need to talk about how artificial intelligence (AI) has changed the food industry's packaging process as we get closer to the end of the production process. Modern automated equipment packs a row of products in less than 25 seconds and knows just how much to put into the packing bin. Still, another significant advance AI has made to the sector is automated packaging robots. Packaging has accelerated and become more seamless thanks to the use of quick and effective machinery.

- 10. Predictive Management :** When examining the influence of AI technology in the industry, predictive analytics is a crucial topic. The food sector lost a lot of money for a very long time since it didn't know how certain practices will affect it later on. Numerous factors can affect the food business, ranging from crop failures to power outages. Predictive analytics assists the food business in using predictive metrics to forecast potential outcomes in order to avert such problems. This has aided numerous industries in getting ready for unanticipated events that could otherwise arise. The food business may benefit greatly from predictive analytics' capability because it can foresee and predict a wide range of potential scenarios.
- 11. Exploring the Benefits of AI in the Food Industry:** The food industry is constantly evolving and the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) has brought about significant changes in the industry. AI offers a solution to many challenges faced by the food industry, including food safety, sustainability and waste reduction. AI technology has enabled these issues to be addressed more efficiently, resulting in better customer and business experiences.
- 12. AI-Driven Customer Service:** One of the most significant ways AI is transforming the food industry is in customer service. Many companies now use chatbots, automated systems to answer inquiries and place orders. Operating 24/7, these call assistants significantly reduce waiting times, thereby improving customer satisfaction. They can also learn while interacting with users, which allows them to more effectively provide customer information and solutions. AI-driven customer service has enabled companies to give customers personalized recommendations based on their previous orders and preferences. This has resulted in an improved customer experience as customers feel their needs are being met more efficiently and effectively.
- 13. Menu personalization and AI:** AI can also help personalize menus based on dietary preferences, restrictions, and past order dates. With this technology, menus are tailored to customers' needs, enhancing the dining experience. This also reduces food waste as customers are more likely to order what they like and are more likely to finish their meals. Additionally, AI-powered menu personalization has enabled restaurants to offer more diverse and comprehensive options to customers with specific dietary needs. This has created a richer and more inviting dining experience for all customers.
- 14. Efficient Inventory Management:** AI technology can help track and manage inventory more efficiently. It can predict demand and reorder supplies when needed, reducing food spoilage and waste. This improves the profitability of restaurants as they can adjust supply and demand accordingly. Additionally, AI-powered inventory management has enabled businesses to reduce their carbon footprint by minimizing food waste. This has led to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly approach in the food industry.

15. AI-powered marketing strategies: AI can help marketers personalize advertising and promotional campaigns to target specific audiences. This makes advertising more efficient and through targeted addressing stronger customer relationships can be established. Businesses can also use AI to analyze social media interactions and customer feedback to make informed decisions about future promotions and campaigns. AI-powered marketing strategies have enabled companies to reach wider audiences and improve their brand image. This has resulted in increased customer retention and loyalty.

IV. AUTOMATED FOOD PREPARATION AND DELIVERY

AI has revolutionized the way food is prepared and delivered. Robots can prepare food and drink, reducing human error and ensuring consistent portion and taste. This technology can also reduce preparation and delivery time, improving the customer experience. With AI-powered food preparation and delivery, businesses can provide customers with more efficient and convenient service. This has resulted in higher customer satisfaction and loyalty. AI has brought about significant changes in the food industry, enabling companies to offer a better experience to their customers and themselves. With the integration of AI technology, the food industry has become more efficient, sustainable and customer-centric, resulting in a more enjoyable and inclusive dining experience for everyone.

V. AI AND FOOD SAFETY

Food safety is a critical issue for the food industry and AI can help regulate this issue. AI can help monitor food production and distribution, detect contamination, and prevent disease outbreaks. By analyzing data, potential dangers can be predicted and measures to contain them can be offered. Among other things, AI can contribute to food safety by monitoring the temperature of food during transport. Temperature control is critical to food safety, as bacteria can quickly multiply in food that is not stored at the correct temperature. AI sensors can be placed in food transport vehicles to monitor temperature and alert drivers when there is a deviation from the recommended temperature range. This can help prevent food spoilage and contamination and ensure food is safe for consumers. Another way AI can contribute to food safety is by detecting contaminants in food. AI can analyse images of food samples and detect any anomalies or foreign objects that may be present. This can help identify contaminated food before it reaches the consumer, preventing the spread of foodborne illness. In addition, AI can help identify the source of contamination, allowing for a more targeted response and faster problem resolution. AI can also help with food safety by predicting potential hazards. By analysing data related to food production and distribution, AI can identify patterns and trends that may indicate a potential hazard. Suppose there is a sudden increase in the number of cases of a particular foodborne illness. In this case, the AI can analyse the data to identify the source of the outbreak and recommend measures to prevent further spread. This can help prevent disease outbreaks and ensure consumer safety. AI has the potential to revolutionize the food industry by improving food safety. By monitoring temperature, detecting contaminants and predicting potential hazards, AI can help ensure food is safe for consumers. As AI technology advances, it is likely to play an even bigger role in ensuring food safety.

VI. CHALLENGES AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

While AI offers numerous benefits, there are some ethical considerations to consider. Many are concerned about the impact of AI on the job market as automation reduces the need for human labor. One of the biggest challenges of AI is the displacement of jobs. It is predicted that as AI technology advances, many jobs will become automated over time, which will significantly reduce the need for human labor. This could lead to an increase in unemployment rates, particularly among low-skilled workers who may need the skills needed to transition into a new job. Governments and businesses must work together to address these challenges and find ways to reskill and reskill workers for new job opportunities. In addition, there are legitimate concerns about the impact of AI on privacy and data protection. Companies must ensure appropriate data protection measures and transparency when implementing AI systems. Privacy is a big concern when it comes to AI. AI systems rely heavily on data; Businesses need to ensure they collect and use data in an ethical and transparent manner. This includes obtaining the appropriate consent from the individual prior to the collection of their data and ensuring that the data is stored and used securely. Organizations must also be transparent about how they use the data and allow individuals to control it. Another ethical issue related to AI is the potential for bias. AI systems are only as unbiased as the data they are trained on; If the data is skewed, the AI system is skewed too. This could lead to unintended results and possibly damage the brand. Organizations should make significant efforts to use unbiased data and regularly assess their AI systems for bias as part of their regular assessment process once those systems are implemented.

VII. AI AND SUSTAINABILITY

The food industry is one of the largest resource consumers in the world. AI can help drive sustainability practices by reducing food waste and optimizing resource allocation. AI can predict demand and adjust production accordingly to reduce environmental impact.

VIII. AI-DRIVEN FOOD WASTE REDUCTION: A GREENER FUTURE.

Food waste is a significant social, economic and environmental problem. AI-driven food waste reduction solutions optimize supply chains by forecasting demand and managing inventory in real-time. In addition, AI can track the expiry date and help companies implement effective waste reduction measures. One of the biggest challenges for the food industry is the amount of waste generated throughout the supply chain. In the United States alone, it is estimated that up to 40% of all food produced is wasted. This waste represents a significant economic loss and contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental impacts.

AI-driven food waste reduction solutions can help mitigate these issues by providing real-time data on inventory levels, forecast demand, and expiration dates. By analysing this data, AI algorithms can help optimize supply chains, reduce waste and promote sustainability practices. For example, AI can help identify patterns in consumer behaviour, such as seasonal fluctuations in demand for certain products. By analysing this data, companies can adjust production accordingly, reducing excess inventory that goes to waste. AI can also help companies track expiration dates more effectively and ensure products are sold before they expire. This reduces waste and improves food safety as consumers are less likely to buy

expired products. AI-driven solutions have the potential to revolutionize the food industry, drive sustainability practices and reduce waste throughout the supply chain. As AI technology continues to evolve, more innovative solutions are likely to emerge that will help create a greener and more sustainable future.

IX. HOW AI IS TRANSFORMING RESTAURANTS

When discussing the integration of AI in restaurants, the focus is typically not on AI-driven robots or extensive automation processes. The majority of restaurants do not have substantial production demands necessitating extensive machine involvement. Instead, AI is primarily employed to optimize various day-to-day operations within the restaurant, encompassing both front-of-house and back-of-house tasks, as well as enhancing restaurant marketing strategies. Below are some of the enhancements facilitated by this innovative technology.

- 1. Personalized menu Recommendations for Guests:** AI can enhance analytics tools that offer customers tailored recommendations founded on their historical activities. For instance, AI-driven engines can assess a customer's past orders and reviews, identify potential days when they are more inclined to place an order, and pinpoint events that could pique their interest. This personalized analysis empowers AI to provide specific suggestions to individual customers. As an illustration, if a customer has consistently ordered vegetarian items, AI can deduce that the customer follows a plant-based diet and offer recommendations aligned with their preferences.
- 2. Predictive Analytics for Smarter Forecasts:** Predictive analytics enables artificial intelligence to examine sales data, weather trends, and local events for forecasting future sales. This eliminates the need for guesswork and enables chefs to create precise staff schedules, determine inventory requirements, and enhance their long-term financial outlook.
- 3. Chatbots Answer Questions, take Orders, and make Reservations:** In today's landscape, reservations are typically made through platforms such as OpenTable or Resy, while online orders are processed via platforms like Toast or Chow. However, there is potential to simplify these processes by utilizing AI-powered chatbots on a unified platform. Imagine a scenario where, instead of navigating a complex interface with checkboxes and customizations on an online ordering platform, customers could engage in a straightforward conversation with an AI chatbot. This chatbot could pose questions akin to those a server would ask, such as suggesting, "Would you like to add some fries to your order?" to facilitate easy upselling. A case in point is Domino's Pizza, which employs a chatbot on Facebook Messenger to accept orders and furnish order updates.
- 4. Improved Cost Tracking and Menu Pricing :** In the past, determining the cost of each dish was a laborious task that involved using spreadsheets and mathematical formulas. Furthermore, because ingredient prices can vary, these spreadsheets needed frequent updates to reflect current costs. AI software can significantly expedite and simplify this process. For instance, xtraCHEF has the capability to swiftly calculate the cost of individual dishes and automatically adjust these costs based on scanned invoices received from suppliers. It can also factor in one-time labor expenses for more time-intensive

items, as opposed to applying a uniform labor percentage across the entire menu. This approach provides chefs with a real-time breakdown of the cost for each specific menu item, enabling them to promptly assess any narrowing of profit margins.

5. **AI-Integrated Inventory and Purchasing to Save Time:** Managing inventory and procurement often consume a significant portion of kitchen staff's time. Imagine the potential benefits if some of that time could be reclaimed. Inventory management solutions that incorporate AI technology have the capacity to monitor stock levels in real-time and autonomously generate purchase orders when supplies are dwindling. Additionally, they can assess vendor performance and pricing, empowering chefs to make informed decisions about whether to continue with their current supplier or explore alternatives. These AI-powered tools have the potential to enable restaurants to cut costs and simplify their inventory management procedures.
6. **Robotic Food Delivery:** If you reside in a major metropolitan area, you might have encountered a compact unmanned vehicle zipping along the sidewalk. These autonomous vehicles are poised to revolutionize the delivery of groceries directly from restaurants and supermarkets to consumers. They are guided by AI systems capable of learning optimal routes and navigating around obstacles. Although this concept has not yet achieved widespread adoption, the future remains uncertain. These self-driving vehicles have the potential to reduce the expenses associated with third-party delivery services by eliminating the need for human drivers. Moreover, their impact extends beyond the hospitality sector, potentially benefiting seniors or individuals with mobility challenges who struggle with daily errands. For such individuals, an affordable grocery or medication delivery service could greatly enhance their quality of life. It's worth noting that AI's influence on the food industry isn't confined to restaurants; it has the capacity to bring substantial enhancements to the entire supply chain, spanning from farming to distribution.
7. **More Efficient Food Production :** A substantial portion of the food supply chain has already embraced automation, employing robotic elements to manage repetitive duties like food sorting and packaging. These machines can be subjected to sterilization protocols to ensure cleanliness and can operate continuously, with minimal interruptions for maintenance. While they are already highly efficient, the integration of AI can further enhance their capabilities, enabling them to make informed assessments regarding the quality of products. This introduction of AI has the potential to accelerate and enhance these processes, making them both swifter and safer. AI can provide guidance to the robotic components, enabling them to adapt to alterations and address issues proactively, thus preventing potential disruptions in the entire manufacturing process.
8. **Developing a Stronger and Safer Supply Chain:** Addressing the challenge of nourishing an expanding global population has been a longstanding pursuit in scientific inquiry. A recent development in this endeavor is the establishment of the AI Institute for Next Generation Food Systems, which has brought together experts from five prestigious American universities. This collaborative effort harnesses the power of AI in various facets of food production enhancement, encompassing endeavors such as optimizing crop breeding for increased yields, refining farming techniques, and enhancing the efficiency of processing and distribution. Among their ongoing initiatives, one noteworthy project

seeks to leverage AI for the prediction of food safety risks at the terminal point of the supply chain. Such a project holds the potential to serve as an early warning system for potential contamination issues, thereby mitigating the risk of consumer illnesses.

- 9. Predicting Consumer Reaction to New Products:** When food manufacturers contemplate the development of a new product or a revised iteration of an existing one, they frequently find themselves immersed in comprehensive market research and consumer surveys. These endeavors are aimed at pinpointing emerging trends and gauging the appeal of flavors. But what if this intricate process could be streamlined through the application of AI? Enter Gastrograph's AI system, which systematically accumulates data pertaining to products and consumer preferences within distinct markets. Subsequently, it formulates recommendations for product modifications and offers predictive insights into how the targeted consumers are likely to respond. The integration of such a tool into their operations has the potential to expedite the product development cycle for manufacturers and empower them to craft offerings that resonate more effectively with specific audience segments.

Possible uses of technology in food production include:

- **Genetically Modified Organisms:** Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are introduced into a plant's genetic makeup with the aim of enhancing disease resistance and enabling growth in regions that are typically less conducive to cultivation. These GMOs find extensive application in major crops like rice, wheat, and corn.
- **Drones:** Drones can target trouble spots and monitor agricultural growth using satellite imagery. tech used in the meat business. AI is useful in the production of poultry because it can detect health problems in birds based on the sounds they make. AI robots can assist with egg collection and killing in hen farms.
- **Crop Monitoring:** AI is able to identify pests and illnesses in crops in addition to using drones. To assist avert significant losses, digital programs such as AgroPestAlert, Farm Scout Pro, and IPM Toolkit can identify pest infestations and changing soil conditions.
- **3D food printers:** Pizza, nibbles, and candies can be produced more quickly with food printers. AI arranges ingredients one at a time to assist in creating the layers and structure of the dish. Since leftover materials can be used again, this could help reduce waste.
 - To produce food that is both safe and of excellent quality for consumers, food processing takes a lot of time, efficiency, and work. Food producers keep a close eye on a variety of variables, including raw ingredients, production equipment, packaging, quality, and much more, to guarantee this. Time, effort, and skilled personnel are needed for each of these procedures. Artificial intelligence (AI) is being used by some of the biggest food processing corporations to optimize their production processes.

- AI has brought about major changes in the food industry. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is driving innovation and efficiency in the food processing business by doing everything from optimizing supply chain management to forecasting customer demand. Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the food business can assist lower food production contamination, improving the final product. See how artificial intelligence is transforming the food sector.
- **Sorting:** Sorting food is an essential part of processing food. Hundreds of laborers would physically sort the excellent goods from the bad in the past. This method can be tedious and time-consuming if done by hand. No matter how skilled the employee is, there's a possibility that some poor quality food can escape detection and end up in the hands of the customer. However, ML and AI can be used to automate this procedure. The majority of the job is done automatically by AI, which is the finest part. Food may be precisely sorted by size, color, and weight by AI-powered food machines that use sophisticated X-ray scanners, lasers, cameras, and robots that collaborate to assess food quality and sort it in accordance with your unique quality criteria. This removes human error and expedites the sorting process.
 - **Food safety compliance and quality control:** AI is utilized to raise food quality. Artificial intelligence (AI) technology, for instance, may examine photos of goods like fruits and vegetables to find defects and abnormalities. By using this knowledge, production processes can be optimized to lower the possibility of errors from the start. AI may also be used to evaluate sensor data, allowing for the early identification of problems that may affect the product's quality while food is being stored and transported.
 - **AI is having a significant impact on food safety:** In food processing facilities, AI-enabled cameras guarantee food employees' adherence to safety regulations. It checks if employees are adhering to the Food Safety Act's requirements for proper personal hygiene by using facial and object recognition software. The screen captures are taken for examination and real-time correction as soon as the infraction is identified. In order to take preventative measures before harm is done, artificial intelligence (AI) may also evaluate data from food safety inspections to detect possible dangers and hazards.
 - **Improved Cleanliness:** Although it requires a lot of water, the Clean-in-Place (CIP) method of equipment cleaning is efficient and effective. The equipment is scheduled to be cleaned in intervals by the cleaning-in-place method. Self-optimizing clean-in-place systems (SOCIP), for example, are AI-supported technologies that can monitor food residues and microbiological deposits on the devices and improve the cleaning process. As a result, water, time, and energy are saved.
 - **Predictive Maintenance:** Predictive maintenance is one way artificial intelligence is used in the food sector. A program called predictive maintenance keeps an eye on machinery all the time and creates a performance profile that shows when maintenance is probably going to be necessary. It is an advance over preventive maintenance, which is replacing or servicing equipment according to a set timetable.

AI can also forecast when equipment is likely to break, enabling maintenance to be done in advance of a breakdown.

- **New product development:** AI is utilized to create novel flavors and food goods. AI systems, for instance, can research consumer trends and preferences to develop new goods that people are likely to enjoy. AI is also capable of analyzing the chemical composition of food to find novel, scrumptious, and healthful flavor combinations.
- **Supply Chain Management:** Since openness is becoming more and more important, supply chain management is a primary goal for all food firms. By keeping an eye on food safety, testing products at every stage of the supply chain to guarantee compliance with industry and consumer criteria, and providing more precise pricing and inventory management forecasts, artificial intelligence (AI) increases supply chain efficiency. AI also contributes to the transparent and effective tracking of goods from the farm to the final customer, which increases customer confidence.

X. CHALLENGES IN ADOPTING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Despite the manifold advantages of AI for the food industry, several challenges persist. One of the foremost obstacles is the requirement for standardized data. While AI thrives on extensive data sets, the data within the food processing sector is frequently fragmented and inconsistent, posing challenges for accurate predictive analysis. Additionally, there is a need for enhanced transparency and increased consumer engagement in AI-driven decision-making processes. Given that AI technology is still in its nascent stages, there is a demand for specialized expertise in data collection and analysis. Many companies are cautious about investing in AI until its true value and feasibility are established due to its novelty. Furthermore, the cost associated with AI implementation represents a significant challenge. While the benefits of employing AI in the food processing industry are substantial, the initial investment can be substantial, which can be particularly challenging for small and medium-sized food processors to justify.

XI. FUTURE OF AI

- Artificial intelligence is enhancing the food industry's efficiency and holds the promise of numerous forthcoming changes. Its role in the food processing sector is growing in significance due to its capacity to minimize waste, forecast product market trends, conduct efficient monitoring, enhance hygiene standards, manage expenditures, and augment revenues.
- AI is revolutionizing the food processing industry, encompassing enhancements in quality, quality control, food safety, supply chain optimization, and the development of new products. Significant innovations in this field can be anticipated. Although challenges persist, the advantages of employing AI in the food processing industry are substantial and are likely to stimulate further advancements. Companies that harness the power of AI while addressing systemic gaps will maintain a competitive edge, reduce expenses, enhance operational efficiencies, and deliver products aligned with evolving consumer demands!

- Projections indicate that protein demands will double by 2050, necessitating the feeding of 10 billion people. To meet this demand, the food industry must transition to more sustainable and efficient production methods. AI-enabled technologies offer the potential to deliver the much-needed efficiency, quality, and safety in food systems.

XII. MACHINE LEARNING APPLICATIONS IN HOSPITALITY

- 1. Analytical Solutions for a Better Customer Experience:** In the realm of foodservice, there exist numerous applications that can accurately anticipate visitor traffic throughout different seasons and events, forecast food orders, and determine the necessary inventory for specific time periods or dates. These applications and solutions leverage historical data to precisely cater to customers by analyzing their behaviors and preferences, ultimately resulting in increased customer loyalty and order frequency. These encompass cloud-based big data solutions, restaurant management platforms designed to streamline the checkout procedure, and reservation applications that facilitate advance table booking.
- 2. Grocery Selling Website and Applications:** For individuals who have come across your food and beverage business online, whether by discovering your presence on the internet or opting to place an online takeaway order, having the finest online service system is essential. Imagine an online platform that offers top-notch recommendations and significantly expedites the ordering process, or a mobile application equipped with a convenient and intelligent AI-driven food system. With the increasing popularity of e-commerce in the digital realm, neglecting to promote your products and services online would be a disadvantageous move. Implementing automated customer service and customer segmentation can substantially enhance the precision and efficiency of administrative functions, including report generation, order placement, team dispatch, and the development of new objectives.
- 3. AIs for Online Restaurant Searches:** Bars, cafés, and restaurants rely on online reviews and ratings as well. These days, a lot of clients learn about them from Google searches and maps. In these situations, an AI-powered food service solution promises to combine data from various food delivery services to suggest restaurants or cafes to the user based on their preferences and proximity to the location. Additionally, AI agents can be used to notify patrons via their preferred platforms—such as Slack or Twitter—of all sales and events at their favorite eateries.
- 4. Voice Searches:** Voice commerce appears to be becoming more and more popular as more people—roughly 27% of the population—choose voice search over typing information into a Google address. Restaurants can create applications similar to Amazon Alexa that let patrons place orders instantaneously and without having to click anywhere. You can place orders swiftly and hands-free thanks to this.
- 5. Self-service System:** Restaurants employ self-service (or point-of-sell) systems extensively as long as they let patrons take charge of the ordering process, thoroughly analyze their options, and occasionally even verify how many flavors and spices are added to the food. It is thought that restaurants of all sizes, not just big ones, should have access to this technology. Self-ordering applications and terminals are very entertaining,

cut down on client wait times, improve order accuracy, and enhance overall customer experience.

6. Innovations in Robotics for the Food Industry: Recently, some of the most advanced and sophisticated AI-driven solutions, such as robotics, have emerged. However, these innovations have remained largely the purview of large-scale food companies and factories and have not yet been accessible to small and medium-sized businesses. These technologies include the use of drones for order delivery and robotic hands that can oversee various processes in food production, including cooking. Nonetheless, as the cost of human talent continues to rise exponentially, these devices may become more prevalent and offer significant long-term cost savings. For instance, the international convenience store chain 7-Eleven has already incorporated drones and automated kiosks into its delivery service, and Walmart has plans to employ drones within its warehouses. Another intriguing application of robotics is the Flippy robot, comprising two mechanical hands proficient at flipping fried burger patties and assembling them into burgers along with other ingredients..

XIII. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN FOOD WASTE

Here are various approaches to mitigate food waste through the application of AI: While certain solutions assess the ripeness of fruits, others identify beneficial microbes that can enhance plant growth without relying on synthetic fertilizers. This could eliminate the need for field testing, resulting in substantial cost savings. When the agricultural food supply chain adopts visual imaging technology, the food inspection process becomes significantly more efficient. Leveraging AI for food tracking enables us to sell food items before they spoil, creating more efficient connections between farmers and consumers, including restaurants. However, the primary challenge in bringing these concepts to fruition cannot be addressed by a single company; it necessitates a transformation of the entire industry. The collective efforts of an extensive network of partners are required to ensure these changes have a substantial global impact. This issue is gaining increasing attention worldwide, as evidenced by the growing number of Google searches for "food waste" since 2011.

XIV. FUTURE APPLICATION OF AI IN FOOD

We are already aware that significant investments are being made not only in AI technology but also in the food manufacturing sector. For instance, AI has the potential to predict various agricultural issues, which can then be noticed by individuals and investors. An agricultural technology company based in Switzerland, Gaya, has secured over \$3.2 million in funding for an AI project. They employ drones equipped with hyperspectral cameras capable of detecting changes in water, fertilizer, pests, and crop yields. AI algorithms are then utilized to identify potential threats and notify farmers. Furthermore, AI algorithms can provide specific recommendations to optimize resource utilization. Another interesting application involves using machine learning to analyze satellite data of the Earth's surface during the harvest season. The objective is to identify areas that could benefit from investments or government assistance for improvements, ultimately leading to increased food supplies. When discussing agribusiness within the context of the food industry, there is substantial growth potential, especially in regions where agriculture remains outdated. According to the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in Britain, approximately 550 billion

liters of water are wasted annually in crop production. Artificial intelligence holds promise in addressing this issue and reducing this figure. A successful solution could potentially boost food production by 60% or more. While machine learning and AI are still evolving, they are expected to offer numerous solutions to minimize waste in food production and enhance its efficiency in the future.

AI in Food and Beverage Statistics:

Between 2019 and 2024, the food and beverage market is anticipated to experience an annual growth rate exceeding 65.3%. Key players in the industry are already undergoing transformative changes by integrating cutting-edge technology into their operations. This surge is expected to have a substantial presence in North America, particularly in the United States. In 2017, the United States ranked as the second-largest region in the global AI food industry market, commanding a 29.1% market share. North America is well-prepared for the adoption of AI and is poised for regional-level automation growth from 2019 to 2030. According to the US Department of Agriculture, 16% of the total shipment value in the United States is attributed to food processing plants. Given that the food industry in this region operates on slim profit margins with high production volumes, the increased utilization of artificial intelligence is not only inevitable but also holds great potential for enhancing efficiency. Even marginal efficiency improvements can yield significant benefits for companies operating in this sector.

1. Benefits of AI in Food

- In recent times, an increasing number of businesses are embracing artificial intelligence to enhance various aspects of supply chain management, including logistics, predictive analytics, and overall visibility.
- The process of digitizing the supply chain ultimately leads to improved sales and a deeper comprehension of the operational landscape. AI's capacity to analyze vast datasets surpasses human capabilities.
- Artificial intelligence plays a pivotal role in enabling companies to shorten their time-to-market and enhance their ability to manage uncertainties.
- The implementation of automated sorting undoubtedly leads to reduced labor costs, enhanced processing speed, and improved quality in product yield.

The AI food industry will ultimately be better in the area of safety standards.

Here are just a few of the benefits of using AI at an independent restaurant:

- **Reduce Costs:** Numerous easy and commonplace chores (like booking reservations or inputting orders at the POS) can be automated with the help of AI technology. This implies that you lower overall expenses and staffing expenditures for your business.
- **Reduce Errors:** Many of the things that can go wrong in a restaurant are the result of human mistake. For instance, a server in a busy dining room can misinterpret a

customer's order and serve them the incorrect meal. There is less chance of human error when customers place orders using AI.

- **Customize Orders:** AI increases guest control over the checkout procedure. This enables them to customize their orders to meet their demands and improve their entire experience.
- **Improve Guest Service:** You can empower your employees to accomplish what they do best—and what AI can't currently do—by utilizing AI to handle routine and simple chores in your restaurant. This will allow your staff to concentrate on your visitors and provide them with the greatest possible experience. Robots are rumored to be taking over restaurant kitchens, but one thing they can't do just yet is replicate the human touch, which adds such uniqueness to a dining experience.
- **Find New Customers:** The Marketing Campaigns for Your Restaurant Can Be Accelerated by AI Technology You may discover who your ideal clientele would be, establish a connection with them, and entice them to come see you. AI can also aid in visitor retention. Remarketing campaigns may entice people to come back to your eatery following their initial visit.

2. AI is becoming more Widespread in Restaurants: In recent years, the restaurant sector has witnessed rapid transformations, particularly in the realm of technology. AI represents one facet of technology that has introduced changes to restaurants that seem straight out of a science fiction story. For instance, consider Flippy, the robot responsible for flipping burgers at a Cali Burger establishment in Pasadena, or the delivery drone employed by Dominos to deliver pizza orders in New Zealand. While major fast-food chains possess the financial resources to invest in AI technologies with substantial initial costs, this is the exception rather than the rule in the restaurant industry. Nonetheless, technological advancements have made AI more accessible than ever before. Until recently, the prospect of robots handling food preparation, cooking, or delivering orders to patrons remained beyond the reach of the vast majority of restaurants. AI is now finding increased utilization in the hospitality sector, albeit often on a smaller scale and typically behind the scenes.

AI in the Front-of-House

3. AI Answering: Provision of services Lost calls can be extremely detrimental to a restaurant's operations. According to a recent Pop menu survey, if patrons try to call and get a voicemail more than once, an astounding 83 percent of them will leave and hunt for another restaurant.

For this reason, a lot of eateries are using technology to make sure they don't miss any client calls. Artificial intelligence (AI) call answering system can answer frequently asked inquiries, collect messages, process reservations, and add guests to the waitlist.

The AI chat bots that have been circulating online for a while are comparable to this technology. You are able to manage a lot of basic visitor inquiries, freeing up your front desk employees to provide on-site assistance and never miss a guest call.

- 4. Voice ordering:** Voice search is now used by 27% of all internet users, and when looking for restaurants nearby, approximately 40% of consumers choose voice search over smartphone searches. The activities that voice assistants, such as Amazon Alexa, Google Home, and Siri, can assist users with have grown more intricate and comprehensive as they gain popularity.

Visitors have been utilizing virtual assistants to look for restaurants for a while. However, voice ordering—which allows customers to use their smart devices to place restaurant orders while on the road or multitasking—is an emerging technology that is becoming more and more popular.

However, the technology is not limited to using it for guests' personal devices to place orders. In the era of the pandemic, voice ordering might be used at drive-through lanes or self-service kiosks to enable customers to place orders while speaking and not touching anything.

- 5. Self-Service Options:** Voice ordering is closely linked with self-service technology, encompassing various methods through which patrons are empowered to independently tailor and manage their dining experiences. This empowerment allows them to personalize menu selections when ordering through kiosks, divide the bill, and make payments via tabletop tablets or their own devices. Across a broad spectrum of restaurants, ranging from fast-food establishments to sit-down venues, an increasing number of diners are embracing self-service technology for various purposes.
- 6. Kiosks that Personalize the Customer Experience:** Although ordering kiosks may be found in many restaurants, certain places go above and beyond in their offering. Consider KFC, which is experimenting with facial recognition technology in its kiosks. These kiosks can identify repeat customers and tailor their experience according to their past orders and preferences. Even though not all restaurants have facial recognition technology, there are still plenty of ways you can employ AI to give your customers a more customized eating experience. Restaurants are increasingly likely to gather customer data through online ordering and digital marketing, which they may use to offer individualized services like food recommendations and targeted advertising.

XV. AI IN THE BACK OF THE HOUSE

- 1. Integrated Inventory and Purchasing:** In the realm of restaurant management, AI can significantly influence the integration of inventory and purchasing systems with point-of-sale (POS) systems. AI-driven software is capable of monitoring past inventory and purchasing records, identifying patterns, and offering immediate suggestions regarding the quantity of ingredients and supplies to procure. This not only guarantees that your restaurant maintains an adequate supply to prevent running out of popular items but also aids in curbing food wastage by customizing purchases to fulfill specific stock requirements, avoiding the acquisition of excess items that may expire unused.
- 2. Smarter Staffing and Scheduling:** Managing restaurant staffing and creating staff schedules can pose significant challenges in restaurant management. Hence, AI technology is gaining increasing popularity in this aspect. Through AI-powered software,

restaurants can analyze staffing and sales data to recognize trends and patterns during peak and off-peak hours. Subsequently, they can adjust their staffing levels to align with anticipated foot traffic and sales for each shift.

- 3. Streamlined Delivery Processes:** The demand for grocery delivery has surged during the COVID-19 pandemic, and this trend appears poised to continue. Consequently, numerous restaurants are adopting AI technology to enhance the efficiency of their delivery operations. AI can assist delivery drivers in identifying the optimal and quickest routes for multiple deliveries within a single trip, leveraging map data to navigate around traffic and potential obstacles. Moreover, AI can provide real-time updates to customers regarding their orders. For instance, delivery platforms like DoorDash and Uber Eats enable customers to track their orders on a map and receive text notifications as their order status changes.
- 4. Data-Based Insights and Predictions:** In 2019, McDonald's initiated the utilization of predictive AI technologies for order forecasting in its drive-thru service. By analyzing historical data related to customer orders and their timing, McDonald's outlets gained the ability to foresee peak periods and even predict the most sought-after dish during different times of the day. Through order anticipation, establishments implementing this technology have managed to reduce average waiting times by approximately 30 seconds. This is a noteworthy accomplishment, especially considering that drive-thru orders typically take only a few minutes to complete. Such predictive technology holds the potential to benefit restaurants in various aspects, including inventory management, staffing, menu pricing, and more.
- 5. Automated Marketing and Remarketing:** Many restaurants today have the opportunity to incorporate AI into their digital marketing strategies. Numerous tools are currently accessible that utilize automation to dispatch marketing emails, share social media posts, and deliver targeted advertisements to the appropriate audience at the optimal moment, thereby maximizing views, click-through rates, and more. AI in marketing can also facilitate the reengagement of existing visitors to your restaurant, encouraging them to become regular patrons. Additionally, it aids in the identification of promotional strategies that can attract more guests. All that's required are the appropriate automated marketing tools, which are included with every Pop Menu package. Although AI may appear daunting to many non-technical restaurant owners, the key point is that it has secured its position in the future of the restaurant industry. The ascent of AI brings numerous advantages for independent restaurants that embrace this trend.

XVI. AI IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE MARKET ANALYSIS

At a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 38.30%, the size of the AI in food and beverage industry is anticipated to increase from US\$7.00 billion in 2023 to US\$35.42 billion in 2028.

The food and beverage business has seen a transformation due to shifts in consumers' preferences for quick, inexpensive, and easily accessible meal options. Market leaders grow operations and assist businesses in remaining relevant in a dynamic market environment by utilizing cutting edge technology like artificial intelligence and machine learning.

1. Artificial intelligence (AI) has been gaining popularity recently, and a lot of businesses are actively investing in researching the technology's potential in the industrial sector. The supply chain management of food and beverage firms is facilitated by this new AI technology through logistics, predictive analytics, and transparency. For instance, Rockwell Automation developed inexpensive photoelectric sensors in August of this year that are perfect for material handling, packaging, and assembly applications. These sensors are meant to satisfy the needs of smaller form factors in industries like domestic and food and beverage. With its strong detecting capabilities when size and shape matter, the 42EA RightSight S18 sensor family provides the performance of more complete solutions in a smaller, more versatile package.
2. Companies are digitizing their supply chains quickly in order to stand out from the competition, increase revenue, and enhance overall supply chain efficiency. By projecting potential outcomes, artificial intelligence (AI) enables businesses to evaluate the massive volumes of data generated by supply chains and gain a deeper understanding of the variables involved.
3. Artificial intelligence (AI) in supply chains speeds up time to market and creates an agile supply chain that can anticipate and handle volatility, allowing businesses to innovate more quickly. She propels the expansion of AI in the food and beverage industry.
4. Although the F&B industry can benefit greatly from AI, market expansion is constrained by the high cost of large-scale implementation in this domain. The food sector has several difficulties because its raw materials can only be uniform. It is evident that manual effort is used to help in food storage. However, this sorting procedure may be automated with AI, which will ultimately save labor costs, speed up production, and increase yields. For instance, SORTEX A GlowVision, which debuted in July of last year in London, comes in three to five slide configurations on a frame consisting of five modules. It has a custom inspection system made for separating PET materials. It is one of the most complete solutions available and will be of significant interest to PET converters trying to lower contamination levels on important color and polymer flaws.
5. Businesses can safely create their own AI systems if they have a team of skilled developers and established data analysis capabilities. Without these tools, F&B providers search for suppliers who have well-defined demands, goals, and budgets.

XVII. AI IN THE FOOD & BEVERAGE INDUSTRY SEGMENTATION

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a technology aimed at creating intelligent machines capable of functioning and responding in a manner similar to humans. The goal is to impart machines with the ability to think intelligently, emulating human cognitive processes. While machines in the past have primarily executed predefined tasks, AI is ushering in a new era where machines can exhibit human-like thinking and behavior. In the food processing industry, AI is being employed to enhance various aspects, streamline operations, and provide an improved customer experience. The AI market within the food and beverage industry is categorized based on its application, including food sorting, consumer engagement, quality control and safety compliance, production and packaging, maintenance, and other applications. It serves a range of end-users such as hotels and restaurants, the food processing

industry, and other sectors. This technology is making strides across different geographical regions, including North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America, and the Middle East and Africa.

Market Trends for AI in Food & Beverage Market

This section covers the key market trends, which according to our research experts are shaping the market for AI in Food & Beverage:

XVIII. CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT IS EXPECTED TO WITNESS SIGNIFICANT GROWTH.

1. The investment made by the former Tata Sons Chairman in Techbin Solutions Pvt Ltd's Niki.ai signifies the increasing adoption and expansion of chatbot usage in chat interfaces, assisting users in ordering a wide array of services.
2. AI technology will be harnessed to gain a deep understanding of consumer behavior, resulting in more precise predictive capabilities. This, in turn, empowers marketers and organizations to engage with customers on a personal level, fostering richer interactions and elevating the overall brand experience.
3. Moreover, chatbots are gaining popularity among consumers due to their offline functionality. According to a report from American Express, over 50% of customers are willing to pay extra for companies that offer exceptional customer service. This trend presents significant opportunities for AI and is poised to drive its growth within the food and beverage market. For instance, in August of the previous year, JioHaptik Technologies Limited (Haptik) joined forces with Zoop, an IRCTC partner, to facilitate onboard food delivery for train passengers, enabling them to effortlessly order and receive food during their rail journeys through a WhatsApp-based self-service platform. Passengers can place grocery orders and have them delivered directly to their seats, complete with real-time order tracking, feedback, and support.
4. AI also possesses the capability to analyze and monitor customer behavior while gauging sentiments across various social media platforms. Consequently, when AI constructs comprehensive customer profiles, it aligns these profiles with individuals' social interactions related to products. Armed with these valuable insights, companies can strive to enhance the customer experience and enhance its productivity, contributing to market expansion.

Food Waste Management

We may anticipate even more cutting-edge approaches to food waste control as AI technology develops further. Future AI technology for managing food waste will mostly concentrate on the following areas:

- **Advanced analytics and data integration:** We can anticipate more sophisticated AI algorithms that can process and analyze vast amounts of data from multiple sources, offering more precise and thorough insights into food waste generation and

prevention, as data becomes more widely available and analytical tools become more sophisticated.

- **Integration with other technologies:** In order to provide more smooth and effective tracking of food waste across the supply chain, artificial intelligence (AI) technologies for food waste management can be combined with other technologies like blockchain and IoT. This can strengthen waste reduction tactics and increase transparency and traceability.
- **Increased use of robotics:** Robotics technology can be used to automate certain processes, such as food sorting, reducing the need for human intervention and improving efficiency. With the help of AI algorithms, these processes can be optimized and overall performance improved.
- **Expanding Food Waste Reduction Programs:** We may anticipate a local, national, and worldwide increase of food waste reduction initiatives as public awareness of food waste keeps rising. With its ability to provide data-driven insights into the causes and prevention of food waste, AI-based solutions can be extremely helpful in advancing these projects.
- **Adopting circular economy principles :** Companies and organizations can minimize waste and maximize resource utilization by using the concepts of the circular economy. AI-based solutions can help with this shift by enabling more effective and efficient waste reduction techniques and by offering data-driven insights.
- **Increased collaboration and partnerships:** The development and uptake of AI technology for food waste management can be accelerated via collaboration and partnerships between businesses, organizations, and governments. Through these partnerships, information, resources, and skills may be shared, resulting in more practical and long-lasting solutions.

The way we handle food waste should advance significantly as AI technologies for that purpose continue to develop and get better. These technologies will be essential in building a more resilient and sustainable food system since they have the ability to increase productivity, lower expenses, and promote sustainability.

XIX. FUTURE OF AI

The future of artificial intelligence holds vast potential, with ongoing development poised to shape its trajectory in various sectors. The extent of its recognition in the years or decades ahead is largely contingent on these advancements.

In the era of the metaverse and other technological breakthroughs, AI and machine learning are positioned to assume greater roles in tasks related to resource determination, development, and management that were traditionally the domain of humans.

To sum it up, AI presents both advantages and disadvantages. Nevertheless, it is an implicit truth that it has accelerated the delivery of technology-driven solutions and gratified our desires, at least for the time being.

Even when considering its application in the food industry alone, AI has achieved a significant milestone in enhancing automation, customization, and self-sufficiency. The era when human presence was required to oversee machinery has become obsolete.

Thanks to AI, machines can now not only monitor themselves but also supervise other machines, leading to a transformative shift in our work dynamics.

Despite the widespread integration of machines in the industrial sector, humans are still essential for addressing daily challenges, underscoring that AI has yet to fully replace us as leaders in various domains.