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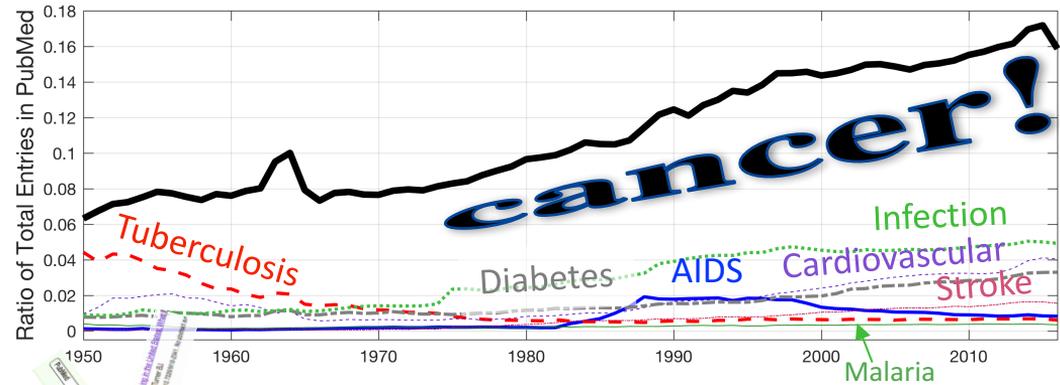


The proportion of cancer-related entries in *PubMed* has increased considerably; is cancer truly *The Emperor of All Maladies*?
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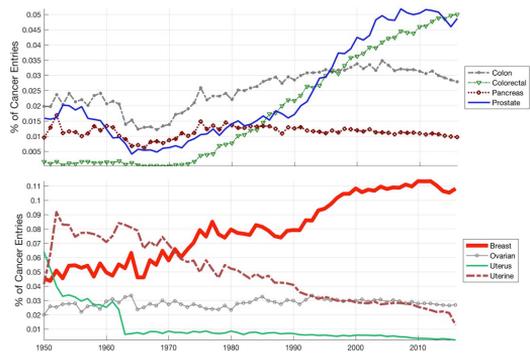


The public database of biomedical literature *PubMed* was data-mined using queries with combinations of keywords and year restrictions. It was found that the proportion of *Cancer-related* entries per year in PubMed has risen from around **6% in 1950** to more than **16% in 2016**. This increase is not shared by other conditions such as *AIDS*, *Malaria*, *Tuberculosis*, *Diabetes*, *Cardiovascular*, *Stroke* and *Infection* some of which have, on the contrary, decreased as a proportion of the total entries per year.

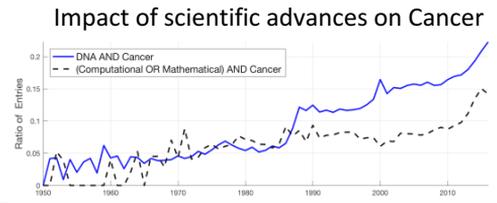
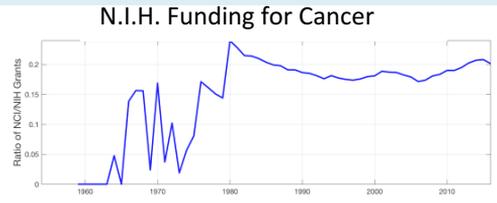


Data Mining Approach:

Keywords **Cancer terminology, organ-related, incidence, funding, and relationship with DNA, Computing and Mathematics.** Interestingly, the proportion of Cancer-related entries that contain “DNA”, “Computational OR Mathematical” have increased, which suggests that the impact of these scientific advances on Cancer has been stronger than in other conditions.



Organ-specific research showed mixed trends



The sharp increase of Cancer Research as testified by the number of entries in PubMed may be due to the strong impact of the scientific advances in the areas of **Genetics**, **Computing** and **Mathematics**, which have had a *stronger influence* in Cancer than other areas like cardiovascular disease. It is important to highlight that the results obtained with a *data mining* approach and thus are limited to the presence or absence of the keywords on a single, yet extensive, database.

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