

# Students massively use electronic exercises if they are relevant for the exam. Electronic exams with BYOD work at a large scale.



## Electronic learning and assessment - Evaluation of a large scale application

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CaseTrain: authoring system for case-based exercises, since fall 2007, in > 300 courses with > 12000 Users

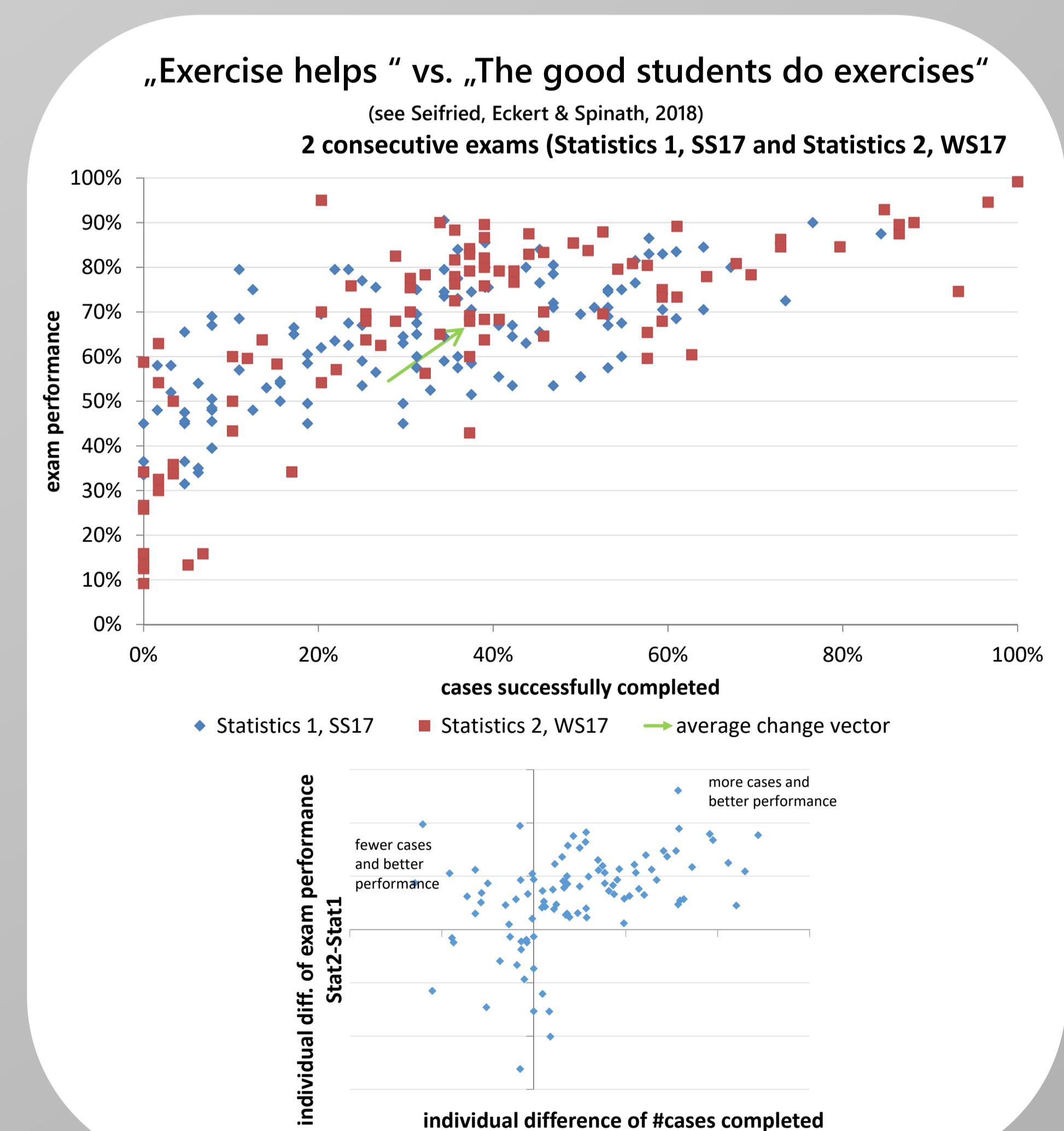
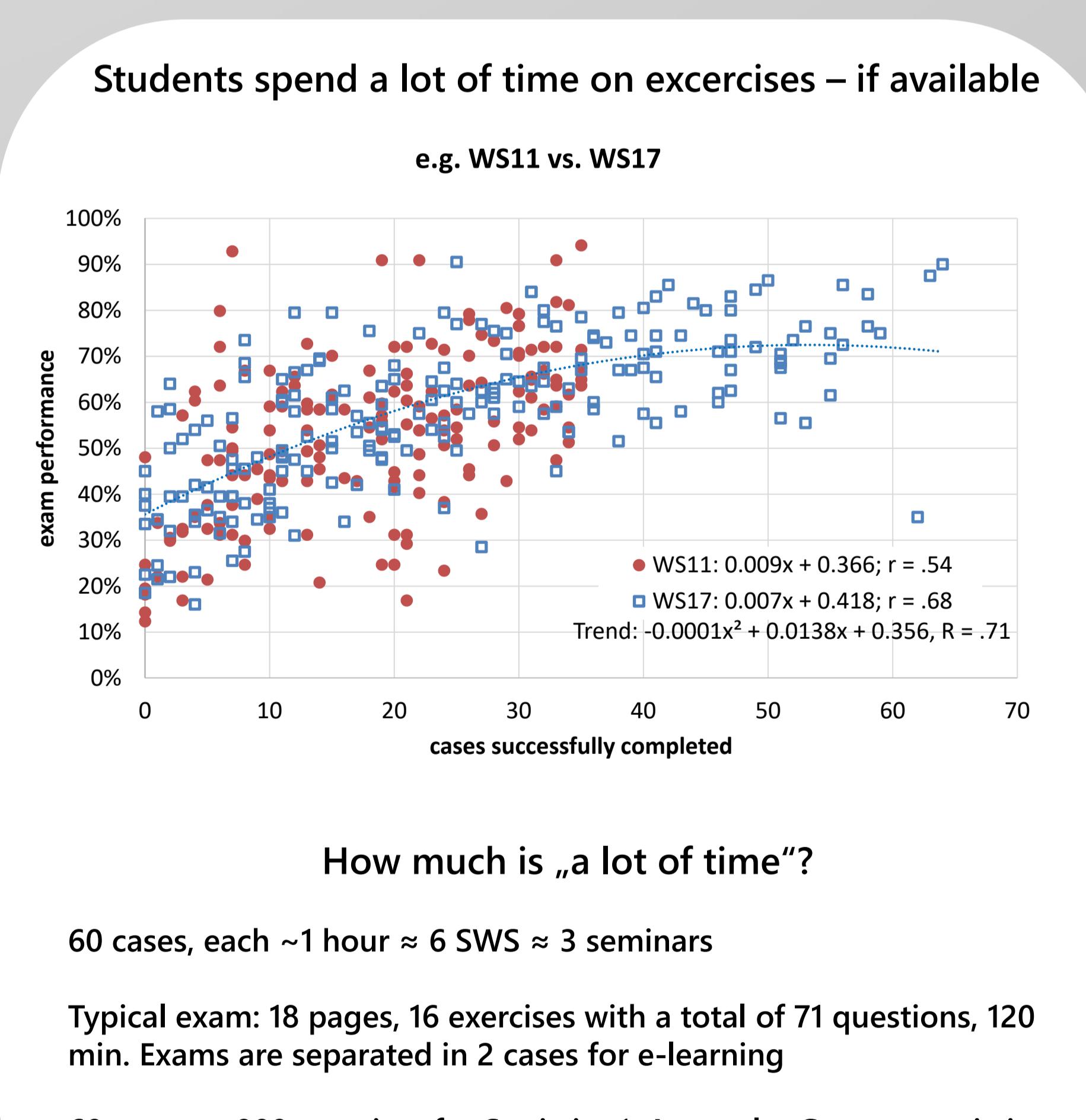
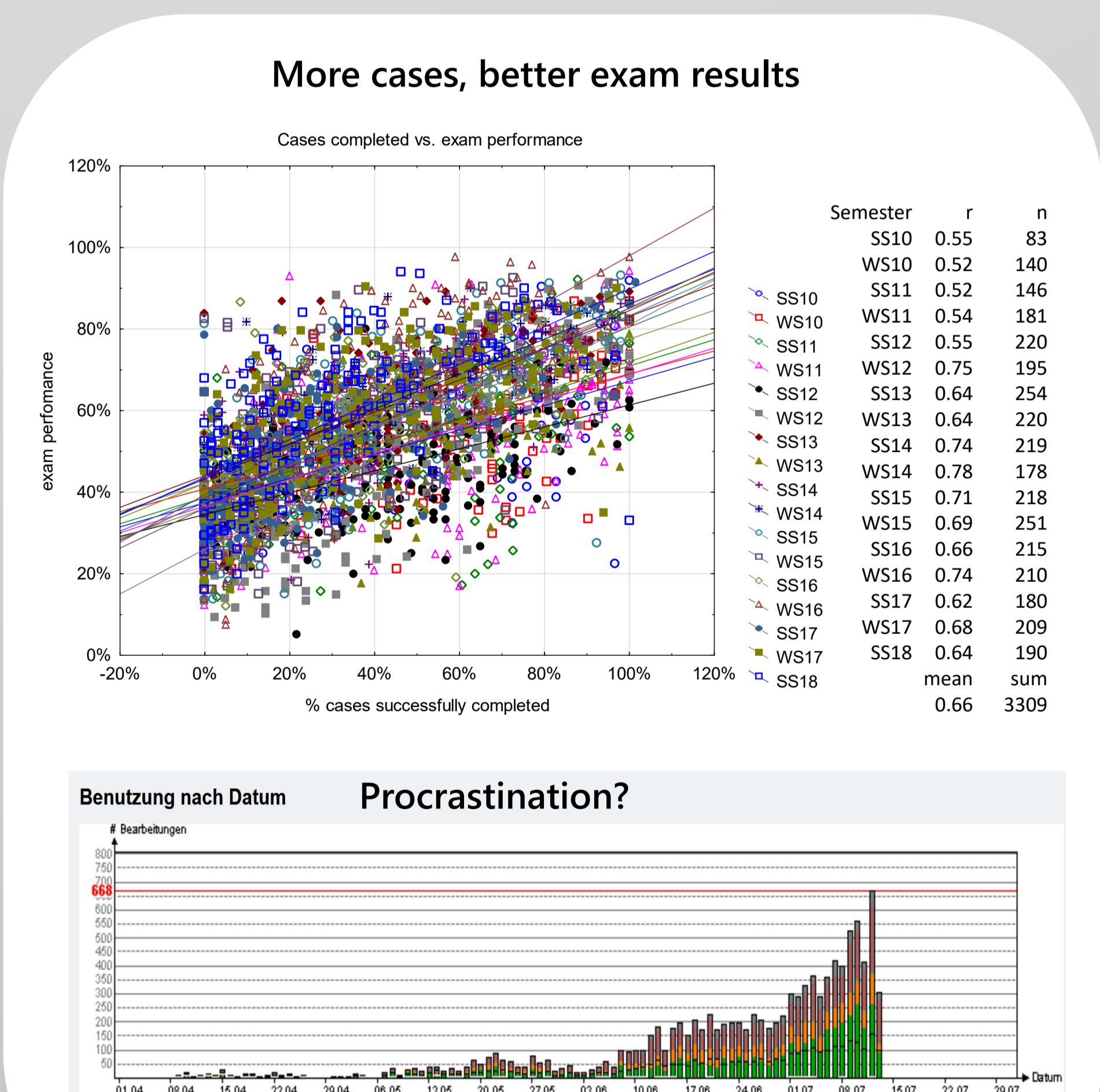
The screenshot displays the CaseTrain software interface across three main sections:

- Left Panel (Info):** Shows a detailed view of a specific exercise titled "SONA-1". It includes a text box with instructions about a survey, a table of responses, and a section for grading.
- Middle Panel (Fall Statistik):** Displays a histogram of student scores and navigation options for the exercise.
- Right Panel (User Interface):** Shows a question about experiments and a result entry field. Below it is a cartoon character and a feedback message.

Electronic exams in Statistics 1 and 2: own laptops since fall 2010, 120 participants per cohort, 6400 participants to date

This collage illustrates the transition to electronic exams:

- Top Left:** A scatter plot showing the change in systolic blood pressure (mmHg) by subgroup.
- Top Middle:** Students in a lecture hall using laptops.
- Top Right:** A CaseTrain dashboard showing participant information and a list of 17 students.
- Bottom Left:** A table of grades for Statistics 1 participants.
- Bottom Middle:** A "Einsichtnahmedokument" (document of insight) with questions and student answers.
- Bottom Right:** A bar chart titled "Participants in Statistics 1" comparing "Paper" and "electronic" participants across different semesters.



## Lessons learned

- Electronic exercises**
- astonishing demand
  - must be developed by professionals
  - no explanations → shitstorm
  - (perceived) relevance is essential

- Electronic exams**
- work at a large scale
  - with BYOD
  - illegal electronic collaboration?  
No problem
  - but: tryout exam advisable

electronic exams with tablets, in medicine:  
see König and Hörlein (2018)

- Teaching to the test?**
- real exams instead of normal exercises
  - preparation time each semester is high (~ 40 hours)
  - + can be used several years as exercises
  - + and will be used intensively
  - + impact factor higher than lecture
  - + good way to teach content

- Factors for success**
1. People, not equipment
  2. Professionals, not teaching assistants (i.e. time and money)
  3. content and didactics
  4. (exam-) relevance
  5. reliable technical support
  6. large (!) number of exercises

Irrelevant: evaluation schemes, special types of questions, software brand

