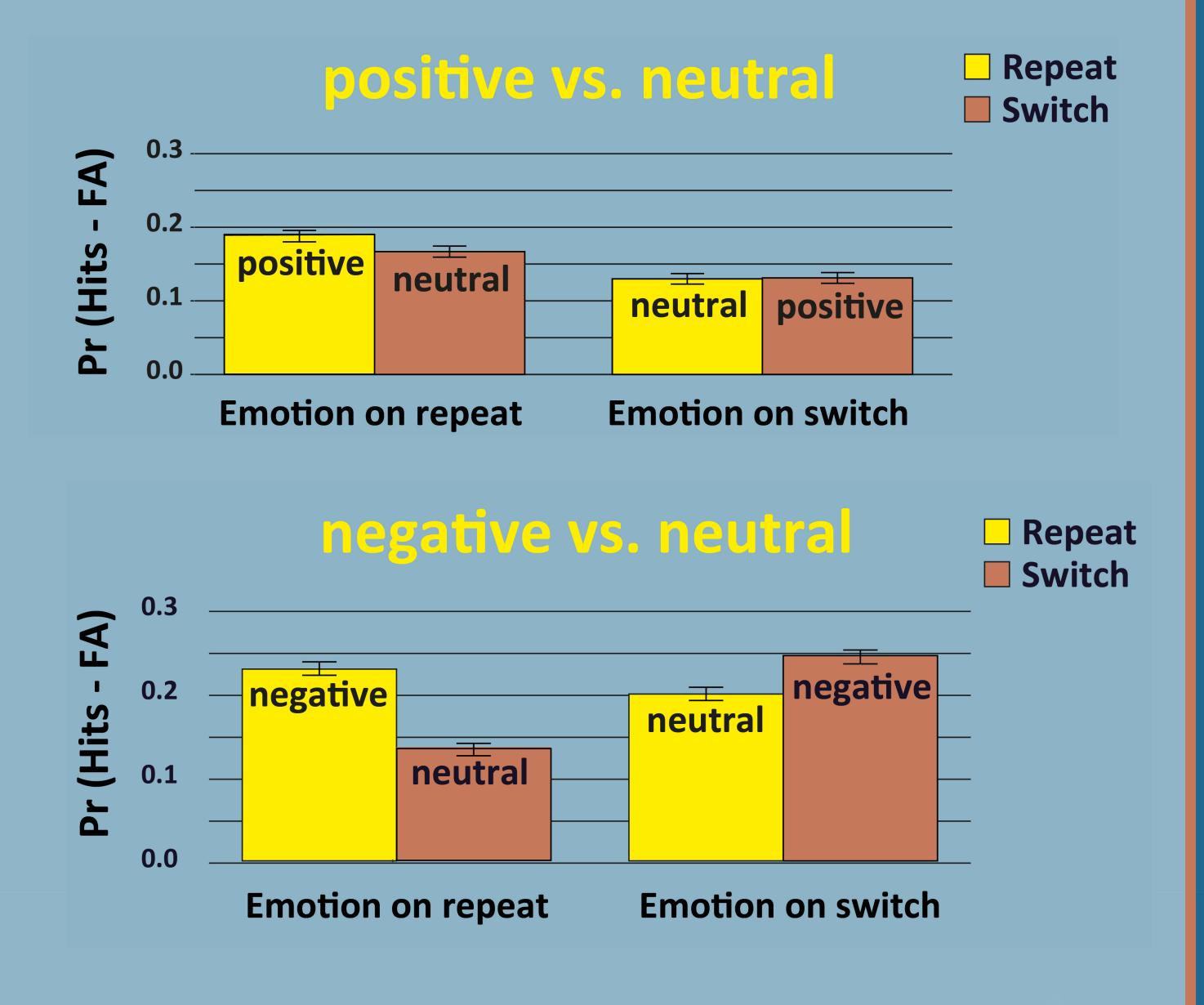
THE CUTE, THE BAD AND THE NEUTRAL: HOW EMOTIONS AND COGNITIVE CONTROL INTERACT

BACKGROUND

DATA & CONCLUSION

- Exhausted cognitive control impairs subsequent memory
- Emotional events enhance subsequent memory
- Can emotions compensate for exhausted cognitive control?





5 Experiments, *N* **= 850**

Learning phase:

Task-switching with emotional and neutral stimuli

Two tasks in AABB order

Emotional stimuli on switch trials

Test phase

Recognition memory test Item old/new? Ratio 1:1 No effect for positive emotions

Negative emotions compensated for exhausted cognitive control





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