



The involvement of monocular channels in the deficits of facial emotion processing in social anxiety and depression

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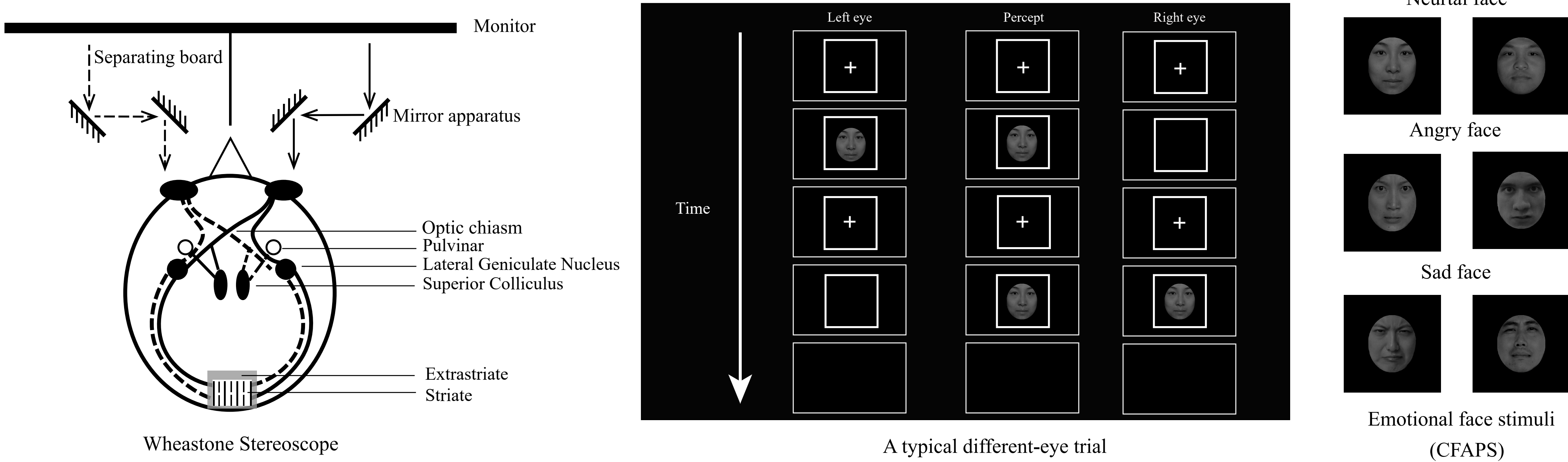
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Introduction

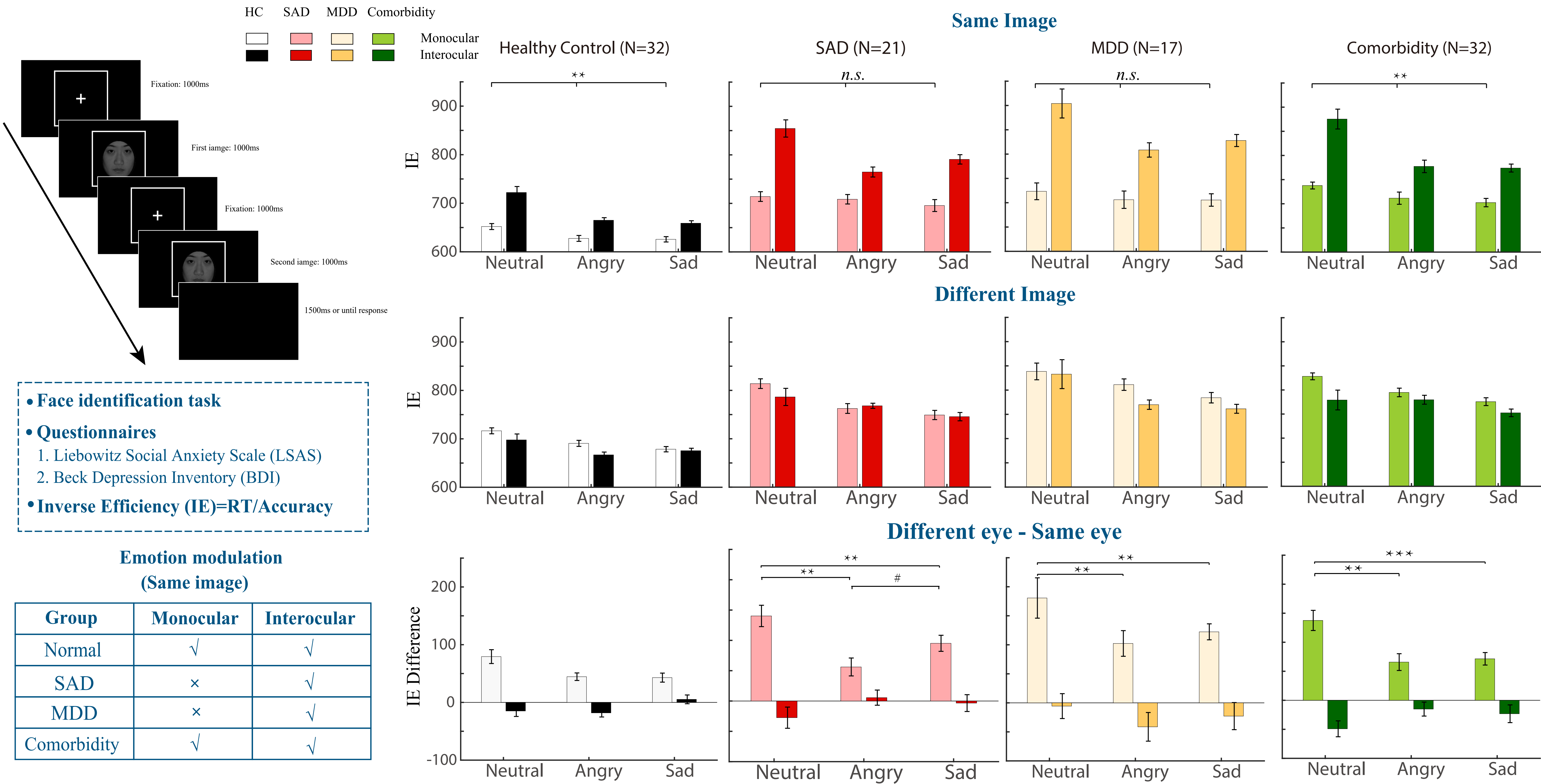
- Social anxiety disorder (SAD) and major depressive disorder (MDD) are highly morbid.
- Both SAD and MDD individuals exhibit abnormal processing of facial expressions.
- Most studies examining neural correlates of face perception in humans have focused on cortical network. However, subcortical structures are also involved in face perception.

Research Question: *Whether subcortical, monocular mechanism contribute to abnormal processing of facial expressions?*

Method



Experiment



Conclusion

- For the same image same-eye condition, face discrimination was facilitated by emotion in healthy control and comorbidity groups, but this effect was absent in SAD and MDD groups.
- In SAD group, decreased monocular advantage was found for angry face than neutral and sad faces.
- The abnormal processing of emotions in SAD and MDD groups may relate to deficits of facial emotion processing in subcortical structures.

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