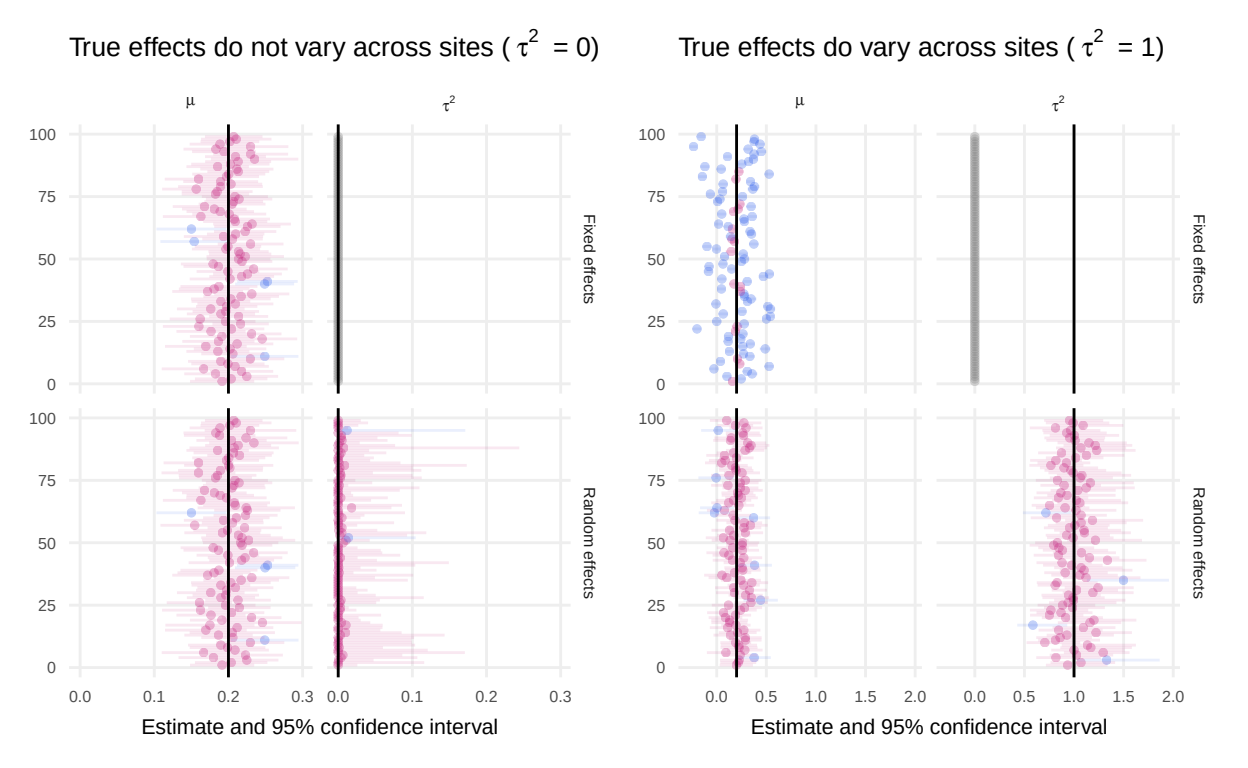
True effects do not vary across sites (τ² = 0)
True effects do vary across sites (τ² = 1)
μ
τ²
Fixed effects
Random effects
100
75
50
25
0
0.0
0.1
0.2
0.3
0.5
1.0
1.5
2.0
Estimate and 95% confidence interval