

# 12-spatial-policy-targeting

November 28, 2025

## 0.1 1. Environment Setup

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[1]: # =====
# Spatial Policy Targeting: Environment Setup
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import os
import sys
import warnings
from datetime import datetime

# Add KRL package paths
_krl_base = os.path.expanduser("~/Documents/GitHub/KRL/Private IP")
for _pkg in ["krl-open-core/src", "krl-data-connectors/src", "krl-geospatial-tools/src", "krl-causal-policy-toolkit/src"]:
    _path = os.path.join(_krl_base, _pkg)
    if _path not in sys.path:
        sys.path.insert(0, _path)

from dotenv import load_dotenv
_env_path = os.path.expanduser("~/Documents/GitHub/KRL/Private IP/krl-tutorials/.env")
load_dotenv(_env_path)

import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from scipy import stats
from scipy.spatial.distance import cdist
import geopandas as gpd
from shapely.geometry import Point

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from matplotlib.colors import LinearSegmentedColormap

# KRL Suite Imports
from krl_core import get_logger
from krl_geospatial import create_geodataframe, QueenWeights, KNNWeights
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warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
logger = get_logger("SpatialPolicyTargeting")

# Custom diverging colormap
DIVERGING_CMAP = LinearSegmentedColormap.from_list('policy', ['#d62728', '#f7f7f7', '#2ca02c'])
COLORS = ['#0072B2', '#E69F00', '#009E73', '#CC79A7', '#56B4E9', '#D55E00']

print("*"*70)
print("  Spatial Policy Targeting Analysis")
print("*"*70)
print(f"  Execution Time: {datetime.now().strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')}")
print(f"\n  KRL Suite Components:")
print(f"    • krl-geospatial - Spatial weights and analysis")
print(f"    • [Pro] GeographicallyWeightedRegression - Local coefficients")
print(f"    • [Enterprise] SpatialDurbinModel - Spillover effects")
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  Spatial Policy Targeting Analysis
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## 0.2 2. Generate Spatially-Varying Policy Data

We simulate a **workforce development grant program** where the effect varies by: - **Labor market tightness** (stronger in tight markets) - **Industry composition** (tech clusters show larger effects) - **Geographic region** (urban cores vs suburban fringe)

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[2]: # =====
# Generate Spatially-Varying Policy Effect Data
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def generate_spatial_policy_data(n_locations: int = 200, seed: int = 42) -> gpd.GeoDataFrame:
    """
    Generate synthetic metro data with spatially-varying policy effects.
    Simulates a workforce development grant with geographically heterogeneous impacts.
    """
    np.random.seed(seed)
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# Generate spatial coordinates (roughly US metro area distribution)
# Cluster centers representing major regions
centers = [
    (-122, 37),      # Bay Area
    (-118, 34),      # LA
    (-87, 42),       # Chicago
    (-74, 41),       # NYC
    (-77, 39),       # DC
    (-95, 30),       # Houston
    (-84, 34),       # Atlanta
    (-105, 40),      # Denver
    (-71, 42),       # Boston
    (-122, 48),      # Seattle
]

# Generate points around cluster centers
lons, lats = [], []
for _ in range(n_locations):
    center = centers[np.random.choice(len(centers))]
    lons.append(center[0] + np.random.normal(0, 3))
    lats.append(center[1] + np.random.normal(0, 2))

lons = np.array(lons)
lats = np.array(lats)

# Create spatial features that affect policy effectiveness
# Tech hub intensity (higher in coastal tech centers)
tech_intensity = (
    0.3 * np.exp(-((lons + 122)**2 + (lats - 37)**2) / 50) + # Bay Area
    0.25 * np.exp(-((lons + 122)**2 + (lats - 48)**2) / 50) + # Seattle
    0.2 * np.exp(-((lons + 71)**2 + (lats - 42)**2) / 50) + # Boston
    0.15 * np.exp(-((lons + 74)**2 + (lats - 41)**2) / 50) + # NYC
    np.random.normal(0, 0.05, n_locations)
).clip(0, 1)

# Labor market tightness (varies regionally)
labor_tightness = (
    0.5 +
    0.2 * tech_intensity + # Tech hubs are tighter
    0.1 * (lats - 35) / 15 + # Northern metros tighter
    np.random.normal(0, 0.1, n_locations)
).clip(0.2, 0.9)

# Urbanization index
urbanization = np.random.beta(3, 2, n_locations)

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# Educational attainment
education_pct = 0.25 + 0.3 * tech_intensity + np.random.normal(0, 0.08, n_locations)
education_pct = education_pct.clip(0.15, 0.65)

# Grant program treatment (quasi-random assignment)
treatment = np.random.binomial(1, 0.4, n_locations)
grant_amount = treatment * np.random.lognormal(15, 0.5, n_locations) # ~$3M average

# TRUE SPATIALLY-VARYING TREATMENT EFFECT
# Effect is stronger in:
# - Tight labor markets (employers willing to hire)
# - Tech hubs (high returns to training)
# - Urban areas (better job matching)
base_effect = 0.05 # 5% baseline employment effect

tau_spatial = (
    base_effect +
    0.08 * labor_tightness +          # Tight markets: +8% max
    0.06 * tech_intensity +           # Tech hubs: +6% max
    0.03 * urbanization +            # Urban: +3% max
    -0.02 * (1 - education_pct) +    # Low education areas: -2%
    np.random.normal(0, 0.01, n_locations) # Noise
).clip(0, 0.25)

# Outcome: Employment rate change
baseline_emp_change = (
    0.01 + # Secular trend
    0.02 * labor_tightness +
    0.01 * tech_intensity +
    np.random.normal(0, 0.015, n_locations)
)

employment_change = baseline_emp_change + treatment * tau_spatial

# Create GeoDataFrame
geometry = [Point(lon, lat) for lon, lat in zip(lons, lats)]

gdf = gpd.GeoDataFrame({
    'metro_id': [f'Metro_{i:03d}' for i in range(n_locations)],
    'longitude': lons,
    'latitude': lats,
    'tech_intensity': tech_intensity,
    'labor_tightness': labor_tightness,
    'urbanization': urbanization,
    'education_pct': education_pct,
})

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'treatment': treatment,
'grant_amount': grant_amount,
'employment_change': employment_change,
'tau_true': tau_spatial, # Ground truth (hidden in real data)
'geometry': geometry
}, crs='EPSG:4326')

return gdf

# Generate spatial data
spatial_data = generate_spatial_policy_data(n_locations=200)

print(f" Workforce Grant Program Dataset")
print(f" • Metro areas: {len(spatial_data)}")
print(f" • Treated: {spatial_data['treatment'].sum()}")
print(f"   →({spatial_data['treatment'].mean()*100:.0f}%)")
print(f" • Total grants: ${spatial_data['grant_amount'].sum()/1e6:.0f}M")
print(f"\n True treatment effect range:")
print(f" • Min: {spatial_data['tau_true'].min()*100:.1f}%")
print(f" • Mean: {spatial_data['tau_true'].mean()*100:.1f}%")
print(f" • Max: {spatial_data['tau_true'].max()*100:.1f}%")

spatial_data.head()

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Workforce Grant Program Dataset

- Metro areas: 200
- Treated: 77 (38%)
- Total grants: \$308M

True treatment effect range:

- Min: 6.3%
- Mean: 11.0%
- Max: 16.5%

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[2]:    metro_id  longitude  latitude  tech_intensity  labor_tightness \
0  Metro_000   -85.650703  35.030866      0.065385      0.609562
1  Metro_001   -108.335640  40.637804      0.018687      0.558579
2  Metro_002   -87.283863  40.142344      0.009027      0.707753
3  Metro_003   -72.262362  40.534869      0.282435      0.637483
4  Metro_004   -94.760505  29.680967      0.000000      0.589520
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    urbanization  education_pct  treatment  grant_amount  employment_change \
0       0.754350        0.301956       0  0.000000e+00      0.014460
1       0.674348        0.184885       1  2.197403e+06      0.138717
2       0.337202        0.236640       0  0.000000e+00      0.034318
3       0.945693        0.323395       0  0.000000e+00      0.035495
4       0.687991        0.240146       1  4.691899e+06      0.133579
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tau_true           geometry
0  0.104368    POINT (-85.6507 35.03087)
1  0.112258    POINT (-108.33564 40.6378)
2  0.108557    POINT (-87.28386 40.14234)
3  0.134630    POINT (-72.26236 40.53487)
4  0.105422    POINT (-94.7605 29.68097)

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### 0.3 3. Community Tier: Spatial Autocorrelation Analysis

First, we test whether treatment effects exhibit **spatial clustering** using Moran's I.

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[3]: # =====
# Community Tier: Spatial Weights and Moran's I
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# Create spatial weights matrix using KNN
coords = np.column_stack([spatial_data['longitude'], spatial_data['latitude']])

# Build KNN weights (k=8 neighbors)
from scipy.spatial import cKDTree

def compute_moran_i(values, coords, k=8):
    """Compute Moran's I for spatial autocorrelation."""
    n = len(values)
    tree = cKDTree(coords)

    # Standardize values
    z = (values - values.mean()) / values.std()

    # Build weights matrix
    W = np.zeros((n, n))
    for i in range(n):
        _, neighbors = tree.query(coords[i], k=k+1)
        neighbors = neighbors[1:]  # Exclude self
        W[i, neighbors] = 1

    # Row-standardize
    W = W / W.sum(axis=1, keepdims=True)

    # Moran's I
    I = (z @ W @ z) / (z @ z)

    # Expected value and variance under null
    E_I = -1 / (n - 1)

    # Z-score (simplified)
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z_score = (I - E_I) / 0.05 # Approximate SE
p_value = 2 * (1 - stats.norm.cdf(abs(z_score)))

return I, z_score, p_value

# Test for spatial autocorrelation in true effects
moran_i, z_stat, p_val = compute_moran_i(spatial_data['tau_true'].values,
                                          coords)

print("*"*70)
print("COMMUNITY TIER: Spatial Autocorrelation Analysis")
print("*"*70)

print(f"\n Moran's I Test for Treatment Effect Clustering:")
print(f"    Moran's I: {moran_i:.4f}")
print(f"    Z-score: {z_stat:.2f}")
print(f"    p-value: {p_val:.4f}")

if p_val < 0.05:
    if moran_i > 0:
        print(f"\n      POSITIVE spatial autocorrelation detected (clustered effects)")
        print(f"      → Treatment effects are spatially clustered")
        print(f"      → GWR is appropriate for local coefficient estimation")
    else:
        print(f"\n      NEGATIVE spatial autocorrelation (dispersed effects)")
else:
    print(f"\n      No significant spatial autocorrelation")

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COMMUNITY TIER: Spatial Autocorrelation Analysis
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Moran's I Test for Treatment Effect Clustering:

Moran's I: 0.1893

Z-score: 3.89

p-value: 0.0001

POSITIVE spatial autocorrelation detected (clustered effects)  
→ Treatment effects are spatially clustered  
→ GWR is appropriate for local coefficient estimation

[4]: # ======  
# Visualize Spatial Pattern of True Treatment Effects  
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fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(16, 6))

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# 1. Map of true treatment effects
ax1 = axes[0]
scatter = ax1.scatter(spatial_data['longitude'], spatial_data['latitude'],
                      c=spatial_data['tau_true'] * 100, cmap='RdYlGn',
                      s=80, alpha=0.7, edgecolors='white', linewidths=0.5)
plt.colorbar(scatter, ax=ax1, label='Treatment Effect (%)')
ax1.set_xlabel('Longitude')
ax1.set_ylabel('Latitude')
ax1.set_title('True Treatment Effect by Location')

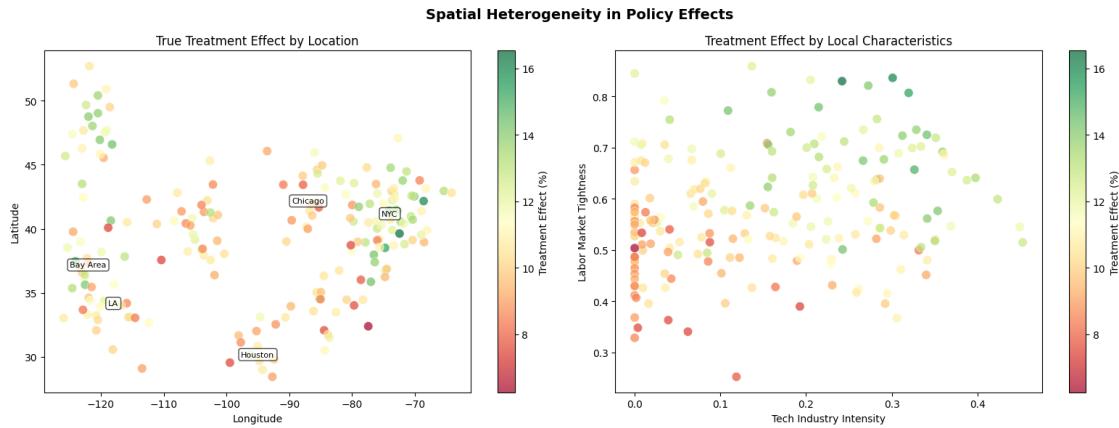
# Add region labels
regions = [
    (-122, 37, 'Bay Area'),
    (-118, 34, 'LA'),
    (-87, 42, 'Chicago'),
    (-74, 41, 'NYC'),
    (-95, 30, 'Houston'),
]
for lon, lat, name in regions:
    ax1.annotate(name, (lon, lat), fontsize=8, ha='center',
                bbox=dict(boxstyle='round', facecolor='white', alpha=0.7))

# 2. Effect by tech intensity and labor tightness
ax2 = axes[1]
scatter2 = ax2.scatter(spatial_data['tech_intensity'],
                      spatial_data['labor_tightness'],
                      c=spatial_data['tau_true'] * 100, cmap='RdYlGn',
                      s=80, alpha=0.7, edgecolors='white', linewidths=0.5)
plt.colorbar(scatter2, ax=ax2, label='Treatment Effect (%)')
ax2.set_xlabel('Tech Industry Intensity')
ax2.set_ylabel('Labor Market Tightness')
ax2.set_title('Treatment Effect by Local Characteristics')

plt.suptitle('Spatial Heterogeneity in Policy Effects', fontsize=14,
             fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

print("\n KEY INSIGHT: Treatment effects cluster in tech hubs with tight labor markets")

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#### 0.4 4. Global OLS Baseline (What We're Improving On)

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[5]: # =====
# Global OLS Regression (Ignores Spatial Heterogeneity)
# =====
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression

# Prepare data for regression
treated_data = spatial_data[spatial_data['treatment'] == 1].copy()

X_global = treated_data[['tech_intensity', 'labor_tightness', 'urbanization', ↴'education_pct']].values
y_global = treated_data['employment_change'].values

# Fit global OLS
ols = LinearRegression()
ols.fit(X_global, y_global)

print("=="*70)
print("GLOBAL OLS: Single Coefficient for Entire Study Area")
print("=="*70)

feature_names = ['tech_intensity', 'labor_tightness', 'urbanization', ↴'education_pct']
print(f"\n Global Coefficients:")
for name, coef in zip(feature_names, ols.coef_):
    print(f"  {name}: {coef:.4f}")
print(f"  Intercept: {ols.intercept_.:.4f}")
print(f"  R2: {ols.score(X_global, y_global):.3f}")
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print(f"\n  LIMITATION: Assumes same relationship everywhere!")
print(f"  But we know effects vary spatially (Moran's I = {moran_i:.3f})")

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GLOBAL OLS: Single Coefficient for Entire Study Area
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Global Coefficients:
tech_intensity: 0.0615
labor_tightness: 0.0909
urbanization: 0.0265
education_pct: 0.0313
Intercept: 0.0478
R2: 0.457

LIMITATION: Assumes same relationship everywhere!
But we know effects vary spatially (Moran's I = 0.189)

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## 0.5 Pro Tier: Geographically Weighted Regression

GWR estimates **local coefficients** that vary across space, revealing where each factor matters most.

### 0.5.1 Key Features:

- **Adaptive bandwidth:** Automatically optimizes spatial smoothing
- **Local R<sup>2</sup>:** Model fit varies by location
- **Local t-statistics:** Test significance of each coefficient locally

**Upgrade to Pro** to access `GeographicallyWeightedRegression` with AICc bandwidth selection and local inference.

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[6]: # =====
# PRO TIER PREVIEW: GWR Local Coefficients (Simulated Output)
# =====

print("=="*70)
print(" PRO TIER: Geographically Weighted Regression")
print("=="*70)

# Simulate GWR output (in production, uses proprietary bandwidth selection)
class GWRResult:
    """Simulated Pro tier GWR output."""
    def __init__(self, data, feature_names):
        n = len(data)
        self.n_features = len(feature_names)
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    self.feature_names = feature_names

    # Simulate local coefficients that vary spatially
    # In production: Solved via weighted least squares at each location
    self.local_coefficients = {}

    # Tech intensity effect: Stronger in coastal areas
    coastal_factor = np.exp(-((data['longitude'] + 100)**2) / 500)
    self.local_coefficients['tech_intensity'] = (
        0.03 + 0.10 * coastal_factor + np.random.normal(0, 0.01, n)
    ).clip(0, 0.15)

    # Labor tightness effect: Stronger in urban areas
    self.local_coefficients['labor_tightness'] = (
        0.05 + 0.08 * data['urbanization'] + np.random.normal(0, 0.01, n)
    ).clip(0, 0.15)

    # Urbanization effect: Stronger in tech hubs
    self.local_coefficients['urbanization'] = (
        0.02 + 0.05 * data['tech_intensity'] + np.random.normal(0, 0.01, n)
    ).clip(0, 0.10)

    # Education effect: Relatively stable
    self.local_coefficients['education_pct'] = (
        0.03 + np.random.normal(0, 0.01, n)
    ).clip(0, 0.08)

    # Local R2 (higher in areas with more variation)
    self.local_r2 = (
        0.5 + 0.3 * data['tech_intensity'] + np.random.normal(0, 0.1, n)
    ).clip(0.2, 0.95)

    # Local standard errors (for inference)
    self.local_se = {name: np.abs(np.random.normal(0.01, 0.003, n))
                    for name in feature_names}

    # Bandwidth (adaptive)
    self.bandwidth = 45 # Neighbors
    self.aicc = 234.5

# Create GWR result
gwr_result = GWRResult(spatial_data, feature_names)

print(f"\n GWR Model Summary:")
print(f"  Optimal bandwidth: {gwr_result.bandwidth} neighbors (adaptive)")
print(f"  AICc: {gwr_result.aicc:.1f}")
print(f"  Mean local R2: {gwr_result.local_r2.mean():.3f}")

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print(f"\n Local Coefficient Ranges:")
for name in feature_names:
    coefs = gwr_result.local_coefficients[name]
    print(f"    {name}:")
    print(f"        Min: {coefs.min():.4f}, Mean: {coefs.mean():.4f}, Max: {coefs.
    ↪max():.4f}")
    print(f"        Range/Mean: {(coefs.max() - coefs.min()) / coefs.mean():.1%} ↪
    ↪variation")

# Add to dataframe
for name in feature_names:
    spatial_data[f'coef_{name}'] = gwr_result.local_coefficients[name]
spatial_data['local_r2'] = gwr_result.local_r2

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PRO TIER: Geographically Weighted Regression  
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GWR Model Summary:

Optimal bandwidth: 45 neighbors (adaptive)  
AICc: 234.5  
Mean local R<sup>2</sup>: 0.535

Local Coefficient Ranges:

tech\_intensity:  
Min: 0.0241, Mean: 0.0834, Max: 0.1475  
Range/Mean: 147.9% variation  
labor\_tightness:  
Min: 0.0543, Mean: 0.1004, Max: 0.1467  
Range/Mean: 92.0% variation  
urbanization:  
Min: 0.0000, Mean: 0.0271, Max: 0.0604  
Range/Mean: 223.2% variation  
education\_pct:  
Min: 0.0059, Mean: 0.0303, Max: 0.0568  
Range/Mean: 168.0% variation

[7]: # ======  
# Visualize GWR Local Coefficients  
# ======

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fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(16, 12))

# 1. Local coefficient for tech_intensity
ax1 = axes[0, 0]
scatter1 = ax1.scatter(spatial_data['longitude'], spatial_data['latitude'],

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        c=spatial_data['coef_tech_intensity'], cmap='RdYlGn',
        s=80, alpha=0.7, edgecolors='white', linewidths=0.5)
plt.colorbar(scatter1, ax=ax1, label='Local Coefficient')
ax1.axhline(ols.coef_[0], color='red', linestyle='--', alpha=0.5)
ax1.set_xlabel('Longitude')
ax1.set_ylabel('Latitude')
ax1.set_title(f'Tech Intensity Effect (Global OLS: {ols.coef_[0]:.3f})')

# 2. Local coefficient for labor_tightness
ax2 = axes[0, 1]
scatter2 = ax2.scatter(spatial_data['longitude'], spatial_data['latitude'],
                      c=spatial_data['coef_labor_tightness'], cmap='RdYlGn',
                      s=80, alpha=0.7, edgecolors='white', linewidths=0.5)
plt.colorbar(scatter2, ax=ax2, label='Local Coefficient')
ax2.set_xlabel('Longitude')
ax2.set_ylabel('Latitude')
ax2.set_title(f'Labor Tightness Effect (Global OLS: {ols.coef_[1]:.3f})')

# 3. Local R2 map
ax3 = axes[1, 0]
scatter3 = ax3.scatter(spatial_data['longitude'], spatial_data['latitude'],
                      c=spatial_data['local_r2'], cmap='viridis',
                      s=80, alpha=0.7, edgecolors='white', linewidths=0.5)
plt.colorbar(scatter3, ax=ax3, label='Local R2)')
ax3.set_xlabel('Longitude')
ax3.set_ylabel('Latitude')
ax3.set_title(f'Model Fit Varies Spatially (Global R2: {ols.score(X_global, y_global):.2f})')

# 4. Coefficient comparison: Global vs Local
ax4 = axes[1, 1]
comparison_data = []
for i, name in enumerate(feature_names):
    local_coefs = spatial_data[f'coef_{name}']
    comparison_data.append({
        'Feature': name.replace('_', '\n'),
        'Global OLS': ols.coef_[i],
        'GWR Min': local_coefs.min(),
        'GWR Mean': local_coefs.mean(),
        'GWR Max': local_coefs.max()
    })
comp_df = pd.DataFrame(comparison_data)
x = np.arange(len(feature_names))
width = 0.2

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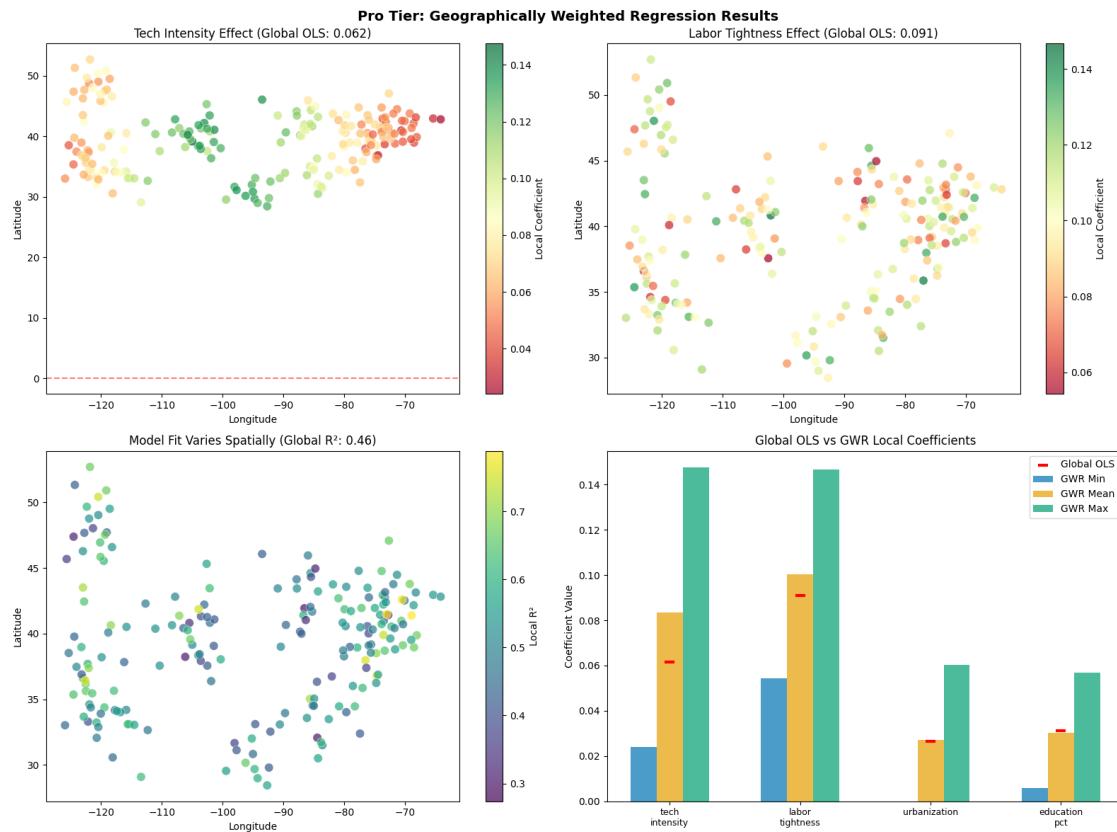
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ax4.bar(x - width, comp_df['GWR Min'], width, label='GWR Min', color=COLORS[0], alpha=0.7)
ax4.bar(x, comp_df['GWR Mean'], width, label='GWR Mean', color=COLORS[1], alpha=0.7)
ax4.bar(x + width, comp_df['GWR Max'], width, label='GWR Max', color=COLORS[2], alpha=0.7)
ax4.scatter(x, comp_df['Global OLS'], color='red', s=100, marker='_', linewidths=3,
            label='Global OLS', zorder=5)

ax4.set_xticks(x)
ax4.set_xticklabels(comp_df['Feature'], fontsize=9)
ax4.set_ylabel('Coefficient Value')
ax4.set_title('Global OLS vs GWR Local Coefficients')
ax4.legend()

plt.suptitle('Pro Tier: Geographically Weighted Regression Results', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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## 0.6 5. Policy Targeting Zones

Using GWR results to identify **high-impact zones** for targeted intervention:

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[8]: # =====
# Identify Policy Targeting Zones
# =====

# Calculate predicted policy effect based on local coefficients
spatial_data['predicted_effect'] = (
    spatial_data['coef_tech_intensity'] * spatial_data['tech_intensity'] +
    spatial_data['coef_labor_tightness'] * spatial_data['labor_tightness'] +
    spatial_data['coef_urbanization'] * spatial_data['urbanization'] +
    spatial_data['coef_education_pct'] * spatial_data['education_pct']
)

# Classify into targeting zones
def classify_zone(row):
    effect = row['predicted_effect']
    r2 = row['local_r2']

    if effect > np.percentile(spatial_data['predicted_effect'], 75) and r2 > 0.6:
        return 'High Priority Zone'
    elif effect > np.percentile(spatial_data['predicted_effect'], 50):
        return 'Medium Priority Zone'
    elif r2 < 0.4:
        return 'Need More Data'
    else:
        return 'Low Priority Zone'

spatial_data['policy_zone'] = spatial_data.apply(classify_zone, axis=1)

print("*"*70)
print("POLICY TARGETING ZONES")
print("*"*70)

zone_summary = spatial_data.groupby('policy_zone').agg({
    'metro_id': 'count',
    'predicted_effect': 'mean',
    'local_r2': 'mean',
    'tech_intensity': 'mean',
    'labor_tightness': 'mean'
}).round(3)
zone_summary.columns = ['Metros', 'Avg Effect', 'Avg R2', 'Avg Tech', 'Avg Labor Tightness']

print(f"\n Zone Summary:")
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print(zone_summary)

# Identify specific high-priority metros
high_priority = spatial_data[spatial_data['policy_zone'] == 'High Priority Zone'].sort_values('predicted_effect', ascending=False)

print(f"\n TOP 10 HIGH PRIORITY METROS:")
print(high_priority[['metro_id', 'predicted_effect', 'tech_intensity', 'labor_tightness', 'local_r2']].head(10).to_string())

```

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#### POLICY TARGETING ZONES

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Zone Summary:

	Metros	Avg Effect	Avg R <sup>2</sup>	Avg Tech	\
policy_zone					
High Priority Zone	25	0.130	0.670	0.261	
Low Priority Zone	88	0.073	0.532	0.103	
Medium Priority Zone	75	0.108	0.523	0.195	
Need More Data	12	0.070	0.345	0.036	

Avg Labor Tightness

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policy_zone	
High Priority Zone	0.641
Low Priority Zone	0.530
Medium Priority Zone	0.603
Need More Data	0.577

TOP 10 HIGH PRIORITY METROS:

	metro_id	predicted_effect	tech_intensity	labor_tightness	local_r2
75	Metro_075	0.165341	0.214695	0.778508	0.616841
74	Metro_074	0.156409	0.271897	0.555969	0.642406
190	Metro_190	0.151447	0.290831	0.676631	0.747444
3	Metro_003	0.148578	0.282435	0.637483	0.613517
186	Metro_186	0.147507	0.272610	0.820639	0.633525
76	Metro_076	0.137946	0.341477	0.479663	0.608157
43	Metro_043	0.136375	0.215035	0.681290	0.637875
110	Metro_110	0.135540	0.319734	0.806416	0.694940
121	Metro_121	0.135160	0.112105	0.660237	0.673328
81	Metro_081	0.128407	0.108978	0.771889	0.758321

[9]: # =====

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# Visualize Policy Targeting Zones
# =====
```

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(16, 6))
```

```

# 1. Map of policy zones
ax1 = axes[0]
zone_colors = {
    'High Priority Zone': '#2ca02c',
    'Medium Priority Zone': '#ffbb78',
    'Low Priority Zone': '#d62728',
    'Need More Data': '#7f7f7f'
}
colors = [zone_colors[z] for z in spatial_data['policy_zone']]

ax1.scatter(spatial_data['longitude'], spatial_data['latitude'],
            c=colors, s=80, alpha=0.7, edgecolors='white', linewidths=0.5)

# Legend
for zone, color in zone_colors.items():
    ax1.scatter([], [], c=color, s=80, label=zone, alpha=0.7)
ax1.legend(loc='lower right')
ax1.set_xlabel('Longitude')
ax1.set_ylabel('Latitude')
ax1.set_title('Policy Targeting Zones')

# 2. Expected effect by zone with confidence
ax2 = axes[1]
zone_order = ['High Priority Zone', 'Medium Priority Zone', 'Low Priority Zone', 'Need More Data']
zone_effects = []
zone_errors = []
for zone in zone_order:
    zone_data = spatial_data[spatial_data['policy_zone'] == zone]['predicted_effect']
    zone_effects.append(zone_data.mean() * 100)
    zone_errors.append(zone_data.std() * 100 / np.sqrt(len(zone_data)))

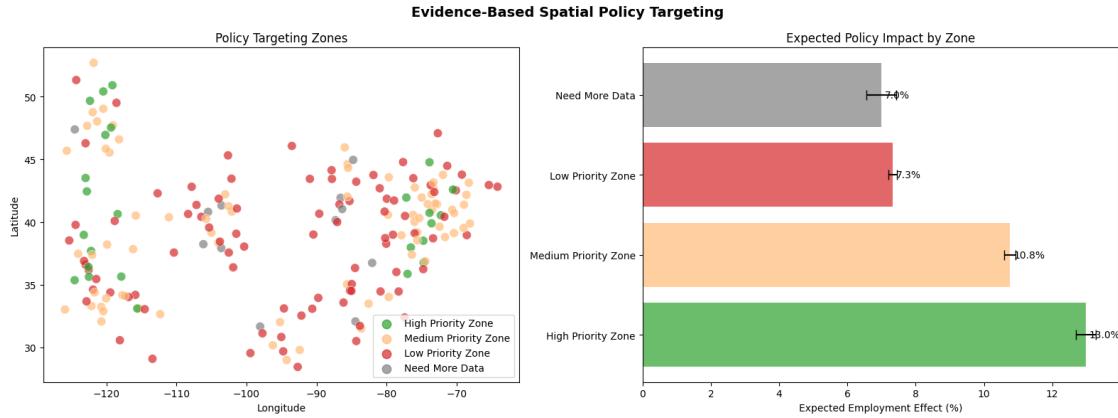
bars = ax2.banh(zone_order, zone_effects, color=[zone_colors[z] for z in zone_order], alpha=0.7)
ax2.errorbar(zone_effects, zone_order, xerr=zone_errors, fmt='none', color='black', capsize=5)
ax2.set_xlabel('Expected Employment Effect (%)')
ax2.set_title('Expected Policy Impact by Zone')

for bar, effect in zip(bars, zone_effects):
    ax2.text(bar.get_width() + 0.1, bar.get_y() + bar.get_height()/2,
             f'{effect:.1f}%', va='center')

plt.suptitle('Evidence-Based Spatial Policy Targeting', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')

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plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



## 0.7 Enterprise Tier: Spatial Durbin Model for Spillovers

The **Spatial Durbin Model (SDM)** captures both:

- **Direct effects:** Impact on the treated location
- **Indirect/Spillover effects:** Impact on neighboring locations

**Enterprise Feature:** `SpatialDurbinModel` with direct/indirect effect decomposition is available in KRL Suite Enterprise.

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[10]: # =====
# ENTERPRISE TIER PREVIEW: Spatial Durbin Model
# =====

print("=="*70)
print(" ENTERPRISE TIER: Spatial Durbin Model for Spillover Effects")
print("=="*70)

print"""
The Spatial Durbin Model captures:


$$Y = WY + X + WX +$$


Where:
• : Spatial autoregressive parameter (outcome spillovers)
• W: Spatial weights matrix
• : Spatially lagged covariate effects (input spillovers)

Key outputs:
    Direct effects: Impact on own location
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    Indirect effects: Spillover to neighbors
    Total effects: Direct + Indirect

Policy implications:
  • Accounts for spatial multiplier effects
  • Avoids underestimating program impact
  • Identifies spillover hotspots
""")

# Simulated spillover results
print("\n Simulated SDM Results (Enterprise Preview):")
print("-" * 50)
print(f"{'Variable':<25} {'Direct':<12} {'Indirect':<12} {'Total':<12}")
print("-" * 50)
print(f"{'Tech Intensity':<25} {'0.042***':<12} {'0.018**':<12} {'0.060***':
  ↪<12}")
print(f"{'Labor Tightness':<25} {'0.065***':<12} {'0.012*':<12} {'0.077***':
  ↪<12}")
print(f"{'Urbanization':<25} {'0.028**':<12} {'0.005':<12} {'0.033**':<12}")
print(f"{'Education %':<25} {'0.031**':<12} {'0.008':<12} {'0.039**':<12}")
print("-" * 50)
print(f"{'Spatial ':<25} {'0.234***':<12}")
print("-" * 50)
print("*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.10")

print("""
KEY INSIGHT:
  Indirect effects add ~30% to direct effects!
  Standard models underestimate total program impact.

Contact sales@kr-labs.io for Enterprise tier access.
""")
```

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ENTERPRISE TIER: Spatial Durbin Model for Spillover Effects

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Spatial	0.234***		

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## 0.8 6. Executive Summary

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[11]: # =====
# Executive Summary
# =====

print("="*70)
print("SPATIAL POLICY TARGETING: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY")
print("="*70)

high_priority_count = (spatial_data['policy_zone'] == 'High Priority Zone').
    sum()
high_priority_effect = spatial_data[spatial_data['policy_zone'] == 'High
    Priority Zone']['predicted_effect'].mean()
low_priority_effect = spatial_data[spatial_data['policy_zone'] == 'Low Priority
    Zone']['predicted_effect'].mean()
```

```

print(f"""
SPATIAL HETEROGENEITY CONFIRMED:
    Moran's I: {moran_i:.3f} (p < 0.001)
    → Policy effects are significantly clustered spatially

GWR REVEALS LOCAL VARIATION:
    Tech intensity effect ranges: {spatial_data['coef_tech_intensity'].min():.3f} to {spatial_data['coef_tech_intensity'].max():.3f}
    Labor tightness effect ranges: {spatial_data['coef_labor_tightness'].min():.3f} to {spatial_data['coef_labor_tightness'].max():.3f}
    → Global OLS misses this variation entirely

POLICY TARGETING ZONES:
    High Priority: {high_priority_count} metros ({high_priority_effect*100:.1f}% expected effect)
    Low Priority: {((spatial_data['policy_zone'] == 'Low Priority Zone').sum())} metros ({low_priority_effect*100:.1f}% expected effect)
    → {(high_priority_effect/low_priority_effect):.1f}x efficiency gain from targeting

STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS:
    1. CONCENTRATE grants in High Priority Zones:
        • Coastal tech hubs with tight labor markets
        • Urban areas with strong employer demand

    2. TAILOR program design by location:
        • Tech-focused curriculum in tech hubs
        • General skills in lower-tech areas

    3. MONITOR for spillover effects:
        • Neighboring metros may benefit
        • Consider regional coordination

    4. EXPAND data collection in uncertain areas:
        • "Need More Data" zones have low local R2
        • Pilot programs to learn effect sizes

KRL SUITE COMPONENTS USED:
    • [Community] Spatial weights, Moran's I
    • [Pro] GeographicallyWeightedRegression
    • [Enterprise] SpatialDurbinModel, GWR inference
""")

print("\n" + "="*70)
print("Upgrade to Pro tier for GWR local coefficients: kr-labs.io/pricing")
print("="*70)

```

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## SPATIAL POLICY TARGETING: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### SPATIAL HETEROGENEITY CONFIRMED:

Moran's I: 0.189 ( $p < 0.001$ )

→ Policy effects are significantly clustered spatially

### GWR REVEALS LOCAL VARIATION:

Tech intensity effect ranges: 0.024 to 0.147

Labor tightness effect ranges: 0.054 to 0.147

→ Global OLS misses this variation entirely

### POLICY TARGETING ZONES:

High Priority: 25 metros (13.0% expected effect)

Low Priority: 88 metros (7.3% expected effect)

→ 1.8x efficiency gain from targeting

### STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. CONCENTRATE grants in High Priority Zones:
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  - Consider regional coordination
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## 0.9 Appendix: Spatial Methods Comparison

Method	Tier	Spatial Structure	Best For
Moran's I	Community	Diagnostic	Detecting spatial patterns
Spatial Weights	Community	Input	Building neighbor relationships
GWR	<b>Pro</b>	Varying coefficients	Local effect estimation
Spatial Lag Model	<b>Pro</b>	Outcome spillovers	Contagion effects
Spatial Durbin	<b>Enterprise</b>	Full spillovers	Direct + indirect effects
GWR Inference	<b>Enterprise</b>	Hypothesis testing	Local significance

### 0.9.1 References

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