



# EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF REGULATORY SAMPLING LOCATIONS DURING EMERGENCY RESPONSE SCENARIOS

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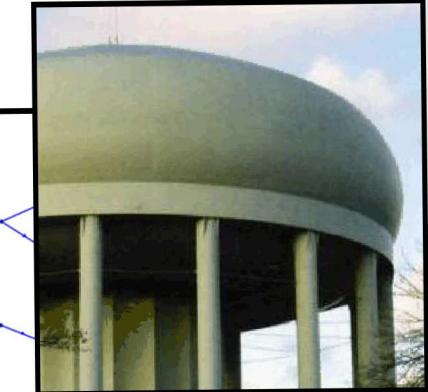
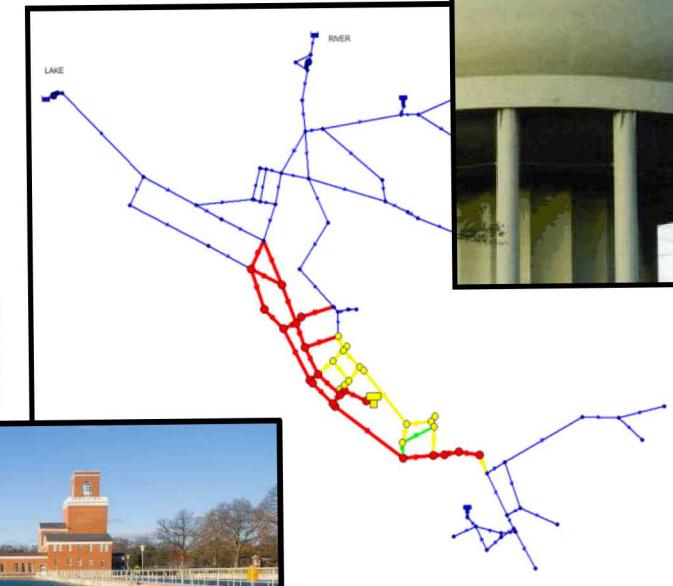
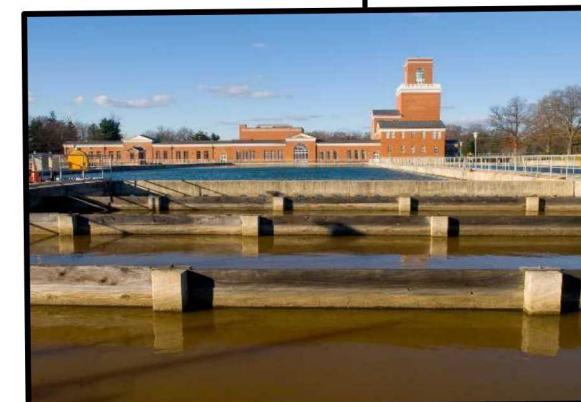
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# Outline

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- **Formulation**
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## Background

- Drinking water utilities take grab samples to ensure high quality, potable water and meet regulatory requirements
- Water distribution system modeling approaches can help identify regulatory and emergency sampling locations
- Scenario coverage is metric used to optimally identify locations

## Coverage Formulation

- Extended coverage formulation from Lee and Deininger [1992] to identify grab sample locations
- Included constraints to spatially distribute locations via grid, clustering, water age

$$\text{maximize} \quad \sum_{a \in A} \alpha_a x_a$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad x_a \leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{L}_a} s_i \quad \forall a \in A$$

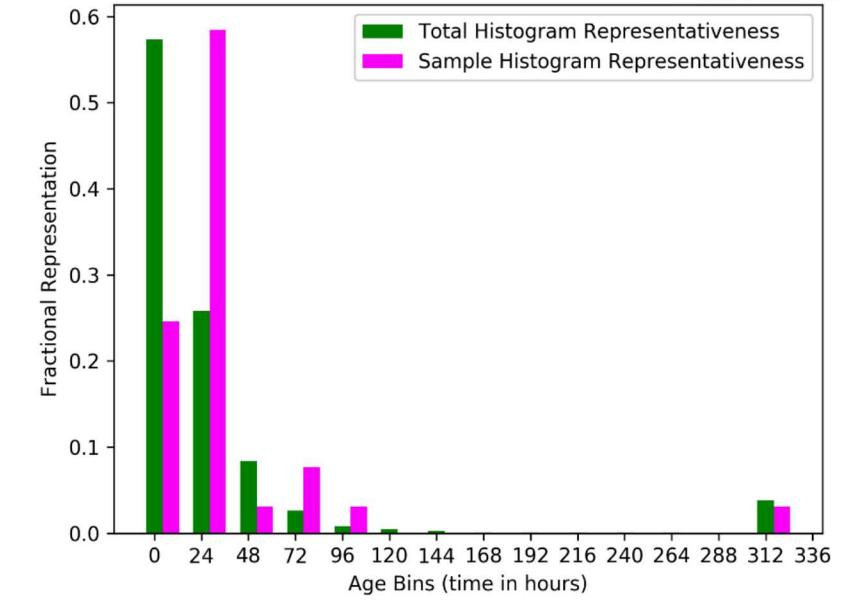
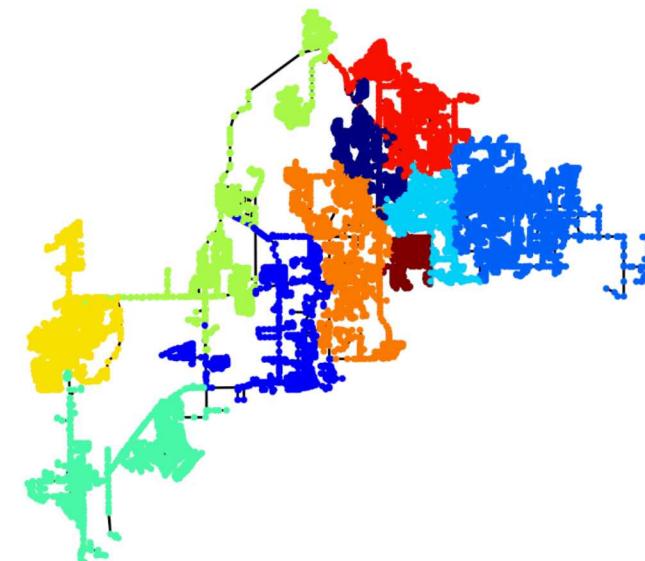
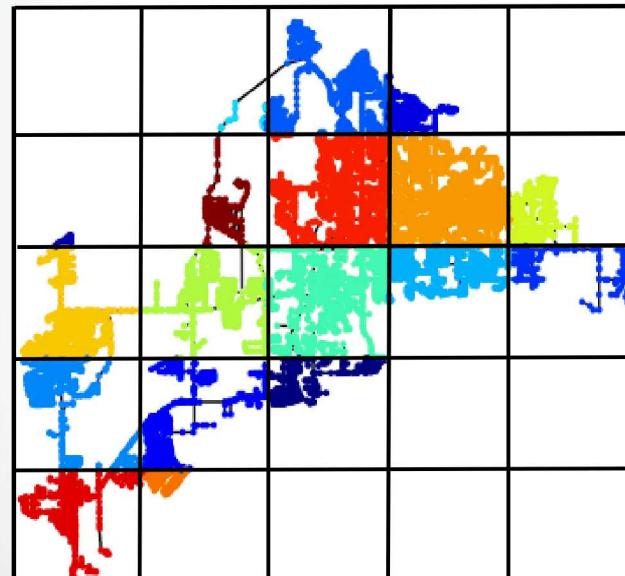
$$\sum_{i \in L} s_i \leq N$$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{B}_j} s_i \leq M_j \quad \forall j \in B$$

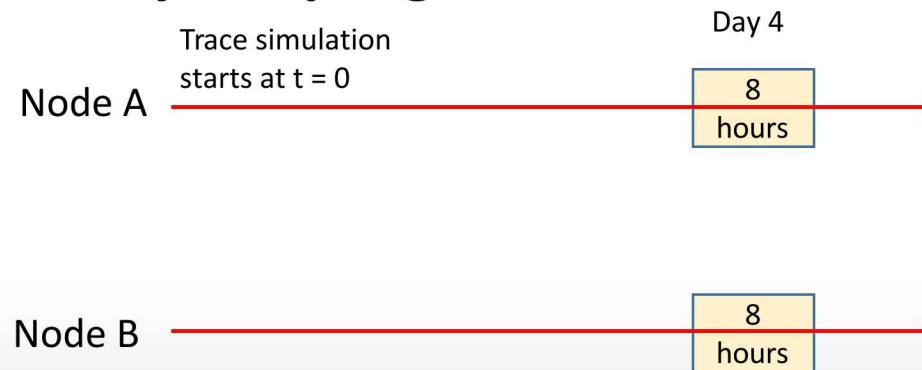
$$s_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in L$$

$$0 \leq x_a \leq 1 \quad \forall a \in A$$

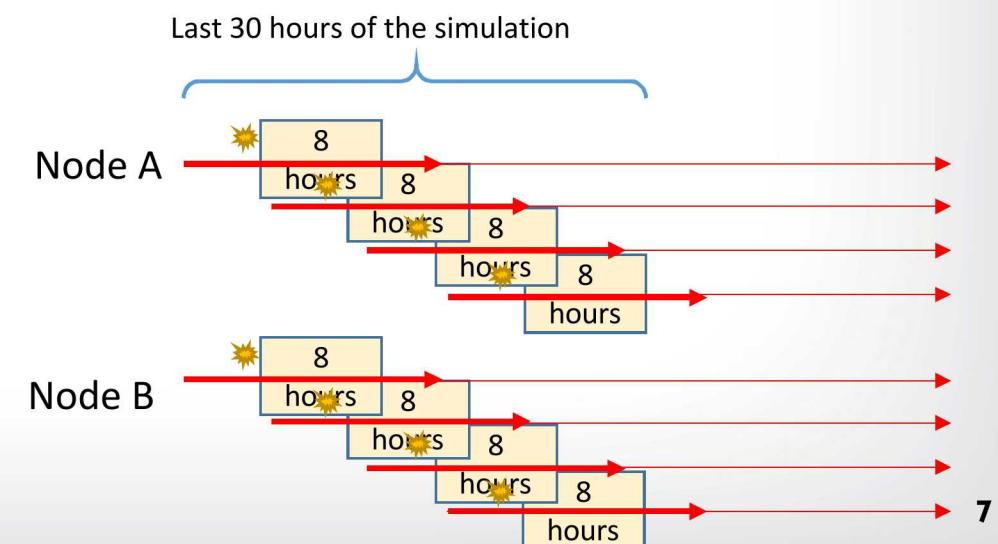
- Uniform square grid layout
- Clustering (community) algorithms
- Water age diversity



- Simulated persistent water quality issue using tracers
- Assumed samples taken during standard working day (8 hours)
- Modeled representative day
- Selected locations that maximized scenario coverage
- Considered covered if positive detection at all times during 8 hours
- Pre-determined regulatory sampling locations



- Simulated acute water quality issue using contaminant pulse injection (24 hour injection)
- Initiated by alarm near contaminant source (4 hour delay)
- Assumed samples taken within 8 hours after initial alarm, regardless of time of day
- Selected locations that maximized scenario coverage
- Considered covered if positive detection at all times during 8 hours
- Pre-determined security sampling locations
- Assumed all samples cannot be taken at once



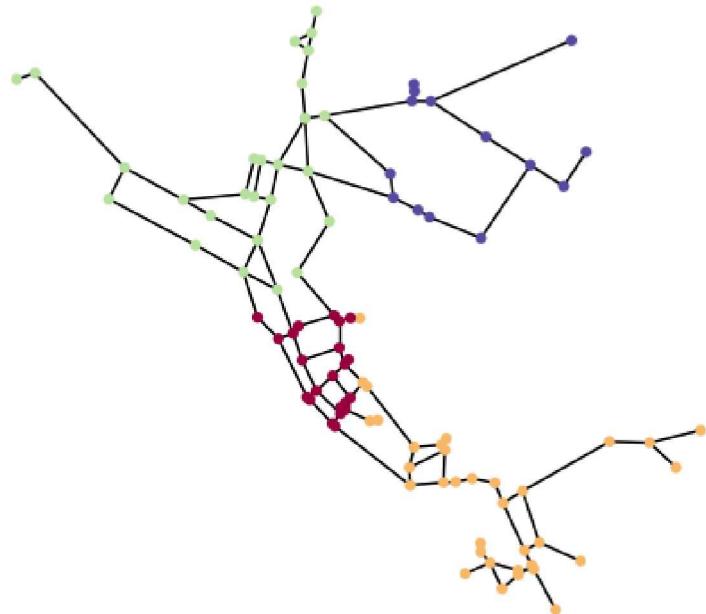
## Simulation Approach

- Solved coverage optimization problem using regulatory scenarios for 1 to 30 locations
- Evaluated regulatory sample locations on security scenarios
- Adjusted objective value using 5 closest locations for each security scenario to determine if scenario is still detected
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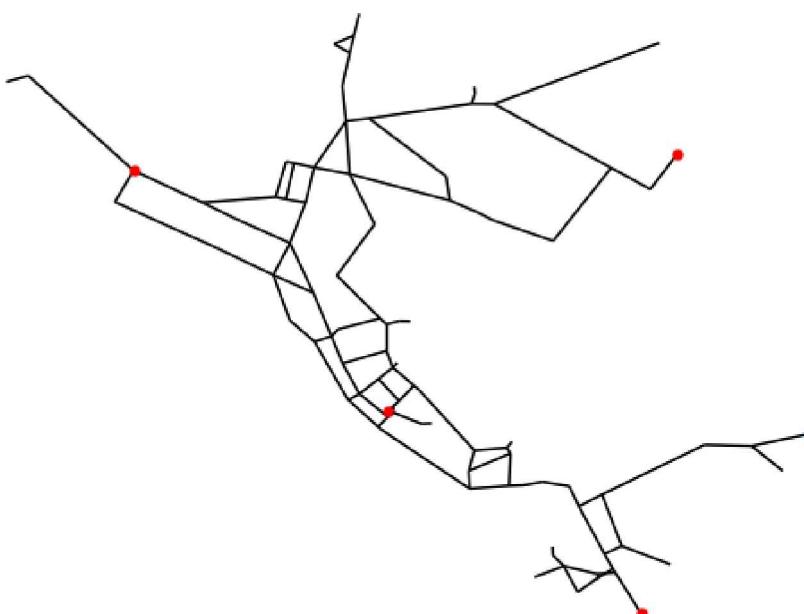
# Example Network # 1

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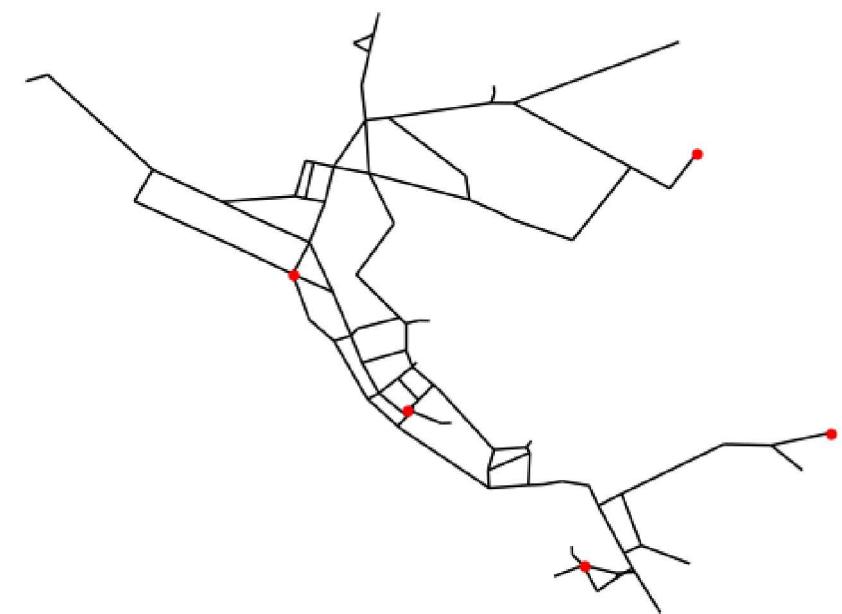
Grid bins



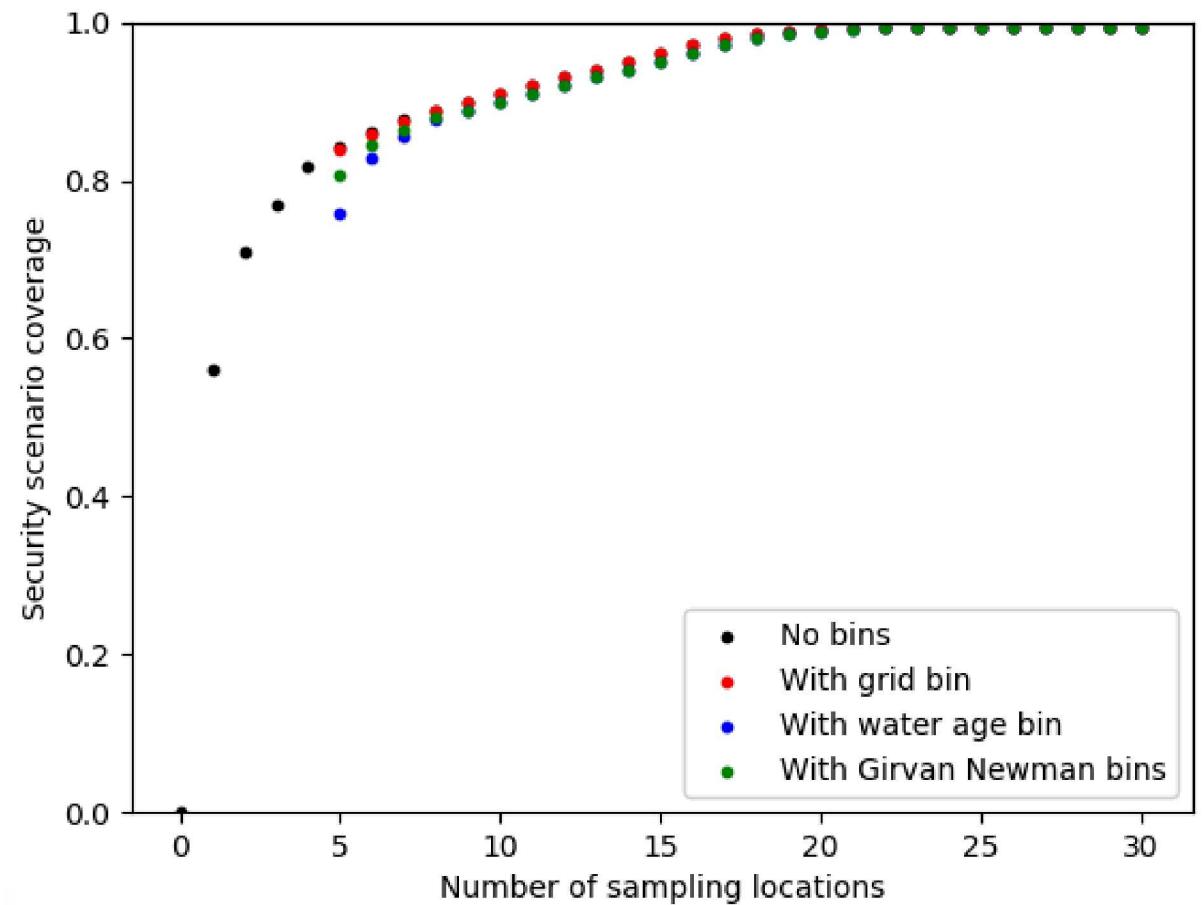
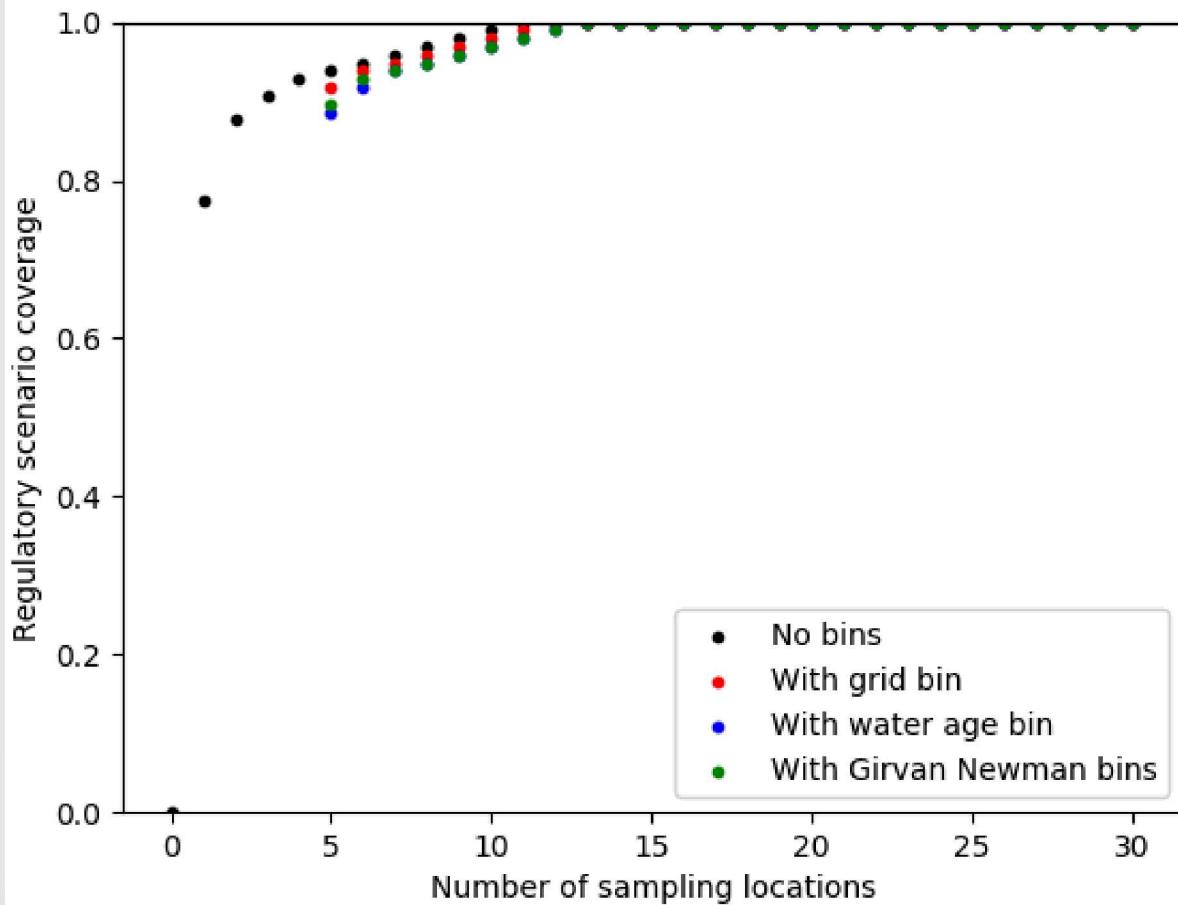
Regulatory sample locations, Grid bins



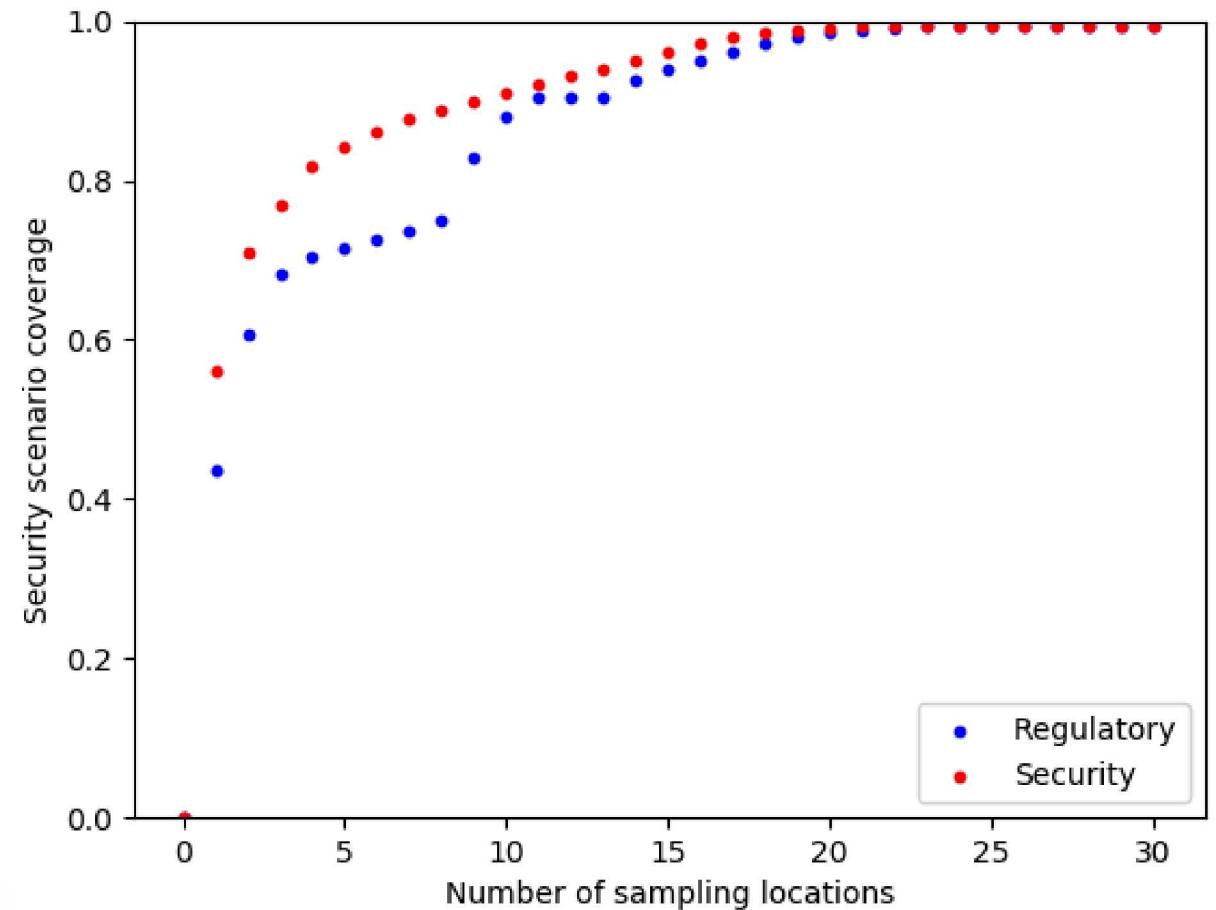
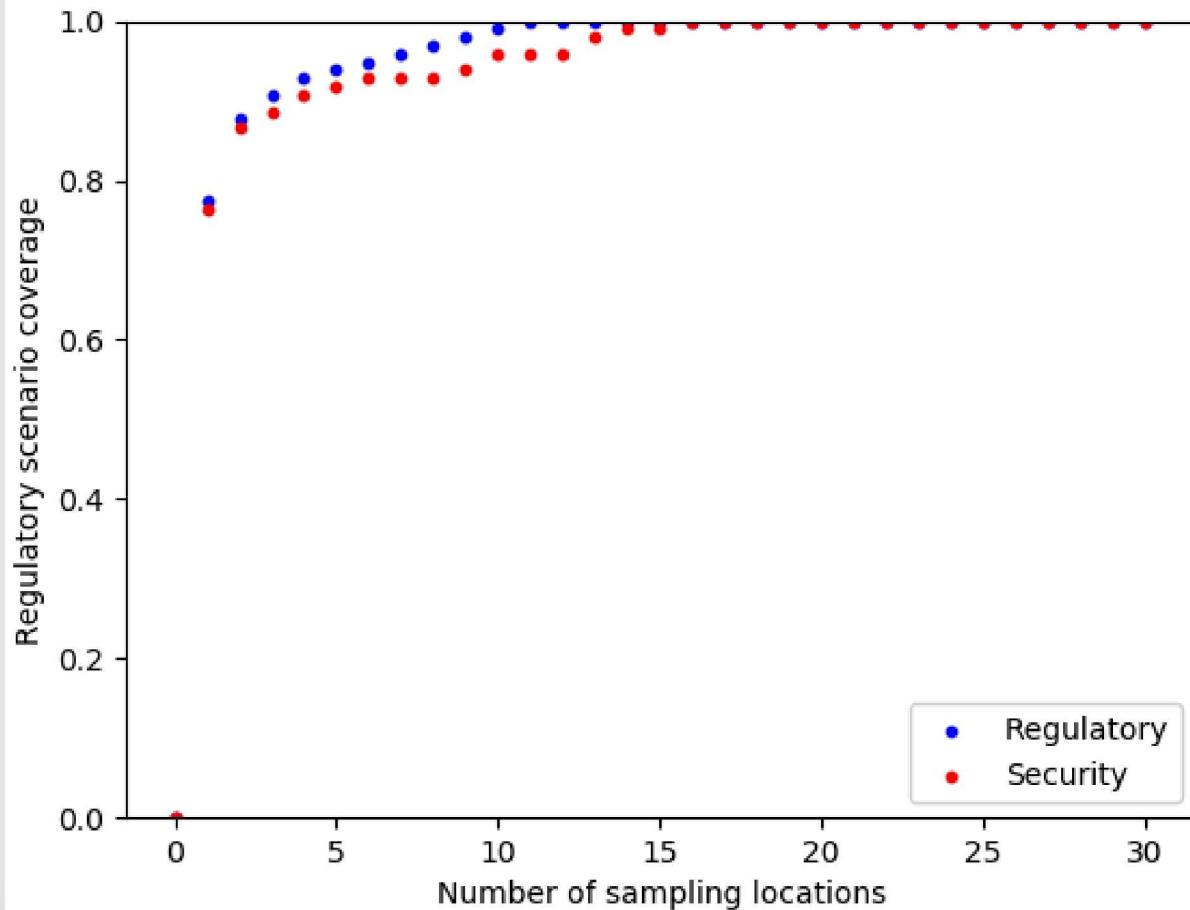
Security sample locations, Grid bins



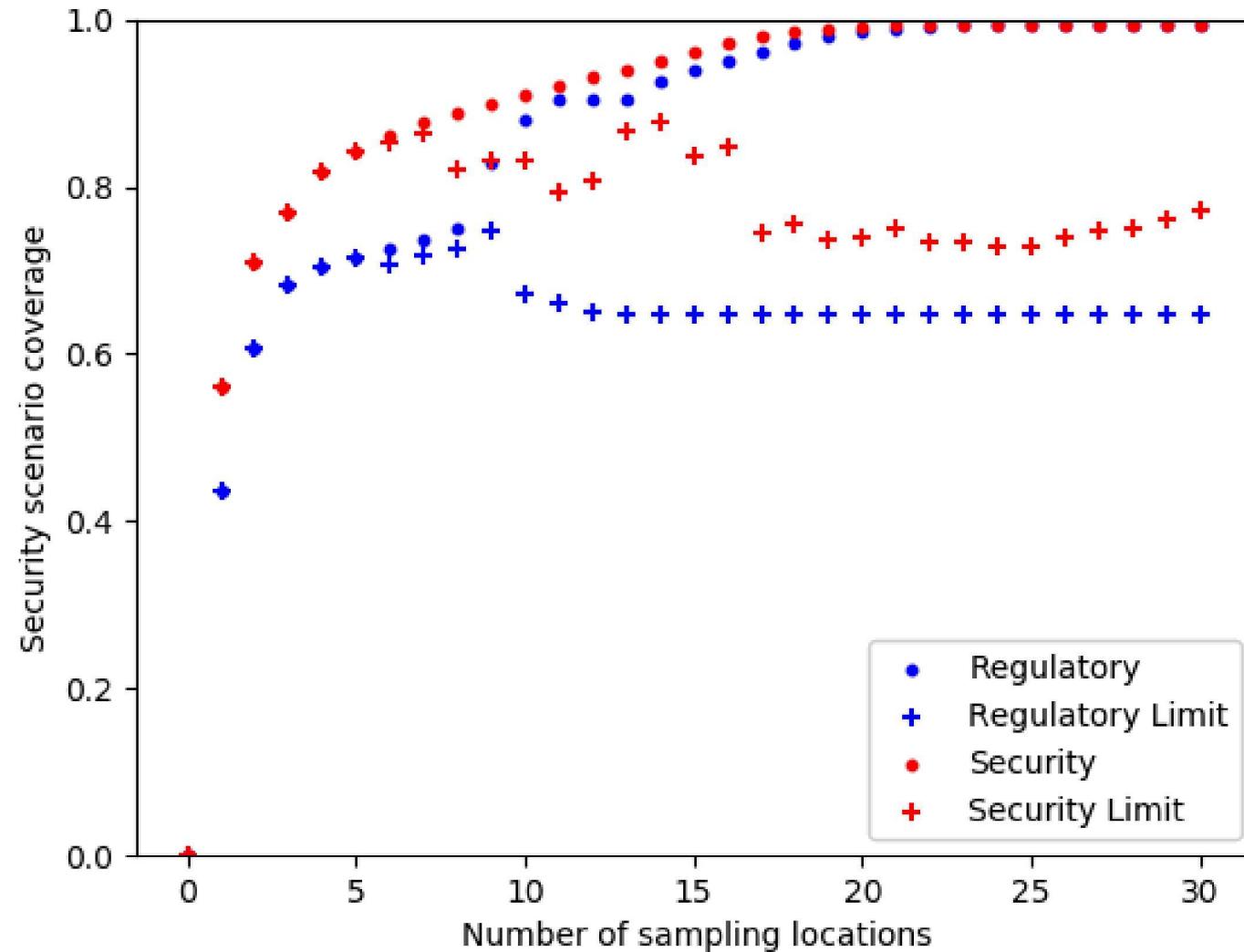
## Example # 1 Binning Results



## Example # 1 Evaluation Results



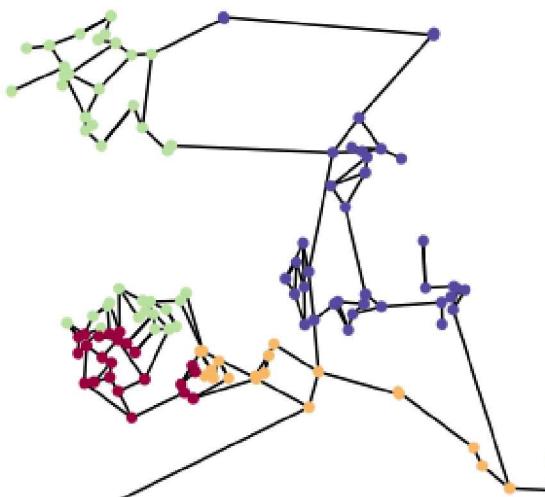
## Example # I Evaluation with Limitations



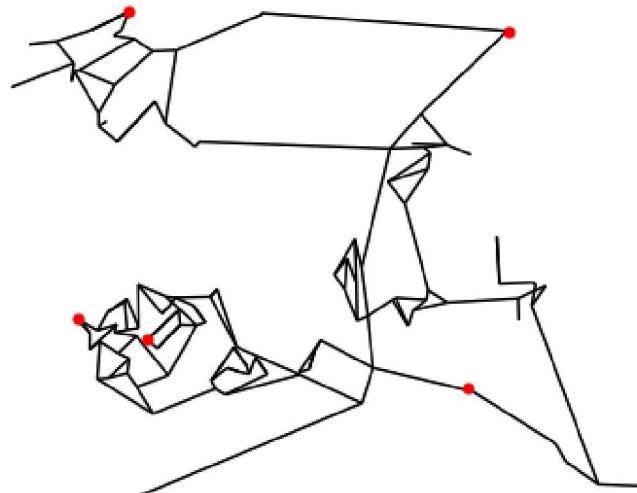
## Example Network # 2

- **Battle of Water Sensor Networks (BWSN) Network 1**

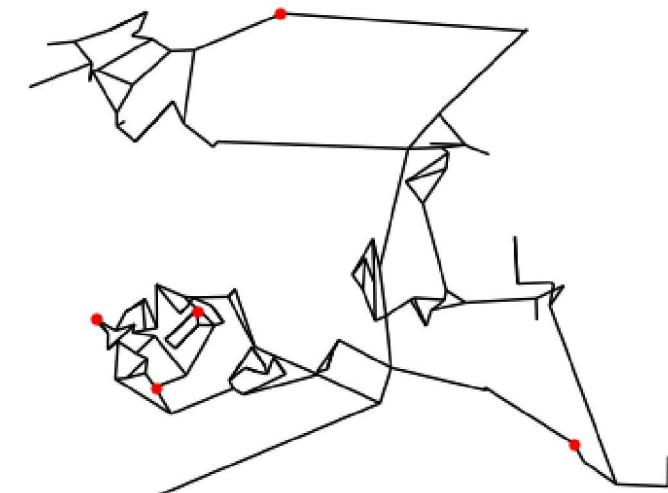
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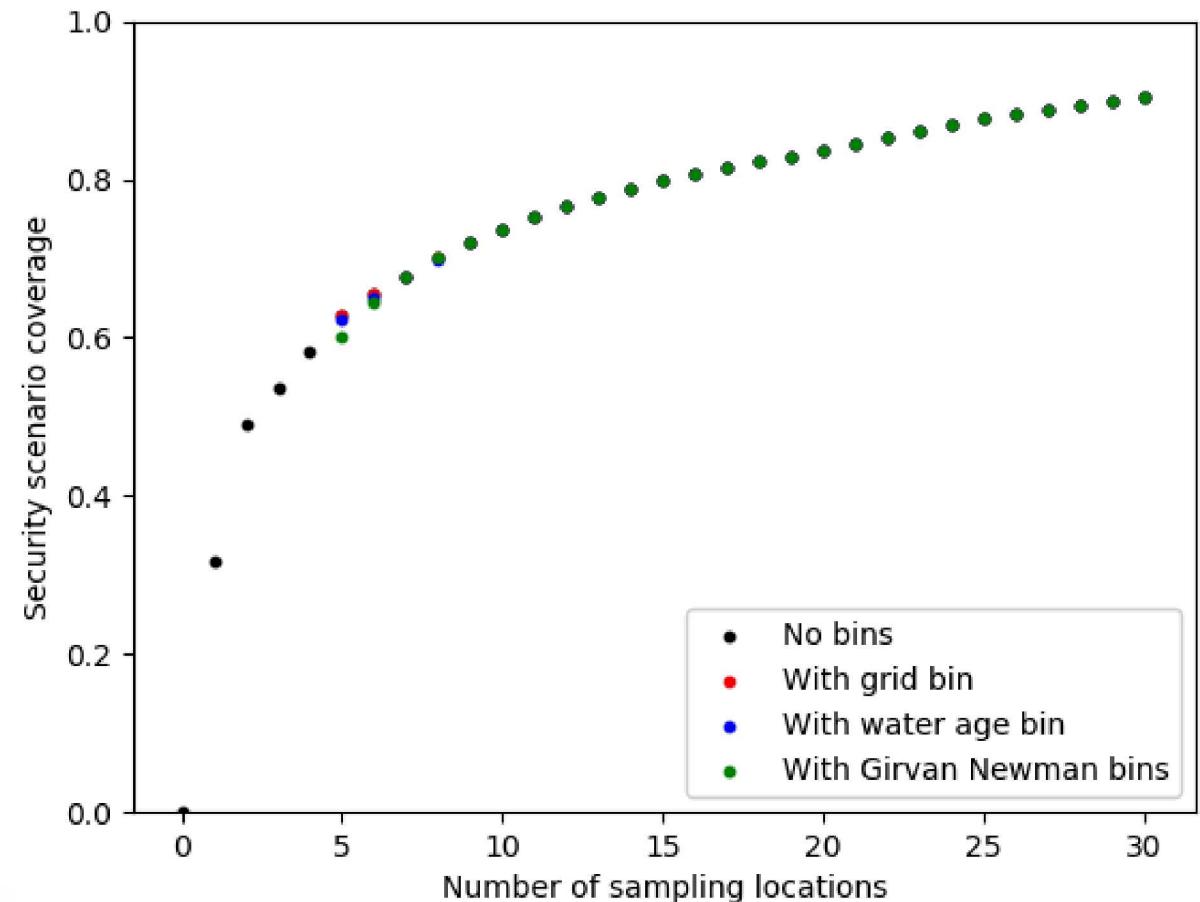
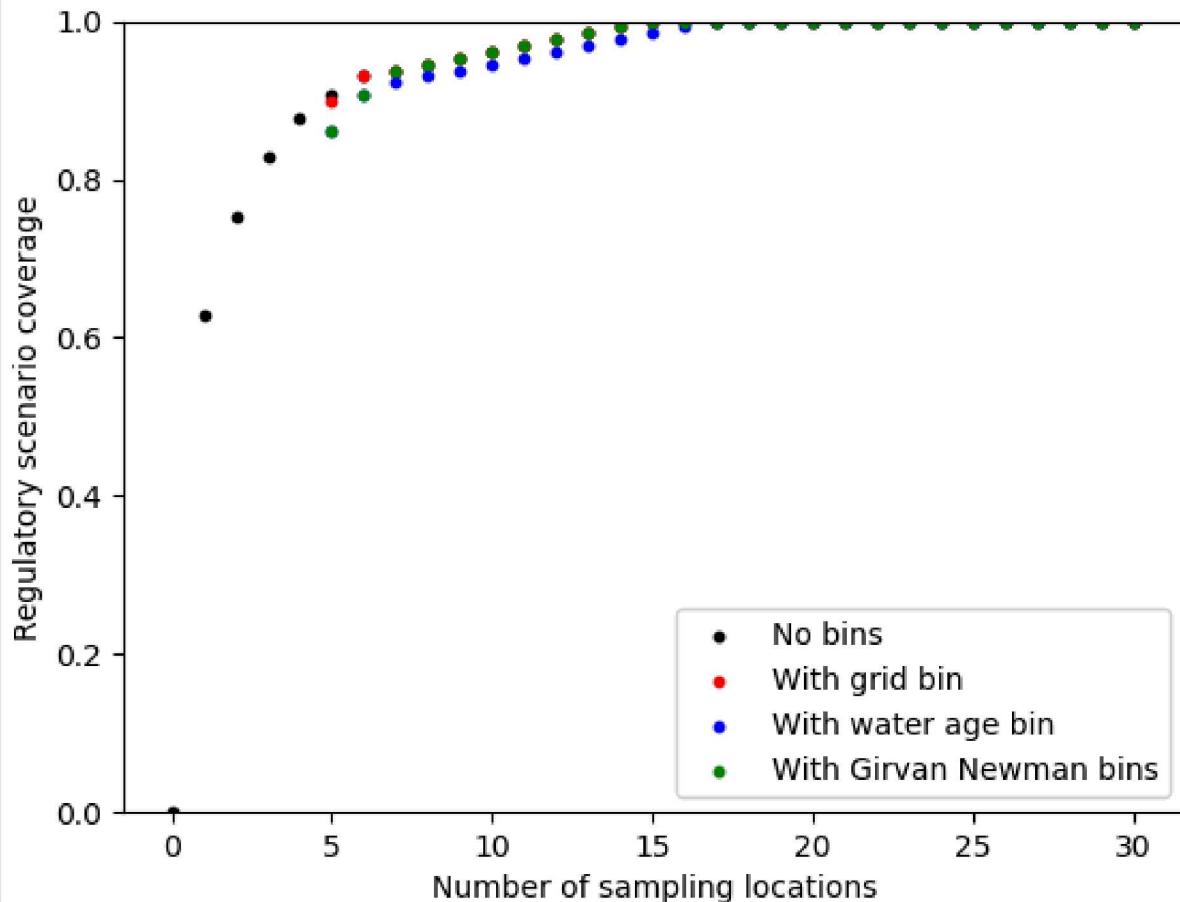
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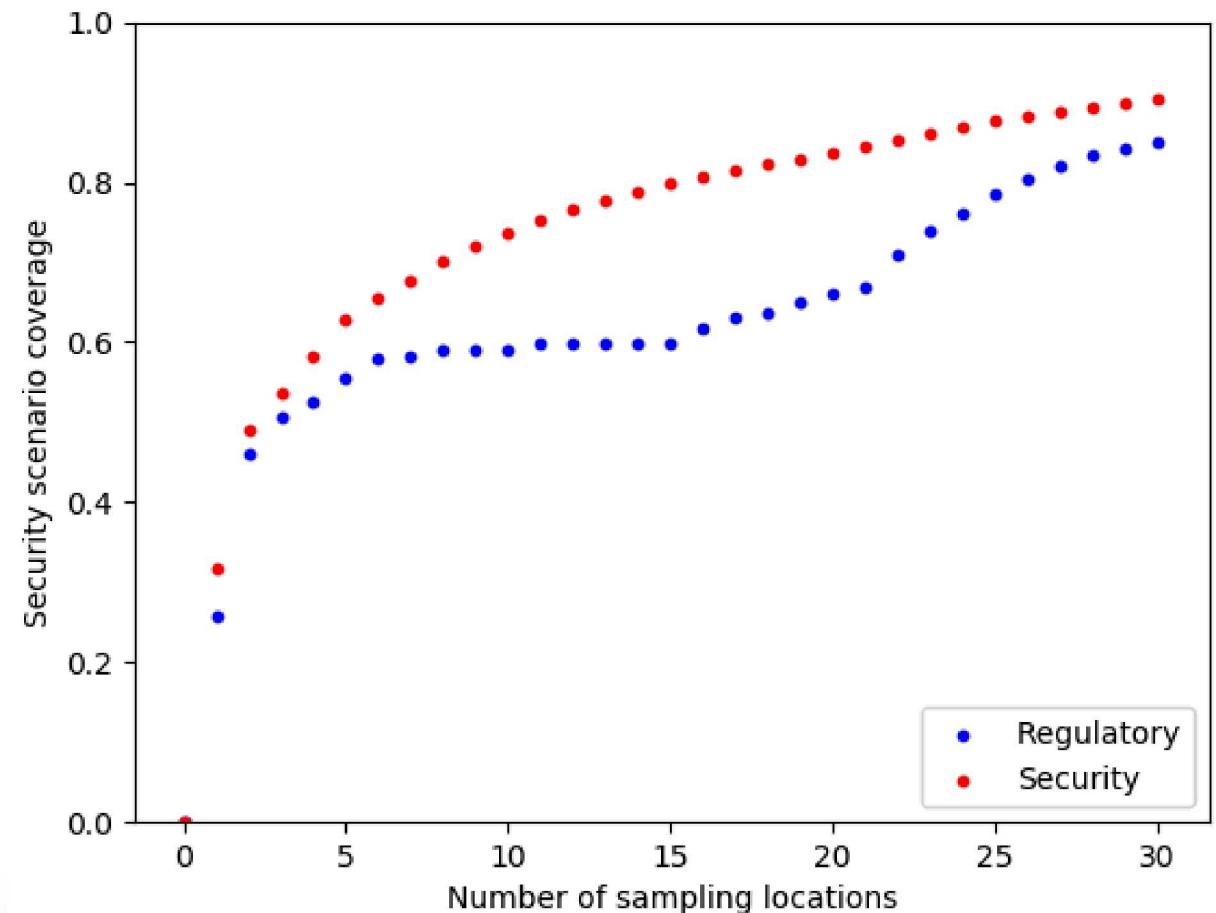
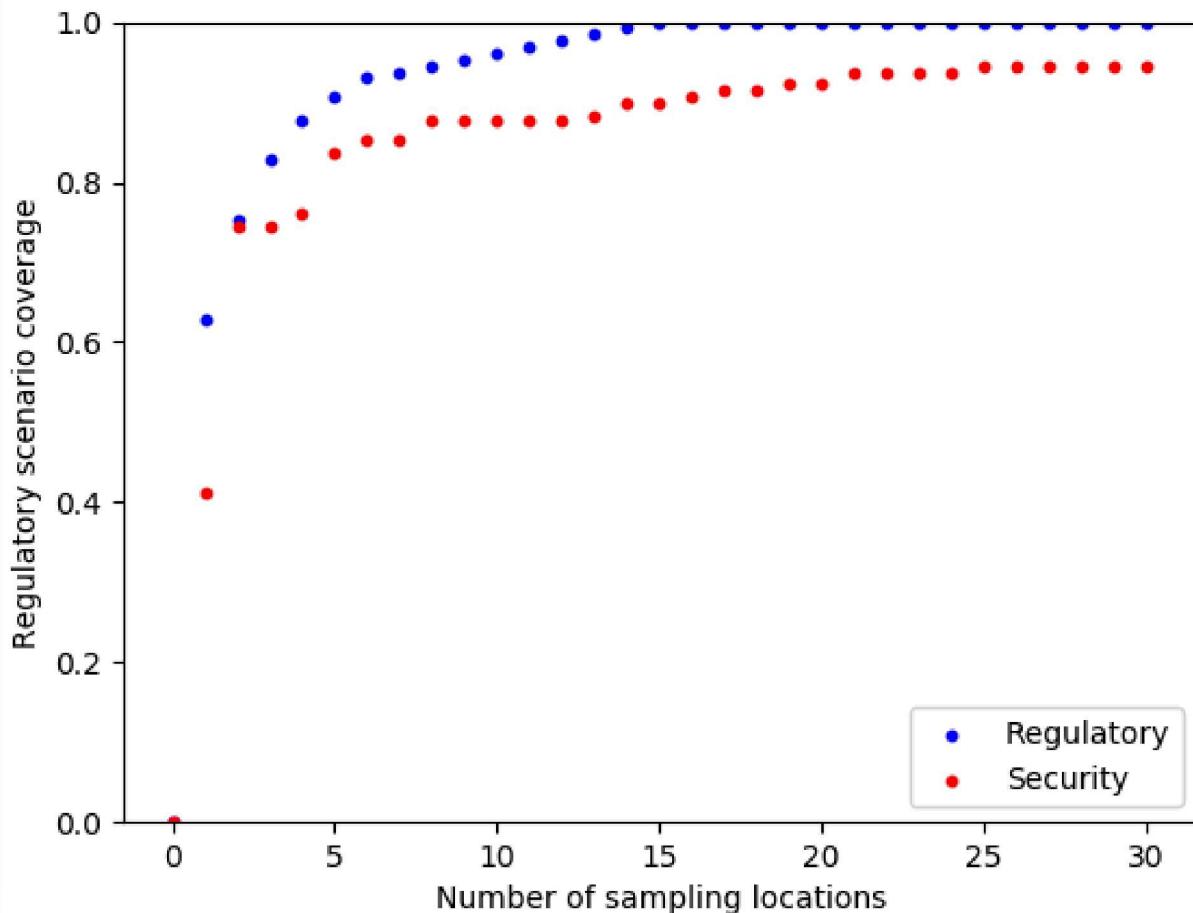
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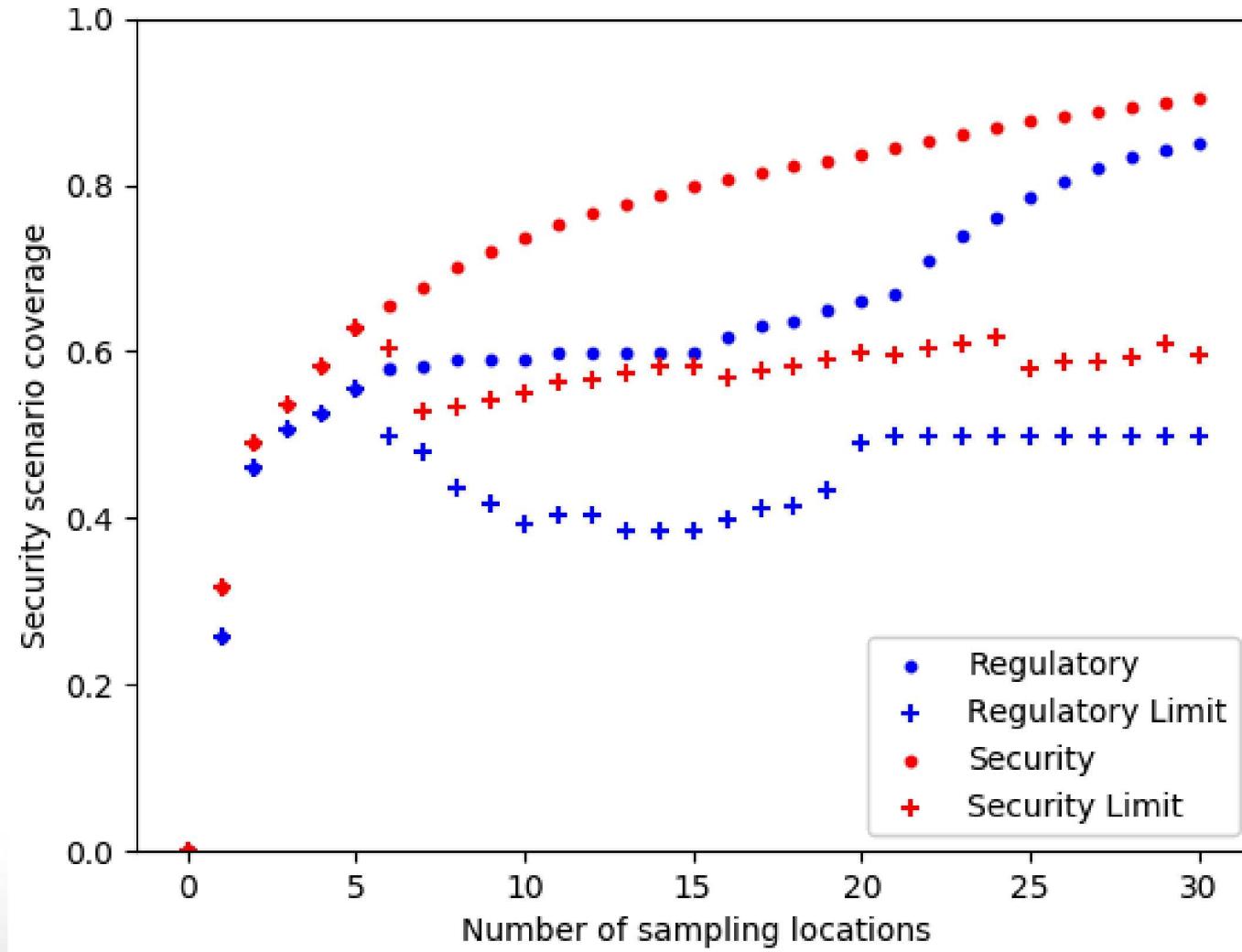
## Example # 2 Binning Results



## Example # 2 Evaluation Results



## Example # 2 Evaluation with Limitations



## Conclusions/Next Steps

- If grab sample locations are determined using security scenarios, they will still be good locations for regulatory purposes
- If grab sample locations are determined using regulatory scenarios, they will not perform as well for security
- Binning constraint did not have much affect on coverage
- Additional studies are needed
  - With larger, more detailed networks
  - Include equal distribution in bins
  - Include binning constraints in evaluation

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