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Introduction

Background Information

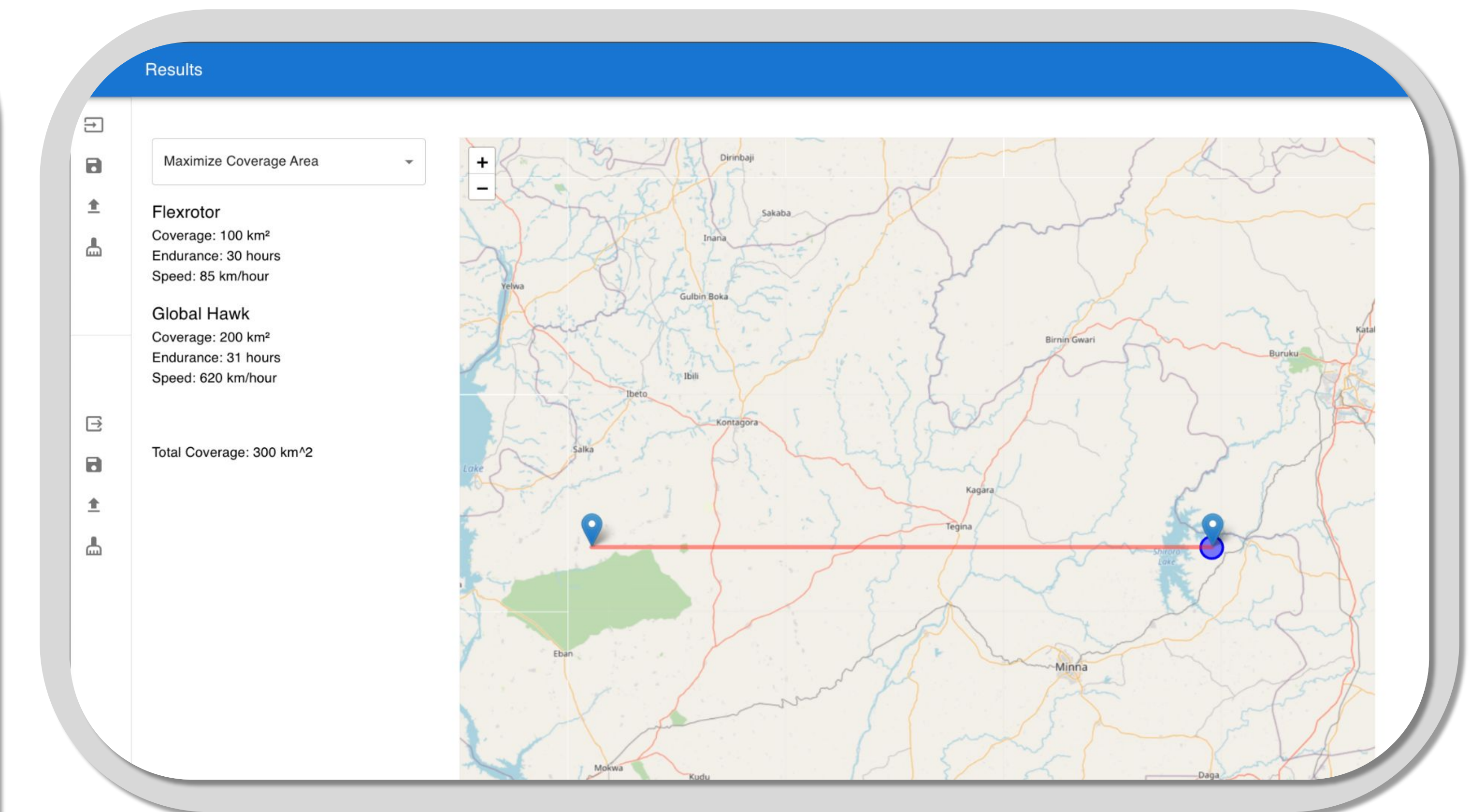
The U.S. government is interested in exploring models to inform optimization planning for the use of unmanned systems employment.

Methodology

- Project Management:
 - Regular sponsor meetings, 2x weekly internal team meetings
 - Independent model research + UI integration
- Tech Stack:
 - Python, PULP, Pyomo, ReactJS, AWS

Model Optimization

We designed a web application that combines a simple, easy to use user interface with an optimization model defined by user inputs to select the ideal combination of unmanned autonomous vehicles and display results.



Solution

Tasks Accomplished

- Created model that selects the optimal autonomous vehicles for user-defined criteria including mission duration, base point, and range and implemented model using AWS API.
 - Used Halversine algorithm.
 - Allow user to upload autonomous vehicle data from CSV file or manual input through UI.
 - Objectives: Maximize coverage area, maximize time at recon point, minimize drones used
- Interactive UI with backend support.
 - Inputs & Result pages: Coordinates, Drones & optimization parameters.
 - Map displays base and recon locations in the map using markers & Geodesic lines/circle.

Learnings

- Exposure to different Python-based modeling languages.
- Defining and designing an optimization model.
- Utilizing AWS API to connect front end and back end.
- Practice with ReactJS.

Challenges

- New tech stack: optimization languages and AWS API.
- Balancing simplicity and model customization.
- Designing a working model with use of the AWS API.
- Managing client needs/implementation.