



# FLIGHT ROUTE ADVISOR

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# PROBLEM BACKGROUND



Global aviation forms a large-scale,  
complex network



Thousands of airports and tens of  
thousands of flight routes



Travelers and airlines face challenges

# INTRODUCTION

# PROBLEM STATEMENT



How to efficiently find routes between any two airports worldwide?

**Statement 1**



Which airports are critical hubs in the global flight network?

**Statement 2**



What happens to the network if a major hub is disrupted or removed?

**Statement 3**

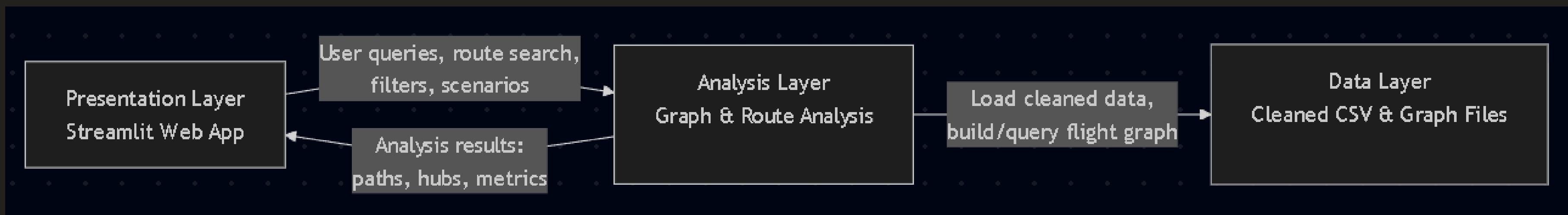
# SYSTEM OVERVIEW

## System Overview

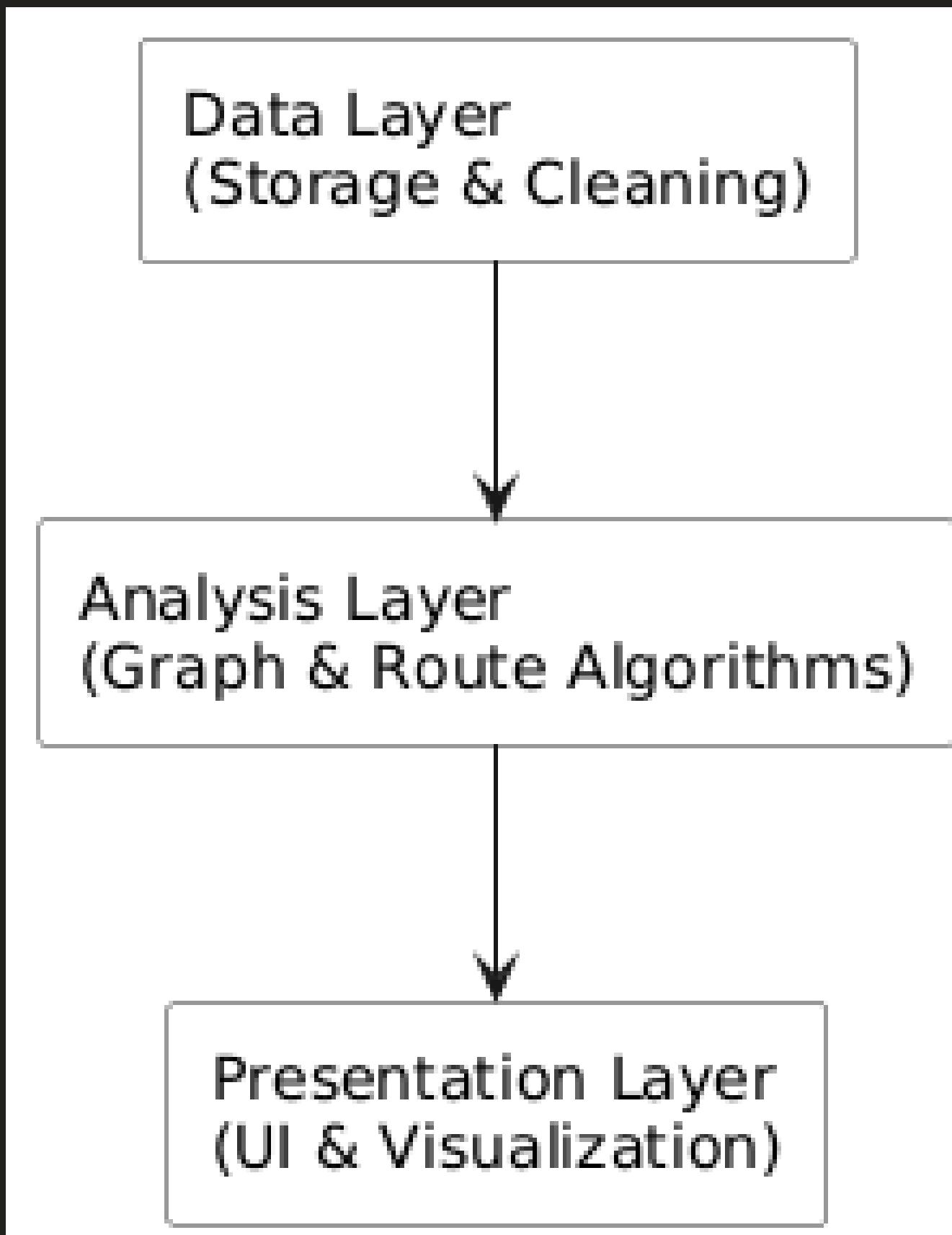
- Interactive system for global flight network analysis
- Built on graph-based modeling

Three main layers:

- Data Layer
- Analysis Layer
- Presentation Layer



# SYSTEM DESIGN



# ARCHITECTURE TYPE

## Clear Separation

- Data: storage & cleaning
- Analysis: algorithms
- Presentation: UI & charts

## Independent Testing

- Test algorithms without UI
- Mock analysis for UI testing

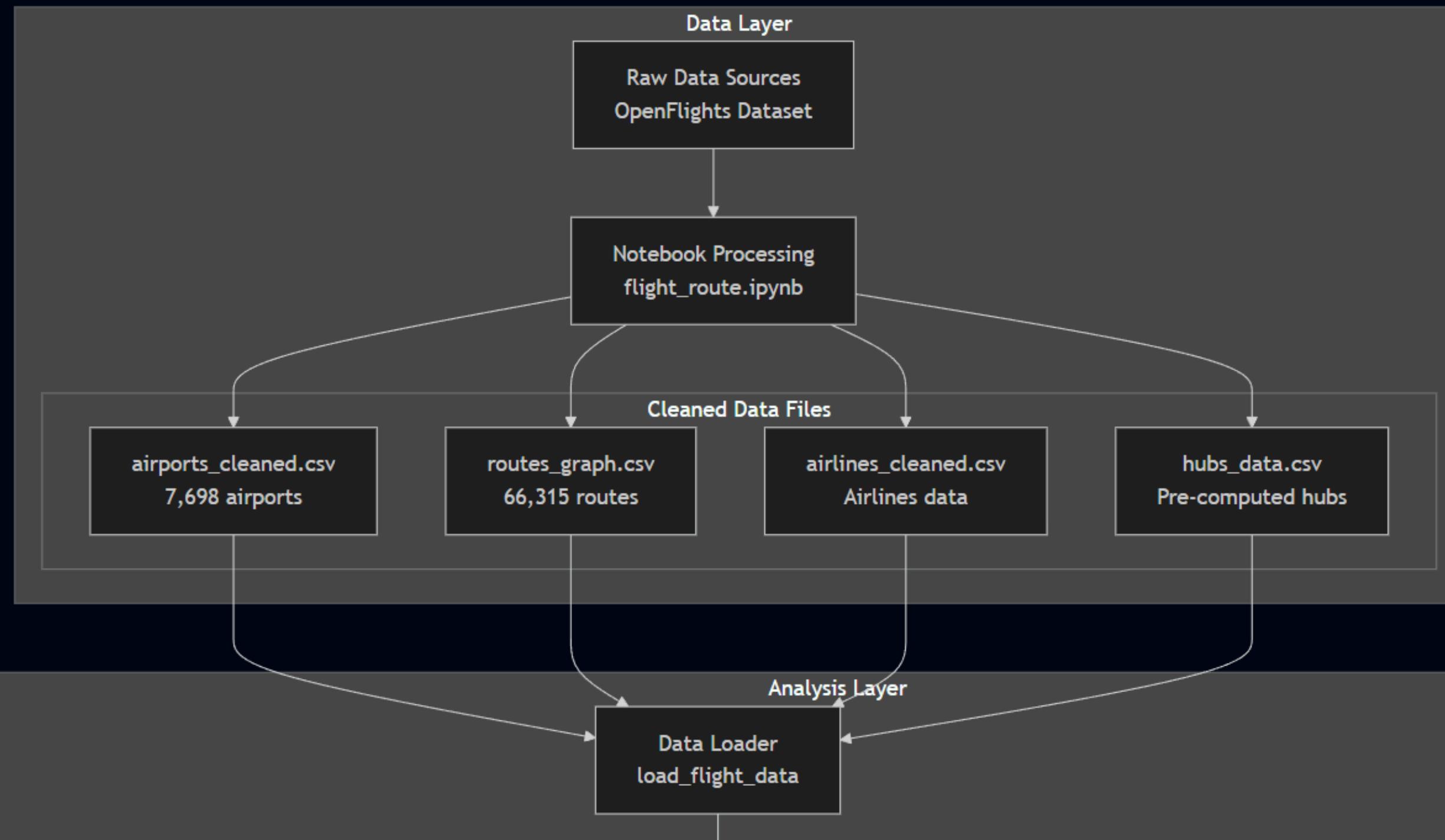
## Flexible & Extensible

- Swap UI without touching logic
- Change data source easily

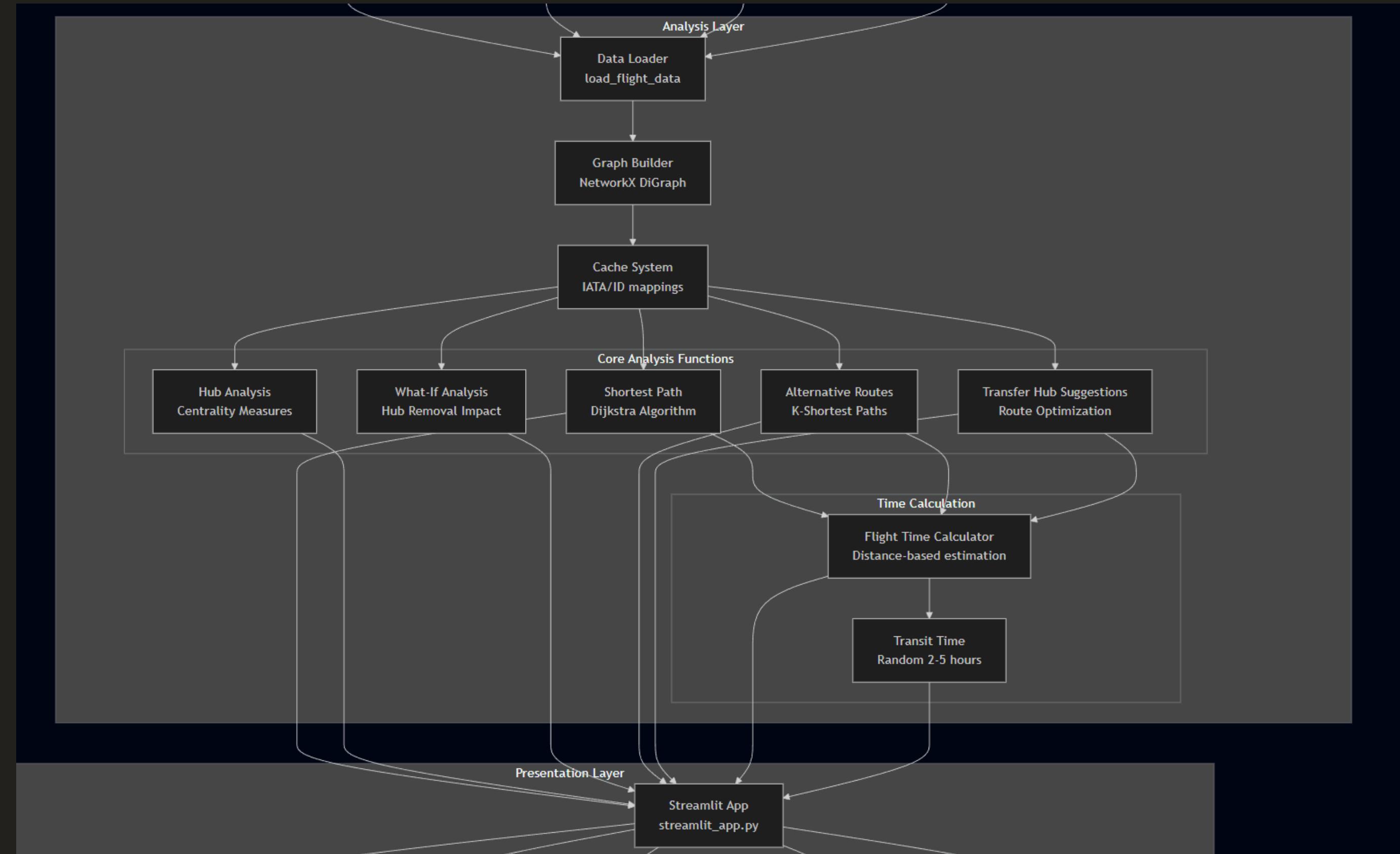
## Academic & Analytical Fit

- Reusable analysis layer
- Easy to explain & document

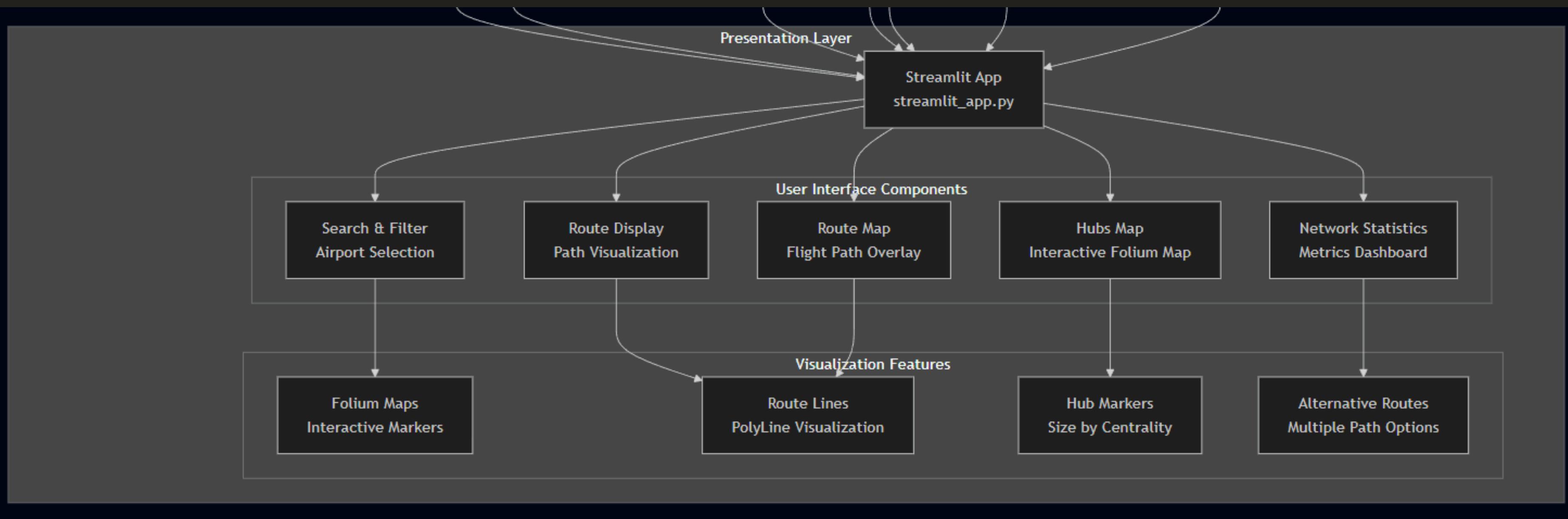
# DATA LAYER DESIGN



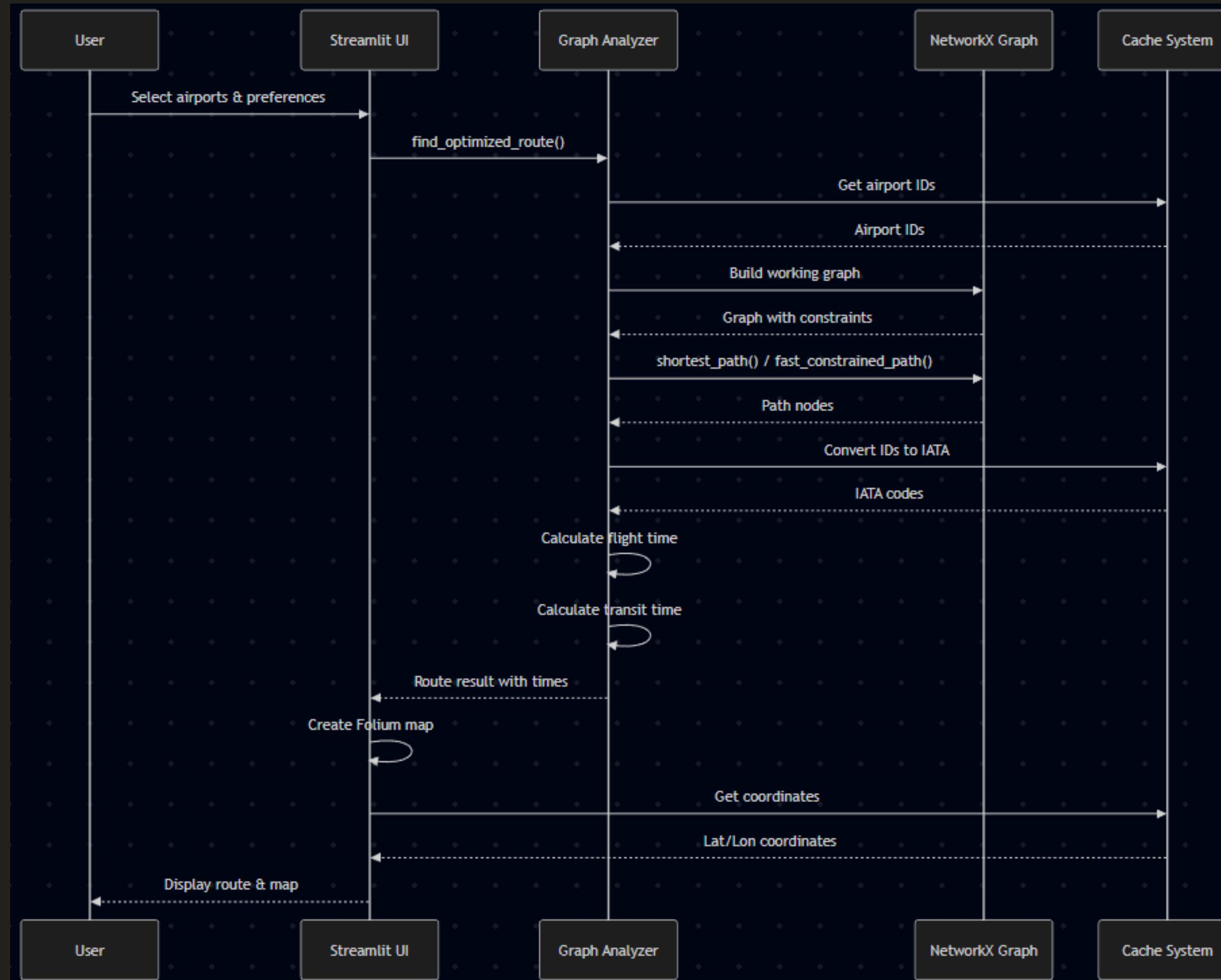
# ANALYSIS LAYER DESIGN



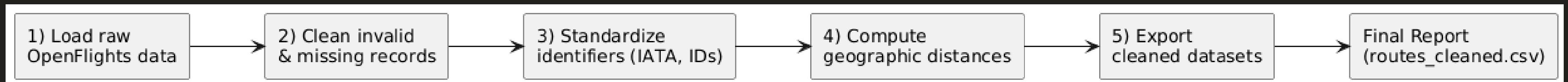
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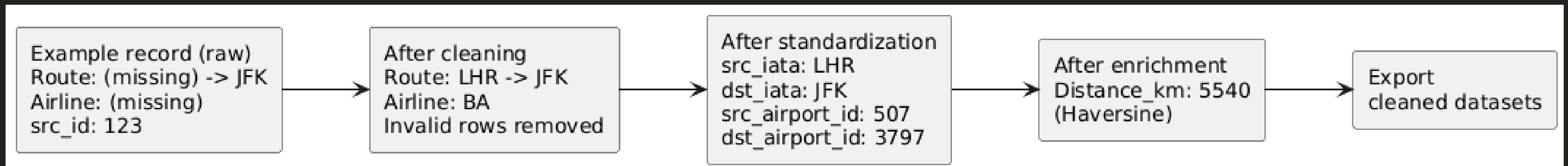
# DATA FLOW



# DATA PREPROCESSING PIPELINE

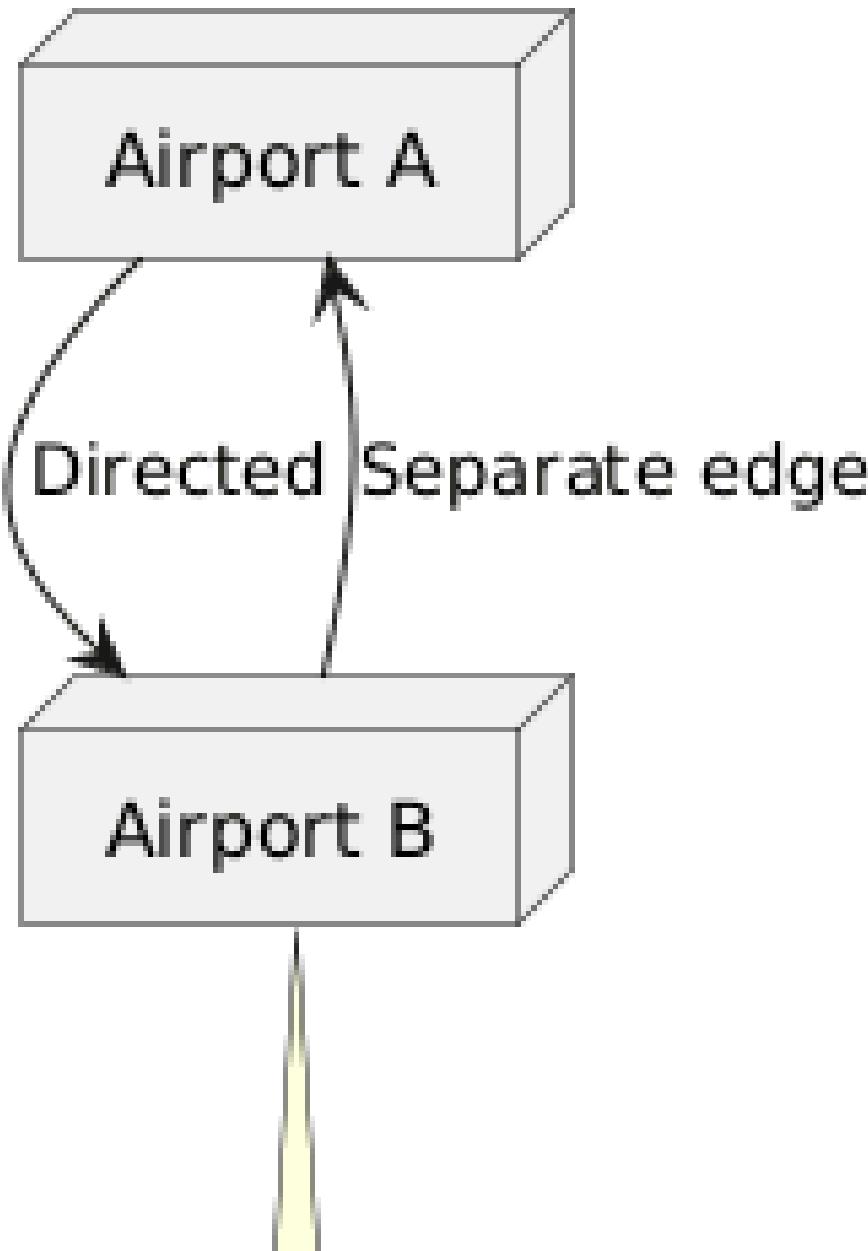


## EXAMPLE



# SYSTEM DESIGN

## Why Directed Graph?



$A \rightarrow B$  does NOT imply  $B \rightarrow A$   
Different routes, schedules, distances

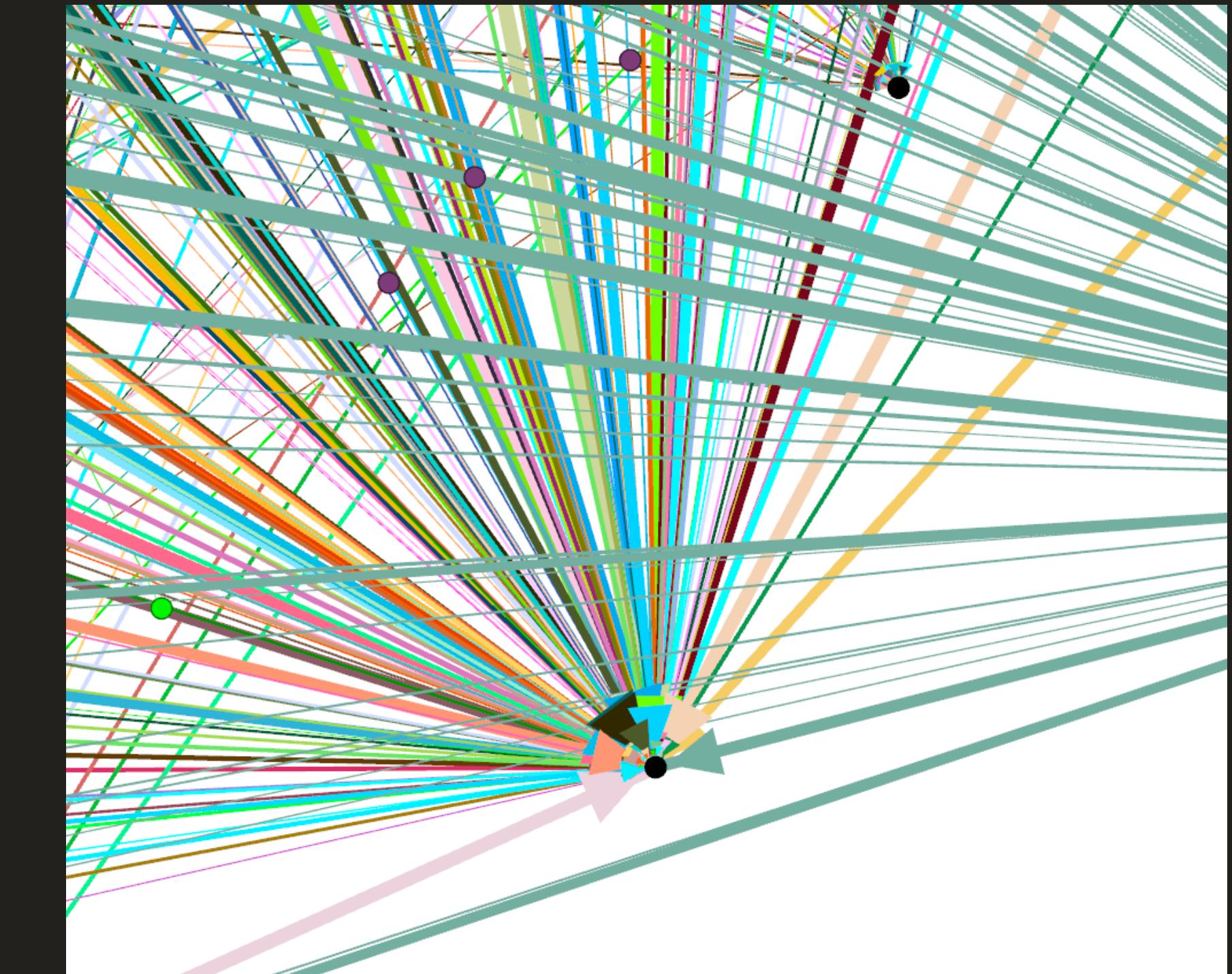
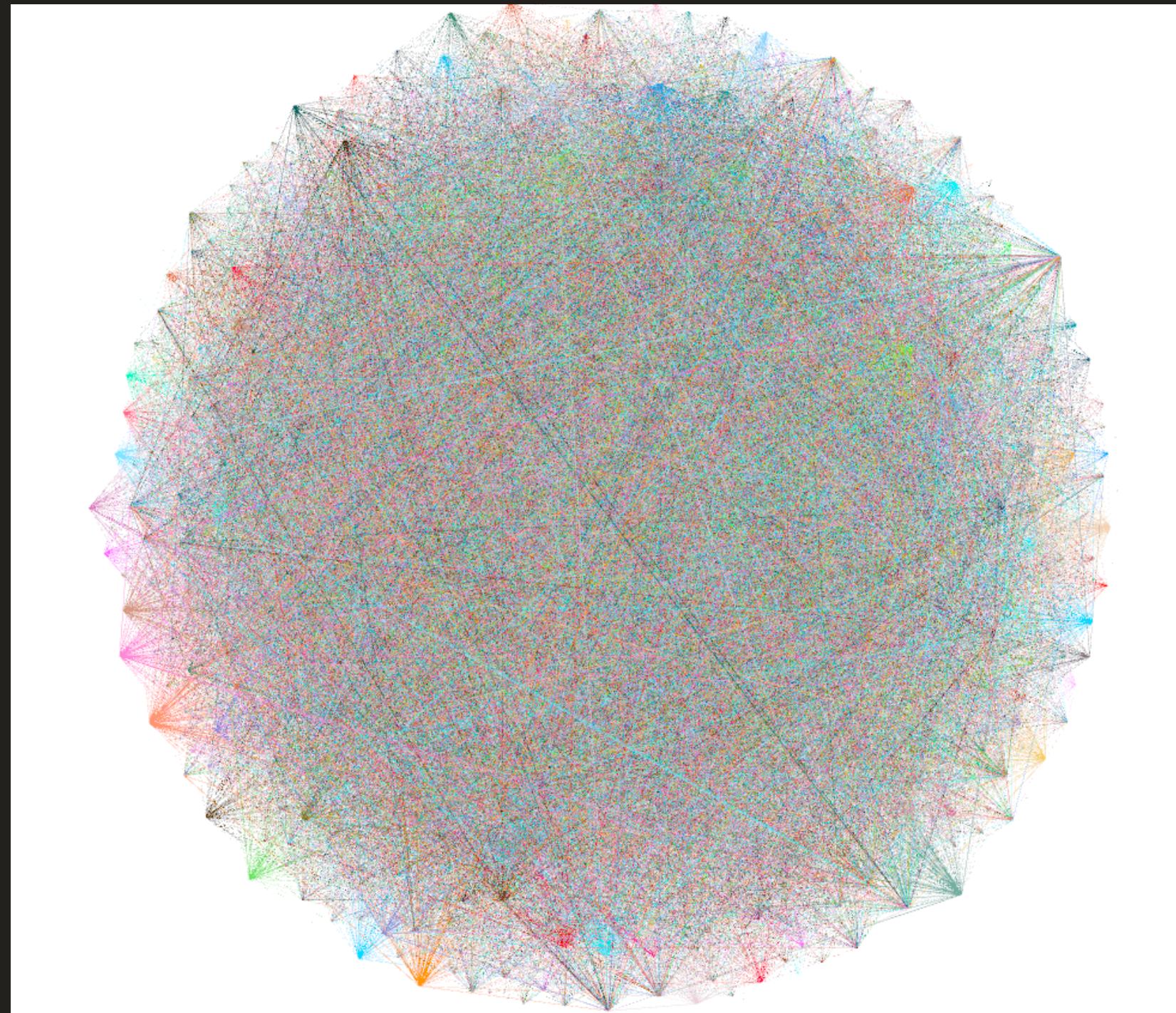
# GRAPH MODELING DESIGN

## Graph Representation

- Type: Directed Graph
- Nodes: Airports
- Edges: Flight routes
- Weight: Distance (km)

# SYSTEM DESIGN

## GRAPH MODELING DESIGN



# PRESERVATION LAYER DESIGN

## FLIGHT ROUTE ADVISOR

### Search & Filter

From

SGN - Tan Son Nhat I...

To

HAN - Noi Bai Interna...

Max stops (transits)

1

Show alternative routes

Search Route

### Map Controls

Point size based on

degree\_centrality

Filter by Country

All Countries

Apply map filters

Select country and flight route (FROM → TO)

Choose transits (number of stops: 0–1–2)

Show alternative routes: display backup/alternative flights

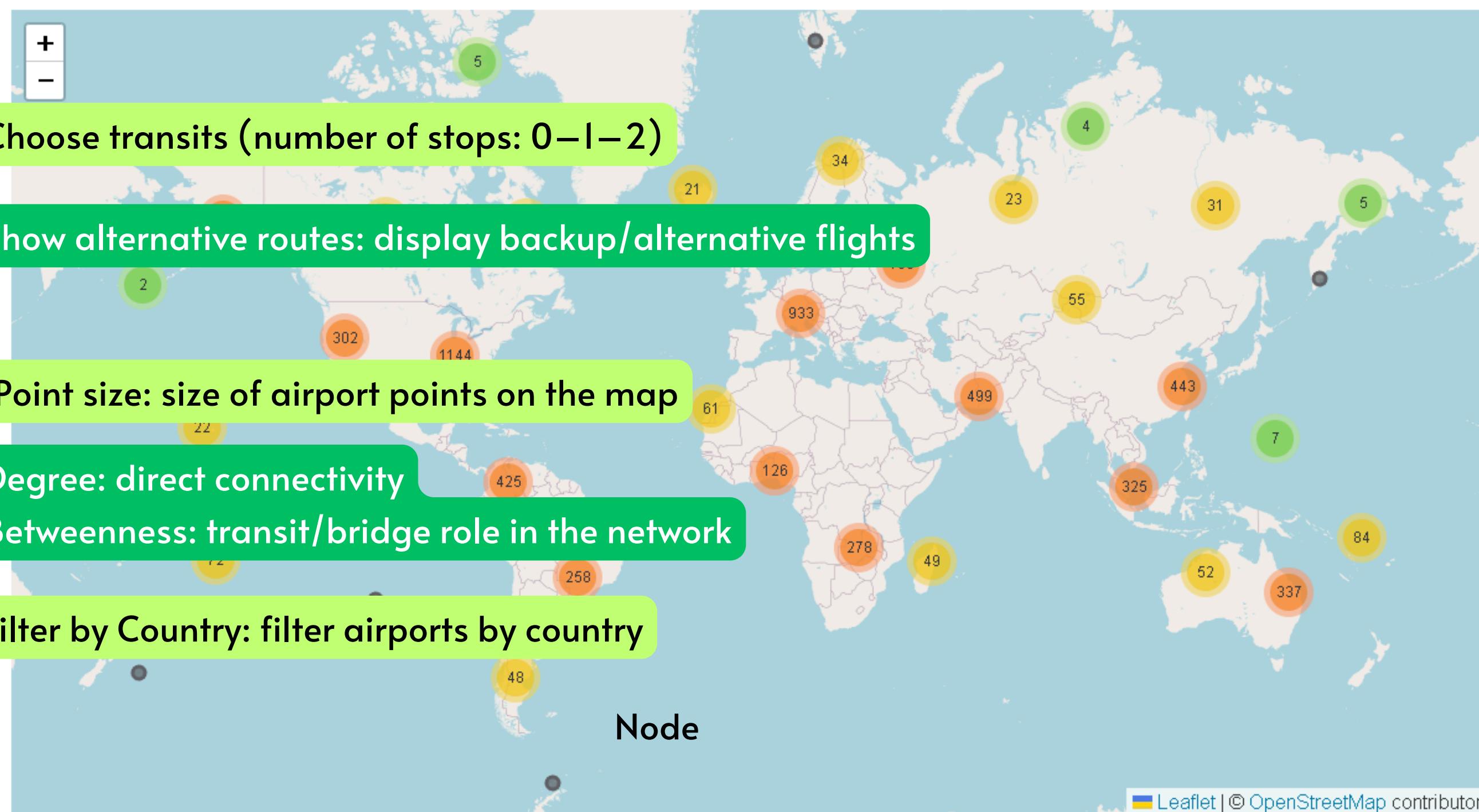
Point size: size of airport points on the map

Degree: direct connectivity

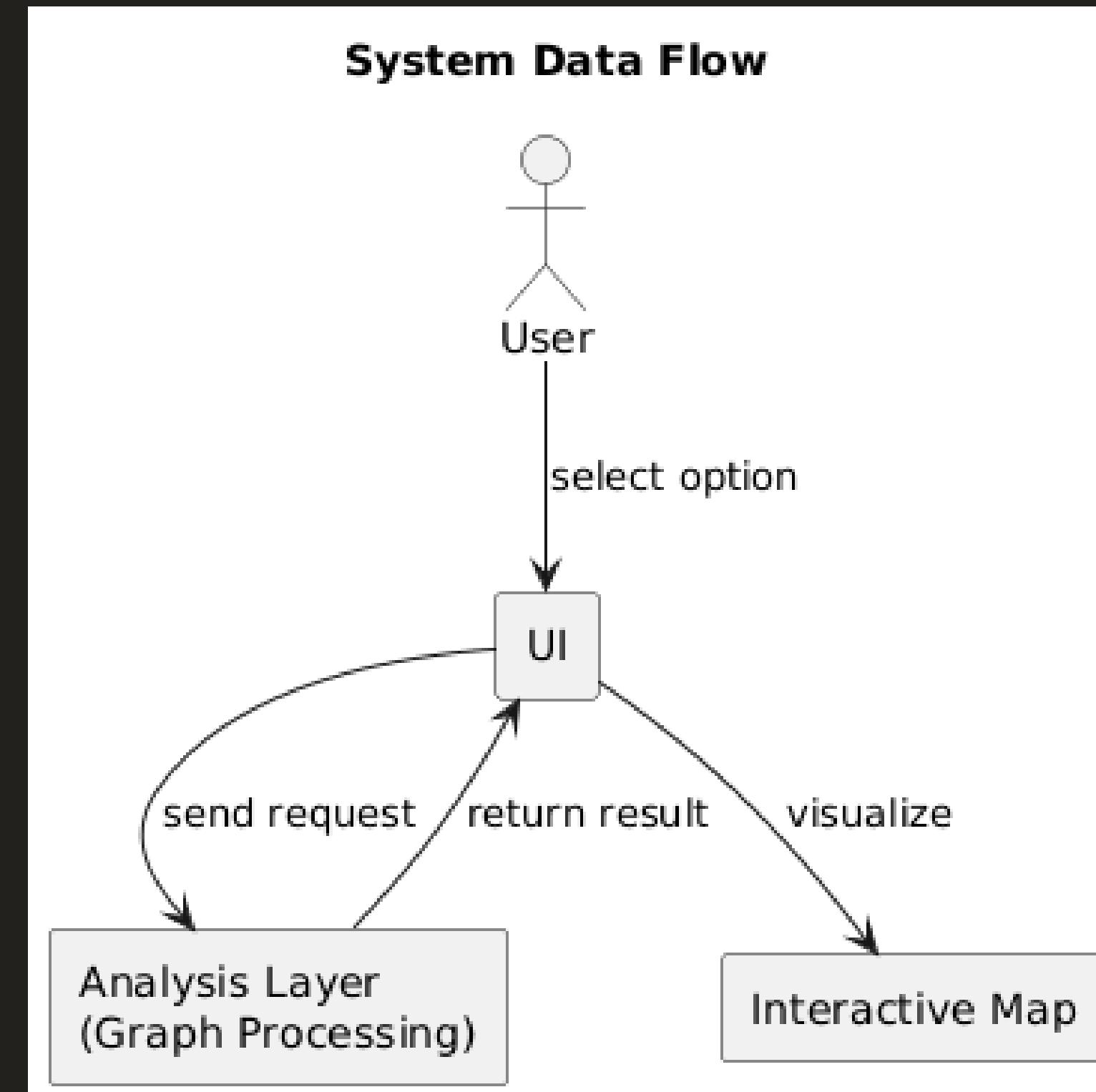
Betweenness: transit/bridge role in the network

Filter by Country: filter airports by country

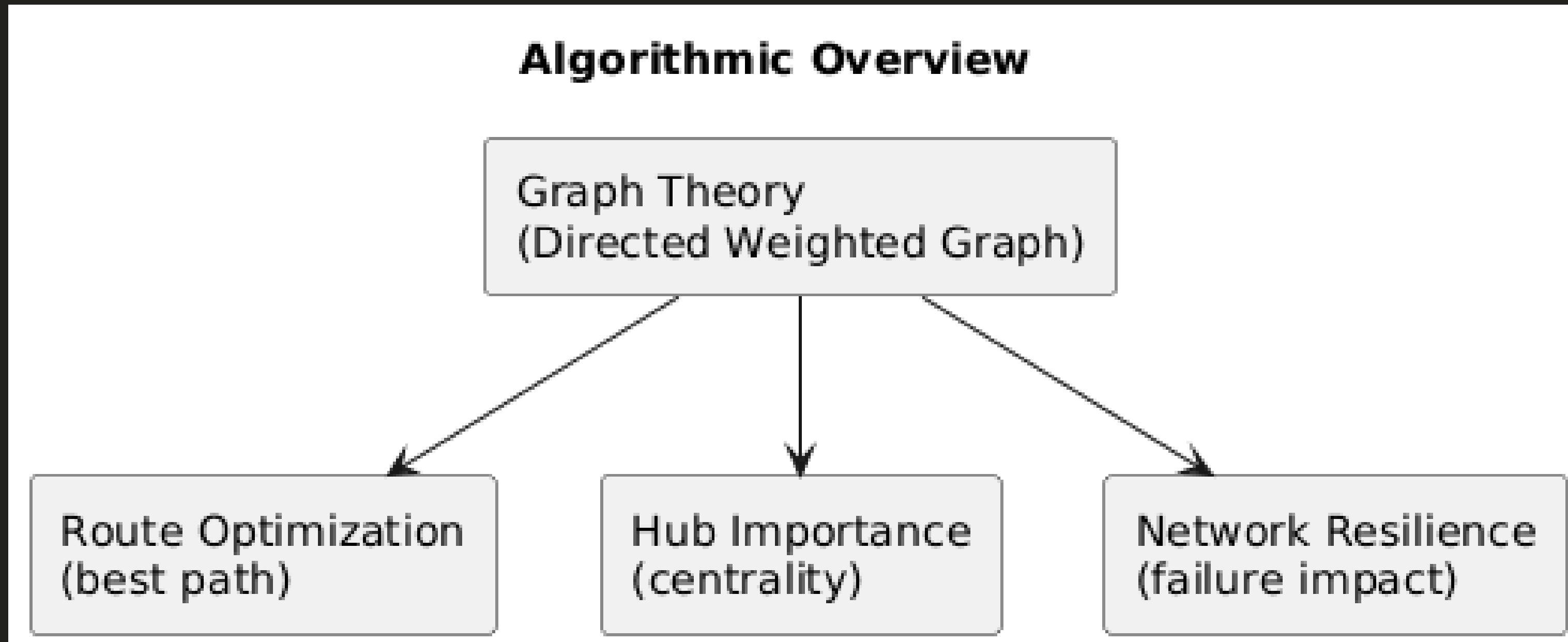
Node



# SYSTEM DATA FLOW



# ALGORITHMIC OVERVIEW





Shortest path



Centrality



Connectivity analysis

## Why Graph Algorithms?

Flight networks naturally form a directed weighted graph

Efficient algorithms exist for:

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# ROUTE OPTIMIZATION ALGORITHM



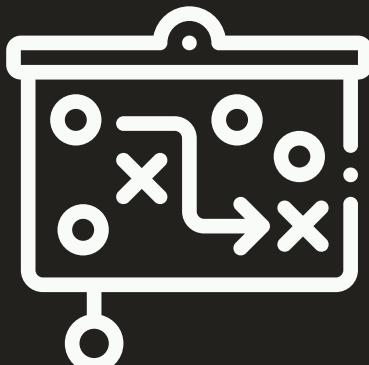
## Problem Definition

- Find best route From → To
- With objectives + constraints



## Supported Objectives

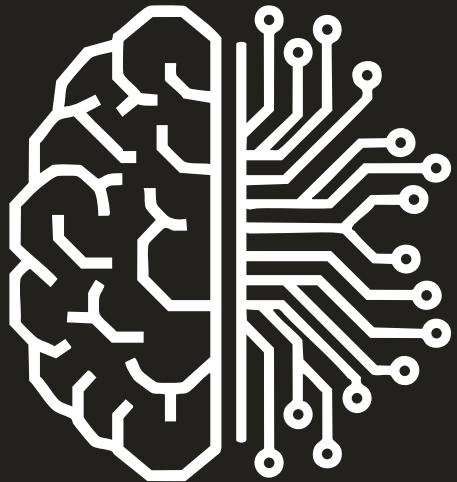
- Min transfers -> fewest hops
- Min distance -> shortest (km)



## Algorithm Selection Strategy

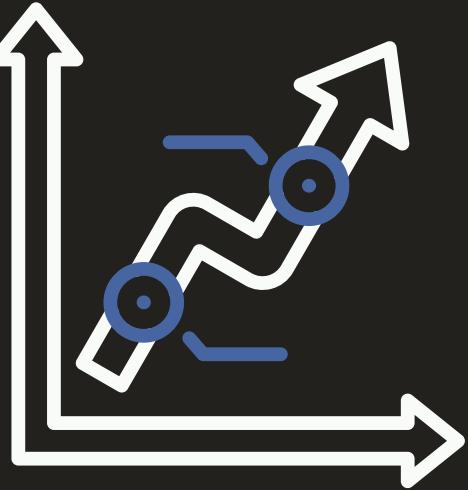
- BFS → fewest transfers (unweighted)
- Dijkstra → minimum distance (weighted)

# FAST CONSTRAINED PATH STRATEGY



## Optimization Insight

- Most real routes  $\leq 2$  transfers



## Fast Constrained Path

- 0 stop  $\rightarrow$  direct edge
- 1 stop  $\rightarrow$  enumerate 1-hop paths
- 2 stops  $\rightarrow$  enumerate 2-hop paths
- Select min distance



## Why not Dijkstra / k-Shortest?

- k-shortest paths  $\rightarrow$  expensive
- Enumeration  $\rightarrow$  faster (small k)

# HUB ANALYSIS ALGORITHMS



## Objective

- Identify critical airports in the global network



## Centrality Measures Used

- Degree Centrality
  - Local connectivity
- Betweenness Centrality
  - Bridge on shortest paths
- Closeness Centrality
  - Avg distance to all airports
- PageRank
  - Network influence



## Why Multiple Metrics?

- No single metric is sufficient
- Different roles, different hubs

## KEY FINDINGS & INSIGHTS

### KEY FINDINGS

Sparse but hub-dependent network

Few airports dominate connectivity & robustness

Optimized routes match real-world major hubs

### INSIGHTS FROM ANALYSIS

Distance-optimal routes rely on international hubs

Min transfers  $\neq$  min distance

Resilience differs by region

# DISCUSSION

## Current

## Limitations

Static flight data

Equal airline importance

Expensive hub computation

No pricing / availability

Approximate flight time

## Impact & Scope

Analytical, not operational

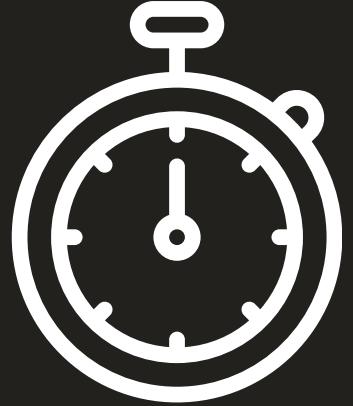
Not for real-time booking

Suitable for:

- Network analysis
- Education

# DISCUSSION

## FUTURE WORK & RESEARCH DIRECTIONS



### SHORT-TERM

Integrate real-time flight APIs

Improve caching and performance

Use actual schedules and transit times

### MEDIUM-TERM

Multi-objective optimization (time + distance)

Advanced alternative route generation

API layer for external systems

### LONG-TERM / RESEARCH

Machine learning for delay prediction

Environmental impact (CO<sub>2</sub> emission analysis)

Distributed graph processing

Real-time network resilience monitoring



**Thank You  
for listening!**



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