

Using Mobile Edge Computing Technologies for Real-Time Cornering Assistance

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Problem Statement

We introduce a novel system that assists drivers in real-time while cornering. The system is designed to be deployable to cloud and edge-computing infrastructures.

Goals:

- warn drivers ahead of curves in real-time
- recommend safe speeds to enter a curve
- use novel edge- and cloud-computing architectures and algorithms

Research Questions & Approach

- **data aspects:** frequency of GPS? what external data to combine?
- how to separate computational **tasks** across the infrastructure?
- **algorithms:** how to detect curves and recommend speeds?
- what is the **performance, data quality, cost** of the system?

=> determine frequencies, fuse data sources, identify desired output
=> design architecture to support tasks and MEC infrastructure
=> design new algorithms and implement a prototype
=> evaluate the prototype

System & Algorithm Design

Microservice-Architecture:

supports virtualized MEC infrastructure, separates tasks and concerns and enables scalability.

Application-Specific Services:

to perform recommendation and detection of curves.

External Services:

to retrieve weather and map data.

Algorithms:

- **curve-detection:** detect curves and their properties (radius, length, etc.) using map data.
- **recommend:** calculate a safe speed to enter a curve using calculated properties.
- **predict-upcoming-curve:** find the next upcoming curve to a driver's current location.
- **load-balance:** choose appropriate cloud or edge nodes to handle client requests.

Experiments & Results

Performance

- 1500-2000 drivers can use our prototype concurrently
- with load balancing we can scale to many thousands drivers
- ~0.5 seconds response time

Data Quality

- 86% curve detection rate
- 76% detected live before approached by simulated drivers
- highly fault tolerant to GPS errors and even full outages

Estimated Costs

Theoretical Scenario:
serve all drivers of Austria = 3 million drivers concurrently

- cloud-model: ~20.000\$ per month
- cloud/edge-model: ~27.000\$ per month

Prototype

available at: <https://github.com/rdsea/EdgeCorneringAssistance>

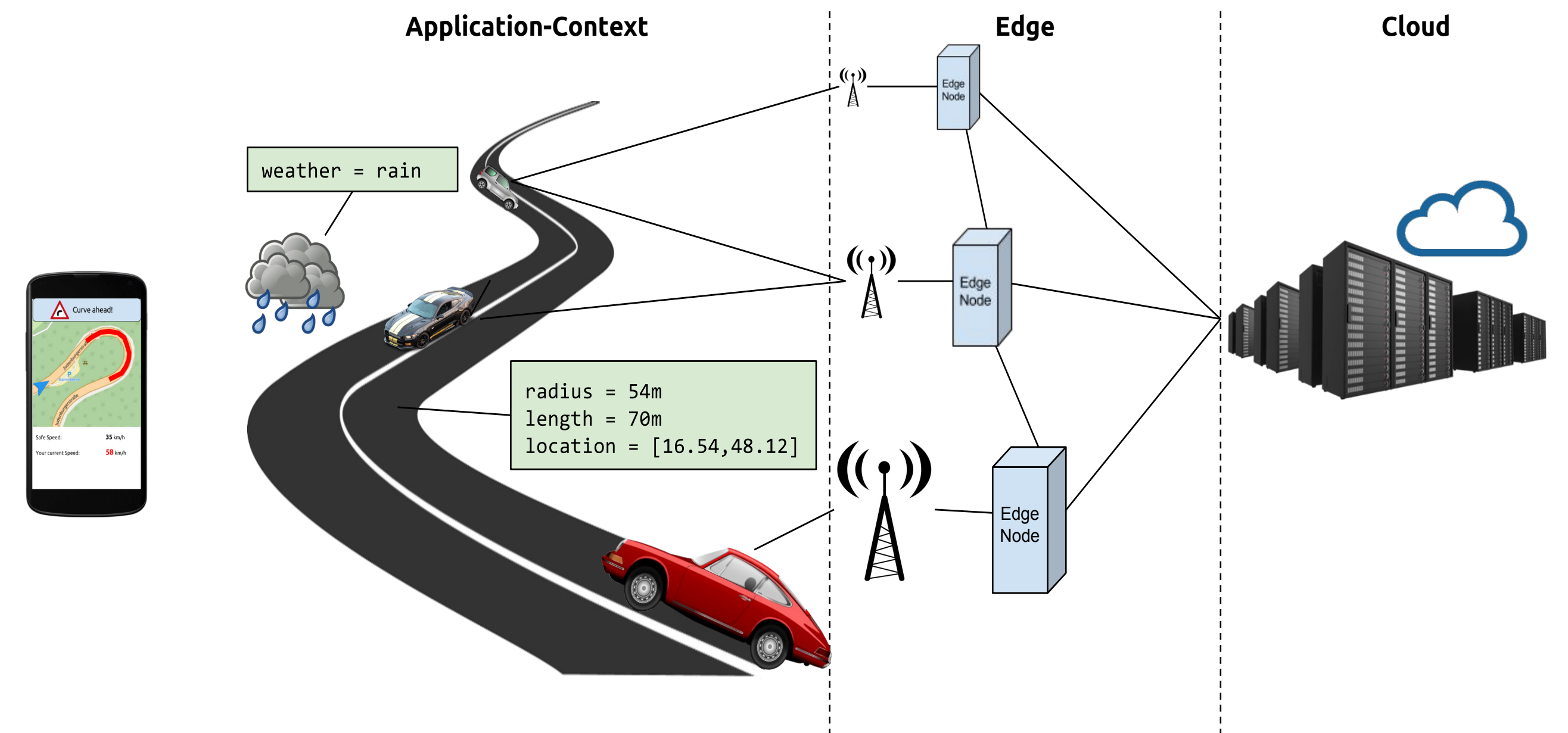


Fig.1: Overview of the context and infrastructure of the system
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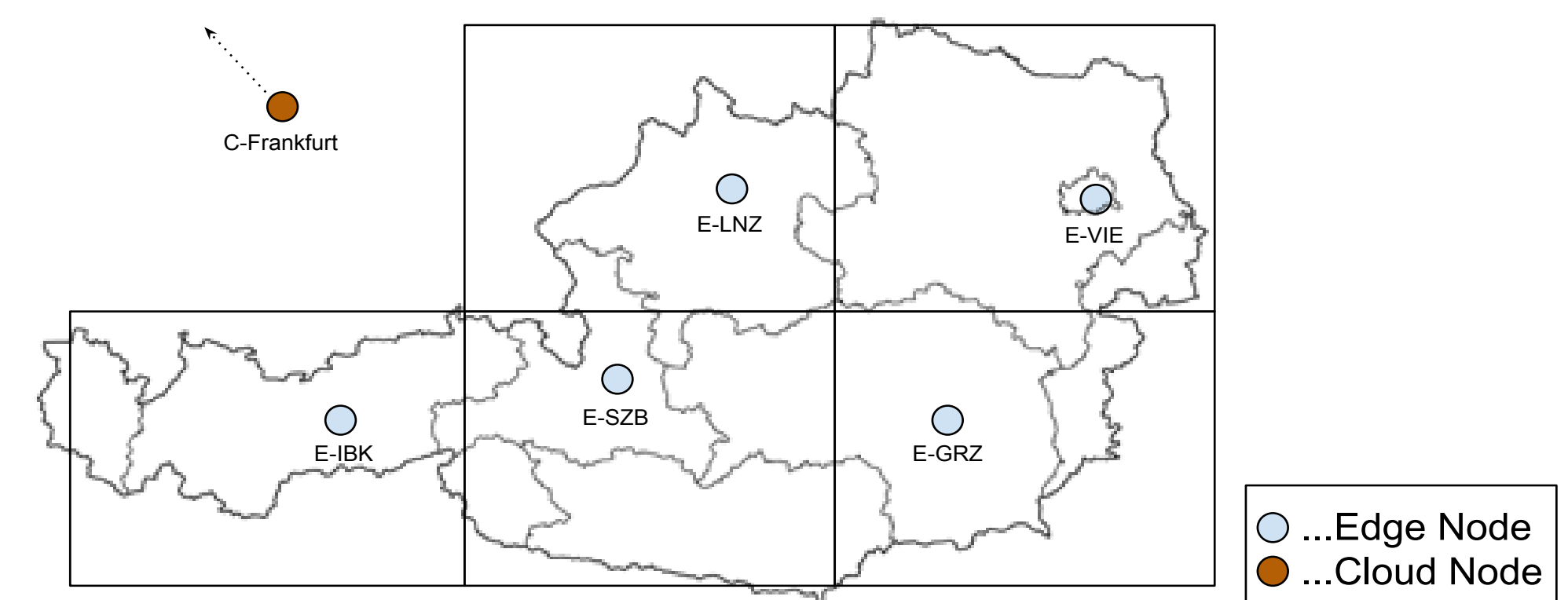


Fig.2: Illustration of how a future edge-cloud-infrastructure could look like in Austria

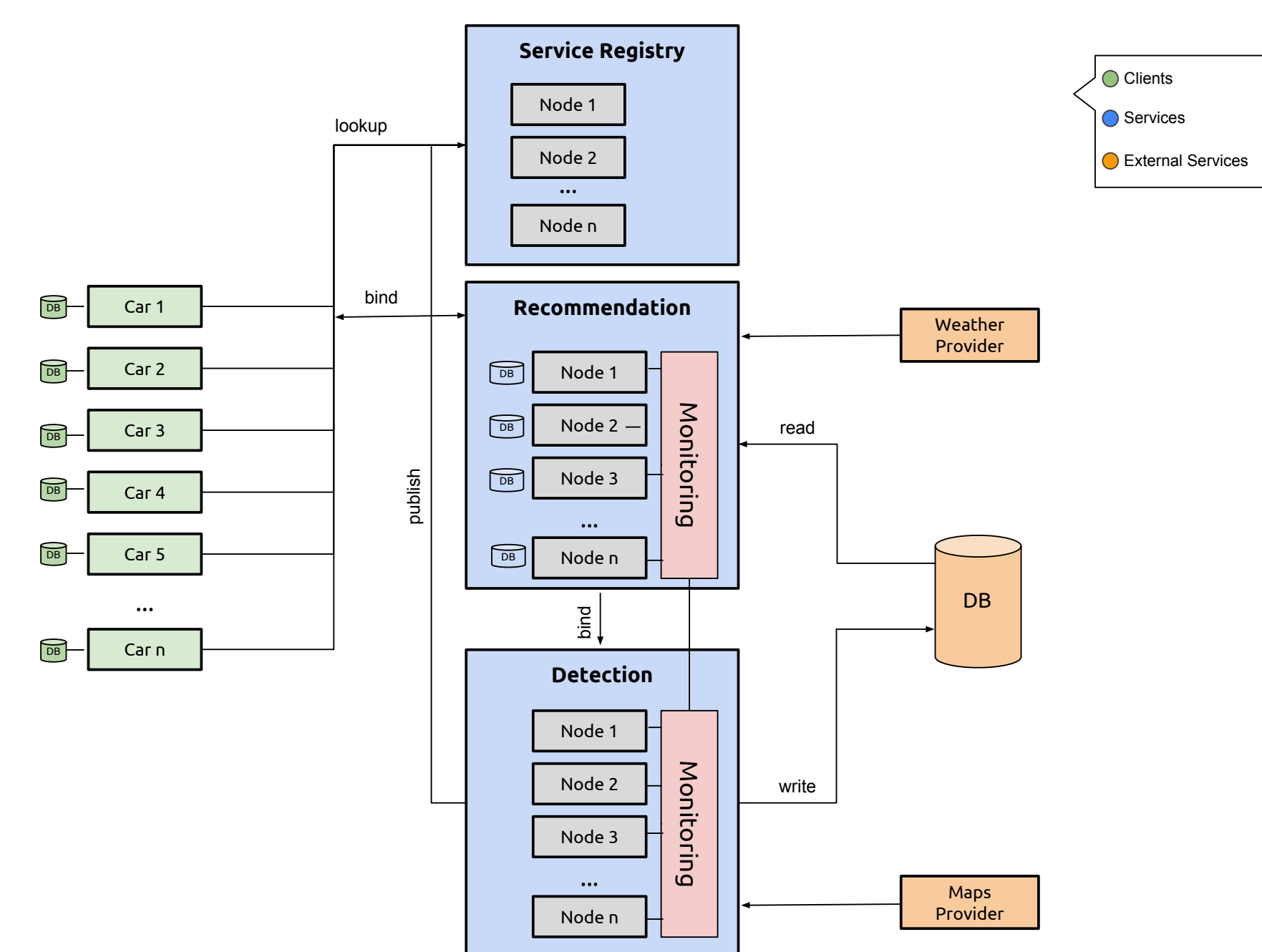


Fig.3: Design of our proposed cornering-assistance-system

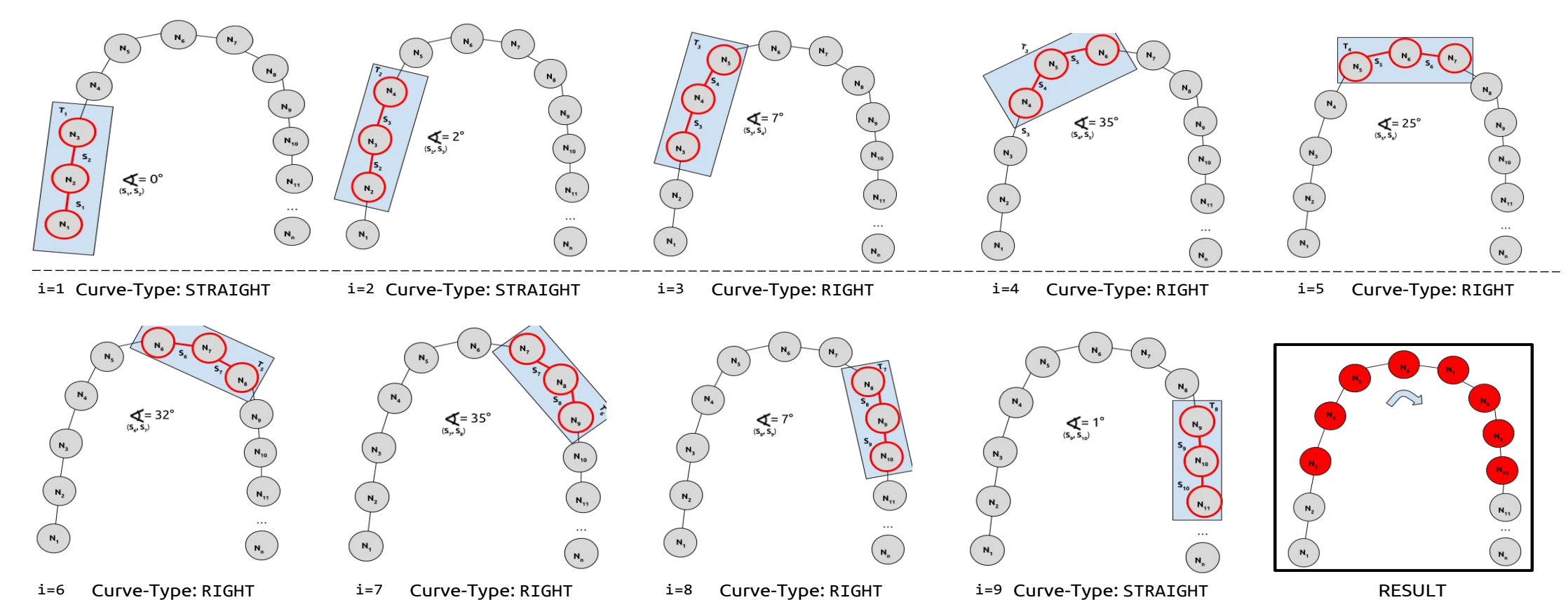


Fig.4: Illustration of the steps of our proposed Curve Detection Algorithm

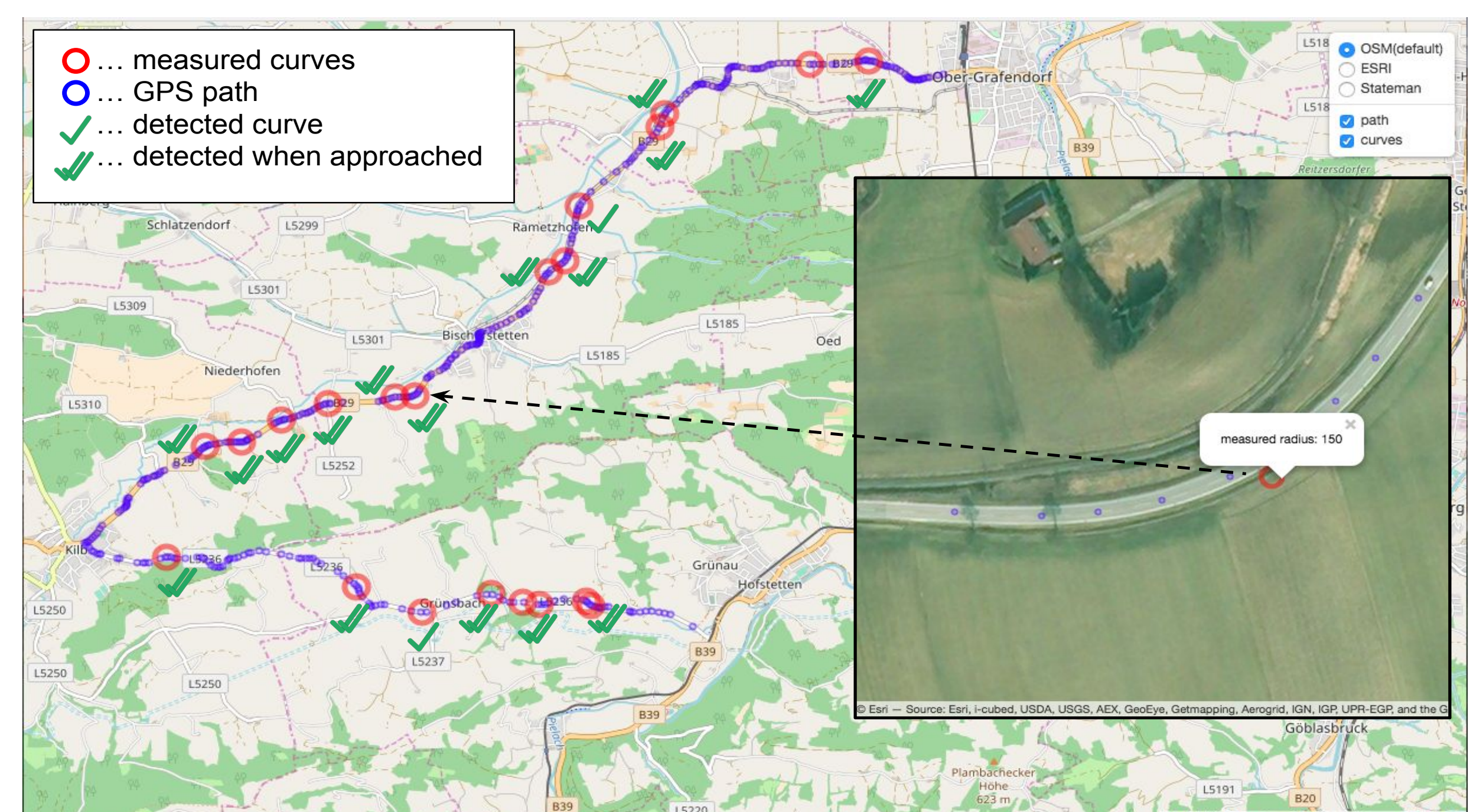


Fig.5: Test results on our predefined test-track for the evaluation of the prototype