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# ABSTRACT

We present a detailed study of the classical Cepheid in the double-lined, highly eccentric eclipsing binary system OGLE-LMC562.05.9009. The Cepheid is a fundamental mode pulsator with a period of 2.988 days. The orbital period of the system is 1550 days. Using spectroscopic data from three 4–8-m telescopes and photometry spanning 22 years, we were able to derive the dynamical masses and radii of both stars with exquisite accuracy. Both stars in the system are very similar in mass, radius, and color, but the companion is a stable, non-pulsating star. The Cepheid is slightly more massive and bigger ( $M_1 = 3.70 \pm 0.03$   $M_{\odot}$ ,  $R_1 = 28.6 \pm 0.2$   $R_{\odot}$ ) than its companion  $(M_2 = 3.60 \pm 0.03$   $M_{\odot}$ ,  $R_2 = 26.6 \pm 0.2$   $R_{\odot}$ ). Within the observational uncertainties both stars have the same effective temperature of 6030  $\pm$  150 K. Evolutionary tracks place both stars inside the classical Cepheid instability strip, but it is likely that future improved temperature estimates will move the stable giant companion just beyond the red edge of the instability strip. Within current observational and theoretical uncertainties, both stars fit on a 205 Myr isochrone arguing for their common age. From our model, we determine a value of the projection factor of  $p = 1.37 \pm 0.07$  for the Cepheid in the OGLE-LMC562.05.9009 system. This is the second Cepheid for which we could measure its p-factor with high precision directly from the analysis of an eclipsing binary system, which represents an important contribution toward a better calibration of Baade-Wesselink methods of distance determination for Cepheids.

Key words: binaries: eclipsing – galaxies: individual  $(LMC)$  – stars: oscillations – stars: variables: Cepheids

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Classical Cepheid variables are of great importance in astrophysics. They obey the famous period–luminosity relation (Leavitt [1908](#page-9-0)), now also named the "Leavitt Law," which has made them excellent standard candles to calibrate the first rungs of the extragalactic distance scale in the local universe (e.g., Gieren et al. [2005a](#page-9-1), Freedman & Madore [2010,](#page-9-2) Riess et al. [2011](#page-9-3), Kodric et al. [2015](#page-9-4)). Our currently most accurate approach to determine the Hubble constant uses a distance scale building on classical Cepheids in tandem with Ia-type Supernovae (e.g., Riess et al. [2011](#page-9-3)). Cepheids are also

excellent tools to check on the validity, and improve stellar pulsation and stellar evolution theories (Caputo et al. [2005](#page-9-5)). One of the serious and long-standing problems of these theories was an inconsistency, at a level of  $\approx 20\% - 30\%$ , between the masses predicted by the evolutionary and pulsational routes (Stobie [1969](#page-9-6); Cox [1980](#page-9-7); Keller [2008;](#page-9-8) Neilson et al. [2011](#page-9-9) and references therein). The obvious way to solve this "mass discrepancy problem" was to find Cepheid variables in doublelined eclipsing binary systems which would allow to accurately determine their dynamical masses. However, it took more than 40 years until such a system (OGLE-LMC-CEP-0227) was finally found by Soszyński et al. ([2008](#page-9-10)) and subsequently studied by our group, yielding the dynamical mass of the Cepheid with an exquisite accuracy of 1% (Pietrzyński et al. [2010;](#page-9-11) Pilecki et al. [2013](#page-9-12)). This dynamical mass

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determination has already led to improvements in stellar evolution (Cassisi & Salaris [2011;](#page-9-13) Neilson et al. [2011](#page-9-9), Prada Moroni et al. [2012](#page-9-14); Neilson & Langer [2012](#page-9-15)), and stellar pulsation theories (Marconi et al. [2013](#page-9-16)).

The detection of a Cepheid in a double-lined eclipsing system not only allows to determine its mass with excellent accuracy, but also allows to measure highly accurate values of other physical parameters which are impossible to determine, with a similar accuracy, for a single Cepheid, or a Cepheid in a non-eclipsing binary system. Our previous work has shown that radii accurate to 1%–3% can be obtained, depending on the configuration of the system components at the primary and secondary eclipses (Pilecki et al. [2013,](#page-9-12) [2015](#page-9-17)). Such an accurate radius determination poses a strong constraint on the pulsation mode of the Cepheid. The orbital and photometric solutions also allow to determine the p-factor of the Cepheid which is needed in Baade-Wesselink (BW)-type distance determinations of Cepheids to convert their measured radial velocities to the pulsational velocities of the Cepheid surfaces, and currently constitutes the largest source of systematic uncertainty in any type of BW analyses (Storm et al. [2004](#page-9-18); Gieren et al. [2005b](#page-9-19); Fouqué et al. [2007;](#page-9-20) Storm et al. [2011](#page-9-21)). A direct and accurate measurement of the p-factors for a number of Cepheids spanning a range of pulsation periods will be of enormous value in the effort to achieve distance determinations accurate to 1%–3% for single Cepheids with the BW method. Apart from the p-factor, the full analysis of a Cepheid-containing eclipsing binary, including the analysis of high-quality NIR data, is also able to provide a precise estimation of the limb darkening of the Cepheid (see Pilecki et al. [2013](#page-9-12); hereafter [P13](#page-9-12)), which cannot be determined empirically in any other way.

The object of this study, OGLE LMC562.05.9009, was discovered as an eclipsing binary with a Cepheid component from OGLE IV data by Soszyński et al. ([2012](#page-9-22)) in the OGLE South Ecliptic Pole LMC fields prepared with the aim of providing tests for the Gaia satellite mission. No orbital period for the system could be derived from these data however. It is not in the list of Cepheids discovered by the MACHO project (Alcock et al. [2002](#page-9-23)), but is contained in the list of Cepheids published by the EROS-2 group (Kim et al. [2014](#page-9-24)). Its name in the EROS-2 database is lm0240n14595, but there was no information about eclipses. Given the discovery of Soszyński et al. ([2012](#page-9-22)) of eclipses, we initiated extensive high-resolution spectroscopy and follow-up photometry of the LMC562.05.9009 system (see Section [2](#page-1-0) of this paper), which led to the spectroscopic confirmation of its genuine binary nature, and eventually allowed an accurate determination of its orbital period. With the photometric data, and an extensive catalog of radial velocity observations of the system, we were able to precisely disentangle the pulsational and orbital radial velocity variations, and provide full and accurate orbital and photometric solutions of the system, following the methodology which was used by [P13](#page-9-12) in the analysis of the OGLE-LMC-CEP-0227 system. This results in the determination of accurate physical parameters for both the Cepheid and its non-pulsating binary companion. Future near-infrared photometric coverage of the next eclipses, which will occur in about four years from now, will improve on the characterization of the physical parameters of the two stars.

Our paper is organized as follows. In Section [2](#page-1-0), we describe the data underlying this study. In Secion [3,](#page-2-0) we will present the data analysis methods, and the results emerging from our analysis of the observational data. In Section [4](#page-8-0), conclusions and an outlook on future work will be presented.

#### 2. DATA

<span id="page-1-0"></span>In order to reliably and accurately separate the orbital motion from the radial velocity variations due to the pulsation of the Cepheid component in the system, a large number of precise radial velocity measurements, providing good phase coverage of both the pulsational, and orbital radial velocity curves, was necessary. This task was not made easier by the close-to-integer value of 2.988 days of the pulsation period of the Cepheid. We obtained high-resolution echelle spectra using the UVES spectrograph at the ESO-Very Large Telescope on Paranal (49 epochs), the MIKE spectrograph at the 6.5-m Magellan Clay telescope at Las Campanas Observatory (22 epochs), and the HARPS spectrograph at the 3.6-m telescope at ESO-La Silla (10 epochs). The UVES data were reduced using a standard ESO pipeline and software obtained from the ESO webpage (http://www.eso.org/sci/[software.html](http://www.eso.org/sci/software.html)) (Freudling et al. [2013](#page-9-25)). The MIKE data were reduced with the pipeline software written by Dan Kelson, following the approach outlined in Kelson ([2003](#page-9-26)). The HARPS data were reduced onsite by the Online Reduction System.

Radial velocities were measured using the Broadening Function method (Rucinski [1992](#page-9-27), [1999](#page-9-28)) implemented in the RaveSpan software (Pilecki et al. [2012](#page-9-29)). Measurements were made in the wavelength interval 4125–6800 Å which contains numerous metallic lines. Synthetic spectra taken from the library of Coelho et al. ([2005](#page-9-30)) were used as templates. The typical formal errors of the derived velocities are  $\sim$ 370 m s<sup>-1</sup>. The individual radial velocity measurements for both components of the OGLE LMC562.05.9009 system are available online at: http://[araucaria.astrouw.edu.pl](http://araucaria.astrouw.edu.pl/p/cep9009)/p/cep9009

In some cases where line profiles of both companions were blended, only the velocity of the Cepheid (number 1 in the table) was measured. By fitting the systemic radial velocities with the datasets from the different instruments, we found offsets of  $+250 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  for MIKE, and  $-210 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  for HARPS, respectively with respect to the UVES radial velocity system. These small offsets have been taken into account. Even if we would not have corrected for these very small velocity shifts between the different instruments, the orbital solution and the physical parameters of the component stars derived in the following sections would not have changed in any significant way.

A total of 588 photometric measurements in the I-band and 143 in the V-band were collected with the Warsaw telescope by the OGLE project (Udalski et al. [2015](#page-9-31)), and during observing time granted to the Araucaria project by the Chilean National Time Allocation Committee (CNTAC). The images were reduced with the OGLE standard photometric pipeline based on difference image analysis, DIA (Udalski et al. [2015](#page-9-31)), and instrumental magnitudes were calibrated onto the standard system using Landolt standards. The typical accuracy of the measurements was at the 5 mmag level. We have also used instrumental V-band and R-band data from the MACHO project (ID: 71.11933.15) downloaded from the webpage [http:](http://macho.anu.edu.au)// [macho.anu.edu.au](http://macho.anu.edu.au) and converted to the Johnson-Cousins

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Figure 1. Photometric data collected for LMC562.05.9009. Upper panel: OGLE (dots) and converted EROS-R (+) I-band data; middle panel: MACHO R-band data; lower panel: OGLE (dots) and MACHO (x) V-band data. The pattern seen in the time series out-of-eclipse data is due to the near-3 day pulsation period of the Cepheid in the system.

system using equations from Faccioli et al. ([2007](#page-9-32)). We augmented our data with  $R_{EROS}$  (equivalent to Johnson-Cousins I) data from the EROS project (Kim et al. [2014](#page-9-24)).<sup>[15](#page-2-1)</sup> While the very precise OGLE data are crucial for our analysis, the inclusion of the MACHO and EROS data in our study was important for an accurate determination of the orbital period of the OGLE LMC562.05.9009 system, and to improve the coverage of the secondary eclipse in the light curve. They also helped to considerably improve the pulsational V-band light curve of the Cepheid. The MACHO V-band and EROS data were shifted in flux and magnitude to fit the OGLE data by the minimization of the difference between the out-of-eclipse light curves. This way the light curves were forced to have the same average magnitude. The MACHO R-band light curve was left unmodified. The flux shift was later modeled by adding a third light in this band which simulates a flux shift, which may appear due to any calibration error.

The individual photometric data are given on the same webpage as the radial velocity data (see above), and are shown in Figure [1](#page-2-2). In Figure [2,](#page-2-3) we show the pulsational light curves of the Cepheid in the  $I$ ,  $R$ , and  $V$  bands, as obtained from the outof-eclipse photometric data folded with the pulsation period of the star. These data resemble light curves of very low scatter with an asymmetrical shape typical for a Cepheid pulsating in the fundamental mode. The Fourier decomposition parameters of the I-band light curve of the Cepheid, shown in Figure [3,](#page-3-0) clearly confirm that the star is indeed a fundamental mode pulsator.

The pulsation period of the Cepheid is very accurately determined from the current data. From the V band data, we obtain a period of 2.9878463 (09) days, while the  $I$  band data yield a period of 2.9878466 (16) days, leading to the uncertainty of the pulsation period quoted in Table [3](#page-6-0) which is consistent with the absolute value of rate of period change being <0.1 s yr<sup>-1</sup>. The O–C diagrams for both the I and V band data do not display any secular systematic change, confirming that the total uncertainty on the period as given in Table [3](#page-6-0) is correctly estimated.

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Figure 2. Out-of-eclipse pulsational light curves of the Cepheid in the LMC562.05.9009 system, freed from the companion light and folded with the ephemeris  $T_{\text{max}}$  (HJD) = 2454507.90 + 2.987846×E. The magnitudes in this figure have not been dereddened. The Y-axis span is always the same (0.85 mag)—one can see that the amplitude is smaller for the redder filters.

Figure [4](#page-3-1) shows the orbital light curve of the system for the OGLE IV I-band data, folded on the orbital period of 1550.4 days, and with the pulsational variations of the Cepheid removed. It is seen that the orbit of the LMC562.05.9009 system is highly eccentric, and that both the primary and secondary eclipses are covered by the data.

In order to determine the effective temperatures of the component stars, we augmented our dataset with 12 epochs of J and K photometry which were obtained outside the eclipses. These data were taken with the SOFI near-infrared camera attached to the ESO NTT 3.5 m telescope on La Silla. The reduction and calibration of the data to the UKIRT system (Hawarden et al. [2001](#page-9-33)) was done following the procedure described in detail in Pietrzyński et al. ([2006](#page-9-34)). The accuracy of the zero points in both bands is 0.015 mag, and instrumental errors are not larger than 0.01 mag.

## 3. ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

<span id="page-2-0"></span>From the analysis of the radial velocity curve of a binary star one can obtain the orbital parameters of the system. In the case of the studied system the procedure is complicated by the pulsational variability of the Cepheid superimposed on the orbital motion. Using the RaveSpan software we have fitted a model of Keplerian orbit (i.e., proximity effects were ignored, which is justified by the large distance of the components even at closest approach) with an additional Fourier series representing the pulsational radial velocity curve of the Cepheid.

We simultaneously fitted the reference time  $T_0$ , the eccentricity e, the argument of periastron  $\omega$ , the velocity semi-amplitudes  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , the systemic velocity  $\gamma$ , and Nthorder Fourier series. In the beginning systemic velocities of both components were fitted, but without any improvement in the fit and with the values equal within the errors. Eventually only one velocity was kept.

The period  $P$  was initially held fixed at the estimated value of 1550.4 days. The fitting was later repeated with a fixed value of  $P = 1550.354$  day and  $T_0$  calculated from the photometric epoch of a primary minimum  $T_I$  as a function of eccentricity

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Figure 3. Fourier decomposition amplitudes and phases of the *I*-band light curve of the Cepheid in the OGLE LMC562.05.9009 system. The symbols on the Y-axes of the different panels have their usual meaning, and the data for the LMC Cepheids (small dots) come from the OGLE Survey (Soszyński et al. [2008](#page-9-10)). The light of the stable companion was subtracted from the Cepheid light curve before the analysis. The location of the Cepheid on all panels clearly supports fundamental mode pulsation, in agreement with the radius of the Cepheid derived from our analysis (see the text).

and argument of periastron:

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T_0 = f(e, \, \omega; \, P = 1550.354 \, \text{day}, \, T_I = 3959.23 \, \text{day})
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to ensure the consistency of the model.

The error of the eccentricity turned out to be 10 times higher and the error for the argument of periastron 6 times lower (see solution 3 in Table [1](#page-3-2)) than the ones obtained from the photometry. For this reason we have tried to solve the system with e and  $\omega$  fixed (solution 1), or only e fixed (solution 2). Eventually we decided to adopt solution 2 as the final one because of the low error for e from the photometry and the low error of  $\omega$  from the orbital solution.

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<span id="page-3-2"></span>Figure 4. <sup>I</sup>-band orbital light curve of the system determined from OGLE data, freed from the pulsations of the Cepheid. It is seen that both eclipses in this highly eccentric system are covered by the data.

Table 1 Orbital Solution for LMC562.05.9009

Parameter	Solution 1	Solution 2	Solution 3	Unit	
$T_0$	$4230.67^{\rm a}$	4229.37 <sup>a</sup>	$4233.50^a$	days	
$\gamma$	296.12(9)	296.21(10)	296.34(10)	$km s^{-1}$	
$K_1$	22.19(7)	22.24(7)	22.17(8)	$km s^{-1}$	
$K_2$	22.78(7)	22.87(8)	22.98(8)	$km s^{-1}$	
$\boldsymbol{e}$	$0.6113^a$	$0.6116^a$	0.6150(15)	$\cdots$	
$\omega$	$4.5^{\mathrm{a}}$	5.08(5)	3.90(5)	degrees	
$a \sin i$	1091(3)	1094(3)	1091(3)	$R_{\odot}$	
$m_1$ sin <sup>3</sup> i	3.67(3)	3.70(3)	3.69(3)	$M_{\odot}$	
$m_2 \sin^3 i$	3.57(3)	3.60(3)	3.56(3)	$M_{\odot}$	
$q = m_2/m_1$	0.974(4)	0.973(5)	0.965(5)	.	
rms <sub>1</sub>	0.35	0.36	0.35	$km s^{-1}$	
rms <sub>2</sub>	0.41	0.38	0.40	$km s^{-1}$	

Note.  $T_0$  (HJD-2450000 days) calculated from the epoch of the primary minimum  $T_l = 3959.23$  day. Errors in the last significant digits are shown in parenthesis. The last two rows show the rms scatter of the orbital radial velocities about the fitted curves, for the Cepheid (1) and its companion star

(2).  $a^a$  Fixed value taken from the photometric solution.

In this way we have obtained the coefficients describing the pulsational radial velocity curve and the parameters describing the orbital motion separately. The orbital radial velocity curve along with the best fitting model is shown in Figure [5.](#page-4-0) To obtain the pulsational radial velocity curve of the Cepheid we then subtracted the orbital motion from the measured velocities. The resulting radial velocity curve is shown in Figure [6](#page-4-1) together with the radius variation curve calculated with the pfactor 1.37 obtained from the fit. The orbital solutions are presented in Table [1.](#page-3-2)

The photometric data were analyzed using a version of the JKTEBOP code (Popper & Etzel [1981,](#page-9-35) Southworth et al. [2004](#page-9-36), [2007](#page-9-37)) modified to allow the inclusion of pulsation variability. We have previously used this package in the analysis of the OGLE-LMC-CEP-0227 system ([P13](#page-9-12)), and we refer the reader to this work for more details.

We varied the following parameters in deriving the final model: the fractional radius of the pulsating component at phase 0.0 (pulsational),  $r_1$ ; the fractional radius of the second component,  $r_2$ ; the orbital inclination *i*; the orbital period,  $P_{\text{orb}}$ ; the epoch of the primary minimum,  $T_i$ ; the component surface brightness ratios in all three photometric bands at phase 0.0

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Figure 5. Orbital solution for LMC562.05.9009. Measured radial velocities of the Cepheid with the pulsations removed (filled circles) and of its non-pulsating companion (open circles) are shown. Small vertical lines mark the positions of the eclipses for this configuration.

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Figure 6. Pulsational radial velocity curve (black circles) and radius variation of the Cepheid over one pulsation cycle (solid line). To obtain the pulsational radial velocity curve of the Cepheid, its orbital motion was removed from the measured radial velocities. The full amplitude of the radius change is 3.04  $R_{\odot}$ . The mean radius is marked by the dashed line. The gray datapoints are repeated to facilitate a better appreciation of the radial velocity curve (same for the radius variation curve).

(pulsational),  $j_{21}$ ; and the third light in the  $R_C$ -band  $l_3(R_C)$ . The radius change of the Cepheid was calculated from the pulsational radial velocity curve using the p-factor value of 1.37 and the change of the surface brightness ratios from the instantaneous radii and out-of-eclipse pulsational light curves (for details, see [P13](#page-9-12)). The third light in the  $R_C$ -band was introduced because we were unable to transform it directly to the OGLE photometric system.

The search for the best model (lowest  $\chi^2$  value) was made using the Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) approach (Press et al. [2007](#page-9-38)) as described in [P13](#page-9-12). The best fit photometric parameters are presented in Table [2.](#page-4-2) We present two photometric solutions in this Table. In the first one, the argument of periastron  $\omega$  is taken from the orbital solution, in the second one it is fitted. We consider Solution 1 as the final one, being consistent with the above discussion of the  $\omega$  errors. In this way we take the best advantage from the photometric and orbital radial velocity data. Using these parameters we generated a model for each light curve. In Figure [7](#page-5-0) we show a close-up of selected eclipses for each passband. The magnitude range is the same for all plots to facilitate the comparison.

Most of the parameters fitted in our approach are independent and do not exhibit any significant correlation.

Table 2 Photometric Parameters of LMC562.05.9009 from the Monte Carlo Simulations

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Parameter	$Mean_{(S1)}$	Solution 1	$Mean_{(S2)}$	Solution 2
$P_{\rm orb}$ (day)		1550.354(9)	.	1550.355(9)
$T_I$ (day)	.	3959.227(17)	.	3959.225(17)
r <sub>1</sub>	0.02619	$0.02514(18)^{a}$	0.02599	$0.02494(18)^{a}$
r <sub>2</sub>	.	0.02427(16)	.	0.02422(17)
$j_{21}(V)$	1.001	$0.623(7)^{a}$	0.991	$0.617(8)^{a}$
$j_{21}(R_C)$	0.975	$0.673(13)^{a}$	0.957	$0.661(13)^{a}$
$j_{21}(I_C)$	1.000	$0.755(7)^{a}$	0.984	$0.742(8)^{a}$
$l_3(R_C)$	0.045	$0.039(8)^{a}$	0.045	$0.039(8)^{a}$
$i\binom{\circ}{ }$	.	87.98(1)	.	87.99(1)
$\boldsymbol{e}$	.	0.61160(5)	.	0.6113(2)
$\omega$ (°)		5.08 (fixed)	.	4.5(4)
$p$ -factor	.	1.37(7)	.	1.37(7)
Derived quantities:				
$L_{21}(V)$	0.857	$0.581(13)^{a}$	0.858	$0.582(13)^{a}$
$L_{21}(R_C)$	0.834	$0.627(19)^{a}$	0.830	$0.624(19)^{a}$
$L_{21}(I_C)$	0.858	$0.704(16)^{a}$	0.854	$0.700(16)^a$
Additional information:				
rms (V)		0.0058		0.0058
rms $(R_C)$		0.0052		0.0052
rms $(I_C)$		0.0075		0.0075

Note. Epoch of the primary eclipse  $T_I$  is HJD-2450000 day,  $L_{21}$  is the light ratio of the components in every photometric band. Mean values for each solution are given for parameters which change during the pulsation cycle. <sup>a</sup> values correspond to a pulsation phase 0.0.

The only significant correlation is between the orbital plane inclination *i* and the sum of the radii  $r_1 + r_2$  as shown in Figure [8.](#page-5-1)

#### 3.1. Eclipses

In order to better understand the configuration of the system using the derived parameters we calculated the distances between the stars at important phases. At the phase of the primary eclipse the distance between the components is about 650  $R_{\odot}$ , while at the phase of the secondary eclipse it is about 725  $R_{\odot}$ . Both eclipses occur when the stars are relatively close to each other. The minimum and maximum separations during the orbital cycle are 425 and 1760  $R_{\odot}$ , respectively. At the primary eclipse the projected distance between the centers of the stars is 22.9  $R_{\odot}$ , and at the secondary eclipse the projected distance is 25.6  $R_{\odot}$ , while the sum of the radii changes between 53.4 and 56.4  $R_{\odot}$  depending on the instantaneous radius of the Cepheid. The configuration at both phases is illustrated in Figure [9.](#page-6-1)

#### 3.2. Radius and Projection Factor

To test the results of our analysis, we have calculated the expected radius of the Cepheid from period-radius (PR) relations for classical Cepheids in the literature. The relation of Gieren et al. ([1998](#page-9-39)) for fundamental mode pulsators yields an expected mean radius value of 27.0  $\pm$  1.2  $R_{\odot}$  for the pulsation period of the Cepheid in our system which agrees with our determination  $(28.6 \pm 0.2 \ R_{\odot})$  within the combined  $1\sigma$  errors. The PR relations of Sachkov ([2002](#page-9-40)) for fundamental mode and first overtone Cepheids predict radii of  $27.4 \pm 0.9$  R<sub>o</sub> and 35.6  $\pm$  5.4  $R_{\odot}$ , respectively, for a pulsation period of 2.988 days. The first value matches our derived radius value for the

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Figure 7. Close-up on the selected primary eclipses. The eclipse is caused by the transit of the companion star over the disc of the Cepheid. As expected, the pulsation amplitude is lower during the eclipses, due to the smaller contribution of the Cepheid to the total light. The rms scatter is about 0.008, 0.005 and 0.006 for  $I_C$ ,  $R_C$ , and V, respectively.

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Figure 8. Correlation between the inclination and the sum of the star radii. The values are coded with color (higher values are darker). Solid lines represent 1, 2, and  $3\sigma$  levels for the two-parameter error estimation. The best model is marked with a cross.

OGLE LMC562.05.9009 Cepheid much better, and is in agreement with the radius prediction from the Gieren et al. ([1998](#page-9-39)) PR relation. We conclude that the radius value of the Cepheid clearly supports fundamental mode pulsation, in agreement with the conclusion reached from the Fourier decomposition parameters of the I-band light curve. The radius value together with the other physical parameters of the Cepheid given in Table [3](#page-6-0), particularly its mass, also leave no doubt that the pulsating star in the system is a classical (and not a Type-II) Cepheid.

Our models constrain the projection factor of a Cepheid in an eclipsing binary system in the way which has been discussed in detail in [P13.](#page-9-12) Briefly, the shape of a Cepheid light curve in a given photometric band is determined by the change of its surface temperature and its radius. The radius change is particularly important if the Cepheid resides in an eclipsing binary system. The beginning and end of an eclipse may be shifted in time according to the instantaneous radius of the Cepheid, and the visible area of the eclipsed stellar disk

depends on the phase of the pulsating component. In our approach the Cepheid variability is a part of the model, so we can trace the influence of the related parameters on the light curve. As a base we use the raw (unscaled) absolute radius change obtained from the pulsational radial velocity curve. Then we scale its amplitude with the projection factor (the *p*factor scales linearly with the amplitude of the radius variation curve). A conversion from the absolute radii to the relative radii (used in the light curve analysis) is done by using the orbital solution. A comparison of the resulting model light curves with the data then directly constrains the p-factor value. From our best model we obtain a radius variation amplitude of 3.04  $R_{\odot}$ for the Cepheid, which corresponds to  $p = 1.37$  (see Figures [6](#page-4-1)) and [9](#page-6-1)).

Our current determination of the projection factor of the Cepheid in the OGLE LMC562.05.9009 system is the second reliable measurement of this important quantity for a Cepheid in a binary, after the first determination made by [P13](#page-9-12) for OGLE-LMC-CEP-0227. The value of  $p = 1.37 \pm 0.07$  is smaller than the predicted *p*-factor value from the most recent calibration of the *p*-factor relation of Storm et al.  $(2011)$  $(2011)$  $(2011)$  which yields  $p = 1.46 \pm 0.04$  for the pulsation period of the Cepheid. However, there is possible agreement within the combined uncertainties of the two values. This is contrary to the finding for CEP-0227 which has a pulsation period of 3.80 days and  $p = 1.21 \pm 0.04$  from our analysis in [P13](#page-9-12), whereas its expected p-factor value from the Storm et al. calibration is  $p = 1.44 \pm 0.04$ , with both values clearly discrepant within their respective uncertainties. The large difference of the p-factor values for the two binary Cepheids for which we could determine this number so far with our method is also noteworthy (the difference is  $0.16$ , whereas the *p*-factor relation of Storm et al. predicts a difference of only 0.02 for a change of the period from 2.988 to 3.80 days. Other p-factor relations, such as the theoretical relations of Neilson et al.  $(2012)$  $(2012)$  $(2012)$ , predict an even smaller change of p between the two period values). Our finding hints at the possibility that the p-factor–period relation may have an intrinsic dispersion, particularly in the short pulsation period range, where the discrepancy of the p-factor values predicted by different

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<span id="page-6-0"></span>Figure 9. System configuration at the primary (left) and the secondary eclipse (right). The Cepheid center is marked by a blue  $\times$ , its minimum radius by a solid line and the range of radius change by a blue transparent color. The companion center is marked by a red  $+$  and the radius by the solid line. In both cases the width of the solid line represents the  $\pm 1\sigma$  radius error. The distances between the stars are about 650 R<sub>o</sub> and 725 R<sub>o</sub> at the primary and secondary eclipse, respectively.

Physical Properties of the Component Stars in LMC562.05.9009

Parameter	Primary (Cepheid)	Secondary	Unit	
Pulsation period	2.987846(1)	.	days	
<b>Mass</b>	3.70(3)	3.60(3)	$M_{\odot}$	
Radius	28.6(2)	26.6(2)	$R_{\odot}$	
$\log g$	2.129(6)	2.146(6)	cgs	
Temperature	6030(150)	6030(150)	K	
$\log L$	2.987(44)	2.924(44)	$L_{\odot}$	
V	15.837	15.999	mag	
$(V-I_C)$	0.585	0.584	mag	
$(V-K)$	1.316	1.327	mag	
$E(B - V)$	0.106(27)		mag	

Note. For the Cepheid all variable quantities are the mean values over the pulsation cycle. Magnitudes and colors are corrected for the extinction.

calibrations of the relation in the literature is largest (see discussion in Storm et al. [2011](#page-9-21) and Gieren et al. [2013](#page-9-42)).

#### 3.3. Extinction and Temperature

The extinction in the direction to the target was calculated in a similar way as described in Pilecki et al. ([2015](#page-9-17)). We utilized the observed (not extinction-corrected) period-magnitude relations for fundamental mode Cepheids in the LMC (Soszyński et al.  $2008$ ) in the optical V and I bands. By comparing the observed mean magnitudes of the Cepheid with the expected magnitudes for its period, we determined the differential color excess (with respect to the LMC mean value) as  $\Delta E(B - V) = -0.016$  mag, and a total color excess of  $E(B - V) = 0.106$  mag using the mean extinction for the LMC given by Imara & Blitz ([2007](#page-9-43))—see Table [4](#page-7-0). This color excess corresponds to a total extinction in the K-band of  $A_K = 0.036$  mag.

The mean (over the pulsation cycle of the Cepheid) observed IR magnitudes of the OGLE LMC562.05.9009 system are  $J = 14.232 \pm 0.018$  and  $K = 13.873 \pm 0.018$  mag. They

were transformed onto the 2MASS system using the equations of Carpenter ([2001](#page-9-44)). We calculated an expected exctinctionfree K-band magnitude of the Cepheid using relations 4 and 13 from Ripepi et al. ([2012](#page-9-45)). The observed and de-reddened magnitudes of both components in the V,  $I_C$ , and K bands are given in Table [4](#page-7-0). The effective temperatures of the two stars were then calculated from their intrinsic colors, using the calibrations by Worthey  $\&$  Lee ([2011](#page-9-46)). The extinctioncorrected magnitudes and colors of the primary and secondary components and their temperatures are given in Table [3](#page-6-0).

It is very interesting to note that within the uncertainties both components have the same effective temperatures, luminosities, and surface gravities. However, according to the very precise OGLE-IV photometry the secondary does not show any pulsations with amplitude larger than 0.01 mag. This is a striking result because, assuming the same chemical composition for both components in the system, we would expect both stars to be located within the instability strip (see discussion next section). The fact that the secondary is non-pulsating and thus outside the instability strip could imply that the two components of OGLE LMC562.05.9009 have significantly different abundances, which would make this system unique among known binary stars.

A different, and probably more likely explanation is that the secondary is just a little cooler that the Cepheid, as suggested by our photometric Solution 2 in Table [2.](#page-4-2) In that case the Cepheid would reside almost exactly on the red boundary of the instability strip, with the secondary located just beyond the red edge. If this scenario is the correct one, the present work would provide the best known observational constraint on the exact position of the instability strip red edge.

## 3.4. Evolutionary Status and Age of the Cepheid and its Companion

We computed the evolutionary tracks of the two component stars of the OGLE LMC562.05.9009 system by means of the Pisa release of the FRANEC code (Degl'Innocenti et al. [2008](#page-9-47);

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Light	Expected mag.	Observed mag.	Extinction		Dereddened	Absolute <sup>a</sup>	<b>Bolometric</b> <sup>b</sup>
Source			differ.	total	mag.	mag.	mag.
				V-band			
Total	15.54	15.49	$-0.05$	0.33 <sup>c</sup>	15.16	$\cdots$	$\cdots$
Cepheid	16.22 <sup>d</sup>	16.16	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	15.84	$-2.66$	$-2.71$
Companion	16.38 <sup>e</sup>	16.33	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	16.00	$-2.49$	$-2.54$
				$I_C$ -band			
Total	14.80	14.77	$-0.03$	0.19 <sup>c</sup>	14.58	$\cdots$	$\cdots$
Cepheid	$15.47^d$	15.45	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	15.25	$-3.24$	$\cdots$
Companion	$15.64^{\circ}$	15.61	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	15.42	$-3.08$	$\cdots$
				$K$ -band			
Total	$\cdots$	13.88	$\cdots$	$0.04^{\text{t}}$	13.84	$\cdots$	$\cdots$
Cepheid	$\cdots$	14.55	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	$14.52^{\circ}$	$-3.97$	$\cdots$
Companion	$\cdots$	14.71	$\cdots$	$\cdots$	14.67	$-3.82$	$\cdots$

Magnitudes of the LMC562.05.9009 System

**Notes.** Flux-weighted means are given for the system (total) and the Cepheid.<br>
<sup>a</sup> Assuming a distance modulus to the LMC of 18.49 (Pietrzyński et al. [2013](#page-9-52)).<br>
<sup>b</sup> Bolometric corrections from Worthey & Lee ([2011](#page-9-46)).<br>
<sup>c</sup> Ad

Tognelli et al. [2011](#page-9-48)) adopting the same input physics and prescriptions described in detail in Dell'Omodarme et al. ([2012](#page-9-49)). An important exception is the neglecting of microscopic diffusion of helium and metals, because of their negligible impact on the evolution of intermediate-mass stars, as we did in our previous paper on OGLE-LMC-CEP-0227 (Prada Moroni et al. [2012](#page-9-14)). During the central hydrogen burning phase, we took into account an overshooting of  $l_{ov} = \beta_{ov} H_p$ —where  $H_p$  is the pressure height-scale and  $\beta_{ov} = 0.25$ —beyond the Schwarzschild classical border of the convective core. We computed the evolutionary tracks and isochrones adopting a value of the mixing-length parameter which parametrizes the efficiency of the super-adiabatic convection—  $\alpha = 1.74$ . This value results from a solar calibration with our own Standard Solar Model computed with the same version of the FRANEC code used to compute the evolutionary tracks in this work. For a quantitative evaluation of some of the main sources of uncertainty affecting the theoretical evolutionary models of He-burning stars of intermediate mass we refer to Valle et al. ([2009](#page-9-50)).

The initial metal and helium abundances adopted for the calculations are  $Z = 0.005$  and  $Y = 0.258$ , respectively.

In Figure [10,](#page-7-1) the locations of the two stars on the luminosityeffective temperature diagram from the parameters derived in this study (see Table [3](#page-6-0)) are shown. Also plotted are the boundaries of the classical fundamental mode Cepheid instability strip, for metallicities of  $Z = 0.004$  and  $Z = 0.008$ , taken from Bono et al. ([2005](#page-9-51)). It is seen that for both metallicities, not only the Cepheid, but also the stable companion star are located inside the instability strip. A likely explanation is that the current uncertainty on the effective temperature of the companion star is somewhat underestimated and that a future, more accurate determination of the temperature will move the non-pulsating star in OGLE LMC562.05.9009 slightly beyond the Cepheid instability strip;

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Figure 10. Observed locations of the classical Cepheid (upper black circle) and its stable red giant companion (lower black circle) on the luminosity-effective temperature diagram. Blue and red lines show the blue and red edges of the Cepheid instability strip, for metallicities of  $Z = 0.008$  (solid lines), and  $Z = 0.004$  (dashed lines). Both stars are, within the observational uncertainties, located inside the theoretical instability strip (Bono et al. [2005](#page-9-51)), for both metallicities. The blue and red pointed lines show the evolutionary tracks for the Cepheid, and its slightly less massive companion, respectively. The solid black line is the isochrone computed for an age of 205 Myr which fits the positions of both stars, within the uncertainties (for more details on the calculations, see the text).

but there is also the possibility of significant different metallicities of the two stars.

Also shown in Figure [10](#page-7-1) are the evolutionary tracks computed for the masses of the two stars, using the prescripts detailed above. A isochrone for an age of 205 Myr fits the position of both stars on the diagram reasonably well within the observational uncertainties on their luminosities and temperatures. The age of the Cepheid expected from the theoretical period–age relation for fundamental mode classical Cepheids

of Bono et al. ([2005,](#page-9-51) their Table 4) for a metallicity of  $Z = 0.004$  (very slightly smaller than our assumed metallicity of  $Z = 0.005$  for the calculation of the isochrone) is  $130 \pm 35$  Myr. Our current age determination for the classical Cepheid in the binary system is about  $2\sigma$  larger than its age as predicted from the Bono et al. period–age relation, but given the uncertainties involved the two values are marginally consistent. We will check on this more deeply once we have new data which will allow us a more accurate determination of the temperatures and luminosities of the two stars, and of their metallicities, leading to a more accurate age determination from the isochrone method. The current results do however support the conclusion that both stars in the OGLE LMC562.05.9009 system are coeval, with an age larger than, but within the errors consistent with the value predicted for the Cepheid from a theoretical period–age relation.

### 4. CONCLUSIONS

<span id="page-8-0"></span>We have confirmed from high-resolution spectra that the eclipsing binary system OGLE LMC 562.05.9009 contains a classical Cepheid pulsating with a period of 2.988 days in orbit with a stable secondary component. We performed the analysis of our extensive spectroscopic and photometric datasets in the same way as described in our previous analysis of the OGLE-LMC-CEP-0227 system by [P13](#page-9-12), and have derived very accurate masses (to 0.8%) and radii (0.7%) for both the Cepheid and its non-pulsating companion star, which has a nearly identical mass and radius as the Cepheid. The orbit is highly eccentric with  $e = 0.61$  and a very long period of 1550 days, or 4.2 years. Our solution defines the orbital radial velocity curves of both components, disentangled from the pulsational velocity variations of the Cepheid, extremely well, as well as the pulsational radial velocity curve of the Cepheid. Our analysis yields the second precise determination of the p-factor of a Cepheid in a binary so far in the literature, and was used to determine the radius variation of the Cepheid over its pulsation cycle. Our model reproduces the observed light curves extremely well, particularly the primary eclipse when the companion star transits in front of the Cepheid. We calculated evolutionary tracks for the two component stars in the system and find that a isochrone for an age of 205 Myr fits the observed positions of both stars in the luminosity-effective temperature plane, arguing for the same age of the Cepheid and its red giant companion.

The p-factor value for the Cepheid is marginally consistent with the prediction of the p-factor relation of Storm et al.  $(2011)$  $(2011)$  $(2011)$ , as opposed to the *p*-factor we derived for OGLE-LMC-CEP-0227 in [P13](#page-9-12), which is in significant disagreement with the prediction of the Storm et al. relation. Currently the situation regarding the correct p-factor values to use in Baade-Wesselink-type Cepheid distance determinations is still very confusing. The measurements from the two binary Cepheids in this paper and in  $P13$  seem to support the idea that the  $p$ -factor for classical Cepheids is not only period-dependent, but might also possess an intrinsic dispersion, at least for short pulsation periods in the range of a few days. Clearly more work is needed to clarify this question, and one of the very few observational approaches which promise to solve the issue is the analysis of more Cepheids in eclipsing binaries whose characteristics allow the determination of their  $p$ -factors. The most important parameter in this context is the radius variation amplitude of the Cepheid; the larger the amplitude, the stronger the effect of the radius variation on the binary light curve, and the smaller the uncertainty on the p-factor derived from our model. This was the reason why we could not measure the *p*-factor for the first overtone Cepheid in the eclipsing system OGLE-LMC-CEP-2532 whose radius variation is too small to cause a significant effect on the binary light curve, given the quality of the photometric data (Pilecki et al. [2015](#page-9-17)). Since fundamental mode Cepheids tend to have larger radius variations, precise measurements of Cepheid projection factors with our binary method will mostly be restricted to eclipsing systems containing fundamental mode Cepheids.

In order to analyze the OGLE LMC562.05.9009 system, and in particular its Cepheid more fully, we plan to observe more eclipses (both primary and secondary) in the future, including coverage in near-infrared bands. A high quality out-of-eclipse pulsational K-band light curve of the Cepheid in tandem with the V-band light and pulsational radial velocity curves as determined in this paper will allow us to calculate the distance to the Cepheid with the BW-type Infrared Surface Brightness Technique (Fouqué & Gieren [1997](#page-9-53); Storm et al. [2011](#page-9-21)) and compare it to the distance of its companion star determined from the binary analysis and a surface brightness-color relation, as described in Pietrzyński et al. ([2009](#page-9-54), [2013](#page-9-52)). Such a comparison will put further constraints on the p-factor relation valid for classical Cepheid variables.

Our work has now revealed and analyzed the fifth eclipsing binary system containing a classical Cepheid in orbit with a stable giant star. Previous binary Cepheids analyzed by our group are OGLE-LMC-CEP-0227 (Pietrzyński et al. [2010](#page-9-11), [P13](#page-9-12)), OGLE-LMC-CEP-1812 (Pietrzyński et al. [2011](#page-9-55)), OGLE-LMC-CEP-1718 (Gieren et al. [2014](#page-9-56)), and OGLE-LMC-CEP-2532 (Pilecki et al. [2015](#page-9-17)). The most exotic system is OGLE-LMC-CEP-1718 which contains two classical Cepheids in a 413-day orbit. Its analysis in Gieren et al. ([2014](#page-9-56)) has been very challenging due to the multiple superimposed variations in the light- and radial velocity curves. We hope to improve on the analysis of that exciting system in the near future with additional data and possible improvements in our analysis code. For all systems but one, OGLE-LMC-CEP-1812, the mass ratio is very close to, or consistent with unity. The exception in the case of OGLE-LMC-CEP-1812 is probably explained by the result reported by Neilson et al.  $(2015a)$  $(2015a)$  $(2015a)$  that the Cepheid in that system is actually the product of a stellar merger of two main sequence stars. From an observational point of view, there is a bias which favors the finding of systems composed of a Cepheid in orbit with a giant star of similar mass and radius which leads not only to a higher probability to observe both eclipses, but also to observe the lines of both components in the composite spectra. For this reason, we cannot argue that our results to-date on Cepheids in double-lined eclipsing binary systems in the LMC contradict results regarding the binary distribution of Cepheids as obtained by Evans et al. ([2015](#page-9-58)), or Neilson et al. ([2015b](#page-9-59)).

The binary Cepheids in the LMC, with their dynamical masses determined to better than 2%, will be a cornerstone for improving our detailed understanding of Cepheid pulsation and post-main sequence stellar evolution, and in general of our understanding of Cepheid physics. With future precise distance determinations to these systems we hope to determine from the stable binary companions, these binary Cepheids will also become excellent absolute calibrators of the extragalactic distance scale.

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