Multifrequency studies of galaxies and groups

I. Environmental effect on galaxy stellar mass and morphology

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ABSTRACT

Context. To understand the role of the environment in galaxy formation, evolution, and present-day properties, it is essential to study the multifrequency behavior of different galaxy populations under various environmental conditions.

Aims. We study the stellar mass functions of different galaxy populations in groups as a function of their large-scale environments using multifrequency observations.

Methods. We cross-matched the SDSS DR10 group catalog with GAMA Data Release 2 and Wide-field Survey Explorer (WISE) data to construct a catalog of 1651 groups and 11 436 galaxies containing photometric information in 15 different wavebands ranging from ultraviolet (0.152 μm) to mid-infrared (22 μm). We performed the spectral energy distribution (SED) fitting of galaxies using the MAGPHYS code and estimate the rest-frame luminosities and stellar masses. We used the 1/V_{max} method to estimate the galaxy stellar mass and luminosity functions, and the luminosity density field of galaxies to define the large-scale environment of galaxies.

Results. The stellar mass functions of both central and satellite galaxies in groups are different in low- and high-density, large-scale environments. Satellite galaxies in high-density environments have a steeper low-mass end slope compared to low-density environments, independent of the galaxy morphology. Central galaxies in low-density environments have a steeper low-mass end slope, but the difference disappears for fixed galaxy morphology. The characteristic stellar mass of satellite galaxies is higher in high-density environments and the difference exists only for galaxies with elliptical morphologies.

Conclusions. Galaxy formation in groups is more efficient in high-density, large-scale environments. Groups in high-density environments have higher abundances of satellite galaxies, irrespective of the satellite galaxy morphology. The elliptical satellite galaxies are generally more massive in high-density environments. The stellar masses of spiral satellite galaxies show no dependence on the large-scale environment.

Key words. galaxies: groups: general – galaxies: luminosity function, mass function – infrared: galaxies – galaxies: structure – galaxies: evolution

1. Introduction

Galaxies and their dark matter halos have grown hierarchically, forming larger systems, such as groups, clusters, filaments, and superclusters of galaxies, separated by enormous voids. In observations, this large-scale distribution of dark and baryonic matter manifests itself as a complex web of galaxies. This cosmic web includes a wide range of cosmic scales from the megaparsec (Mpc) galaxy group scale to the supercluster and filament scales, several tens to hundreds of Mpc (Joeveer & Einasto 1978; Gregory & Thompson 1978; Chincarini & Rood 1979; Zeldovich et al. 1982; Tempel et al. 2014a). As a result, galaxies reside in a variety of environments. A natural question is whether the interplay of various physical processes during the hierarchical growth of structures has also affected the properties of galaxies and which scale of environment plays a dominant role in galaxy evolution.

The mass of a galaxy is likely the main driver of its evolution (Gavazzi et al. 1996, 2002; Boselli et al. 2001). Until recently, theoretical models of the halo-galaxy relationship have usually assumed that galaxy populations in dark matter halos depend solely on the halo mass and do not depend on its large-scale environment and assembly history (Padilla et al. 2010, and references therein). Recent results, however, suggest that the dependence on halo mass alone cannot explain all galaxy properties. In theoretical studies, older dark matter halos are found to cluster more strongly than more recently formed halos of the same mass (Gao et al. 2005). This effect, which is known as assembly bias, suggests that the properties of a galaxy also depend on its formation history and the environment, where it is embedded.

Observational studies have also hinted at a connection between galaxy and group properties and the large-scale environments wherein they reside: Equal mass groups in superclusters have higher correlation function amplitudes (Yaryura et al. 2012); late-type brightest group galaxies have higher luminosities and stellar masses, redder colors, lower star formation activity, and longer star formation timescales when
embedded in superstructures (Luparello et al. 2015); the fraction of red galaxies is higher in high-density environments (superclusters) than in low-density environments (Einasto et al. 2007, 2014); at a fixed local density, galaxy colors change toward void walls (Cecarelli et al. 2008); galaxies within groups with the same richness and mass are redder/older in high-density regions (Lietzen et al. 2012; Luparello et al. 2013). These results support environmental effects but are not conclusive about the dependence between large-scale environment and galaxy properties.

The stellar mass is a basic galaxy parameter that correlates strongly with almost all other galaxy properties (Kauffmann et al. 2004) and also with the mass of its dark matter halo (Moster et al. 2010). Thus the stellar mass function (SMF) of galaxies is an observational quantity often used to constrain the models of galaxy formation and evolution. Recently, Alpaslan et al. (2015) reported that the SMF of galaxies also seems to vary in different large-scale structures. There is, however, no common consensus about its global shape and also its behavior in different large-scale environments is still an open question. This is largely associated with the nontrivial definition of large-scale environments and uncertainties in stellar mass estimations, which depend on the models and wavelength coverage used. The multifrequency study of galaxies from ultraviolet (UV) to infrared (IR) wavelengths allows us to constrain dust in galaxies and construct a more detailed and accurate picture of physical properties, including stellar masses, of a wide range of galaxy types. Recently, several large-scale sky surveys have been carried out at various wavelengths, e.g., in the far-ultraviolet (FUV) and near-ultraviolet (NUV) by the Galaxy Evolution Explorer (GALEX), in the optical by the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS), in the near-infrared (NIR) by the UKIRT Infrared Deep Sky Survey (UKIDSS), and in NIR and mid-infrared (MIR) by NASA’s Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE). By combining the data from these different surveys, one can construct broadband spectral energy distribution (SED) of galaxies with appropriate galaxy models. The best state-of-the-art model available for this purpose is the model developed by da Cunha et al. (2008). It is based on the stellar population synthesis model of Bruzual & Charlot (2003) and the two-component dust model of Charlot & Fall (2000). By fitting the observed SEDs with models, we can estimate rest-frame luminosities and other physical properties related to stellar and dust contents in galaxies. This method was successfully applied to nearby star-forming galaxies from the Spitzer Infrared Nearby Galaxy Survey (SINGS), 3258 low-redshift galaxies from the SDSS Data Release 6 (da Cunha et al. 2010), 250 μm selected galaxies from Herschel-ATLAS Survey (Smith et al. 2012), and the Andromeda galaxy (Vlaen et al. 2014). It was also tested with simulated galaxies from hydrodynamical simulations (Hayward & Smith 2015).

Physical mechanisms like strangulation (Larson et al. 1980), ram-pressure stripping (Gunn & Gott 1972), and harassment (Moore et al. 1996), which are believed to transform galaxy properties on group and cluster scales, mainly operate on satellite galaxies. On much larger scales, the number of satellite galaxies in groups are found to vary depending on whether they are present within or outside filaments (Guo et al. 2015). Any interplay between the inner group and large-scale environments may influence the efficiency of typical physical mechanisms occurring in groups and result in differences observed in properties of satellite galaxies in different large-scale environments. The interdependence of environment and central and satellite galaxies on cosmological scales still remains a less explored topic in galaxy evolution. We take a novel step toward understanding the large-scale environmental effect on central and satellite galaxy evolution using multifrequency observations and galaxy SED modeling. In this paper, we study the differences of the galaxy SMFs for different combinations of the large-scale structure, central and satellite galaxies, and galaxy morphology. For this purpose, we first expand the optical SDSS DR10 galaxy and group catalog (Tempel et al. 2014b) to IR and UV wavelengths with data from different large-scale sky surveys. Using a publicly available MAGPHYS SED fitting code, we determine galaxy rest-frame luminosities and stellar masses in groups inferred from galaxy data at wavelength range 0.15 μm to 12.33 μm. Then, we divide the galaxy r-band luminosity density field into low- and high-density, large-scale environments and study SMFs of central and satellite galaxies in these two distinct environments. Our data analysis also gives the luminosity functions of galaxies for 15 wavebands from UV to IR. Plots of these are shown in Appendix A.

2. Data

2.1. Ultraviolet, optical, and near-infrared data

Photometric data from UV to NIR wavelengths come from the GAMA Data Release 2 (Liske et al. 2015). The UV photometric data come from the GALEX NUV (0.152 μm) and FUV (0.231 μm) curve-of-growth photometry at optical positions for all GAMA DR2 objects. Optical and NIR data come from SersicCatAll catalog, which provides photometry as a result of fitting a single-Sersic (1-component only) profile to every GAMA DR2 object in each of the bands u (0.3562 μm), g (0.4719 μm), r (0.6185 μm), i (0.75 μm), z (0.8961 μm), Y (1.0319 μm), J (1.2511 μm), H (1.6383 μm), and K (2.2085 μm). This catalog is constructed using SIGMA v0.9-0 (Structural Investigation of Galaxies via Model Analysis) tool on SDSS and UKIDSS LAS imaging data (Kelvin et al. 2012). All magnitudes are expressed in AB mags.

2.2. Mid-infrared data

The MIR data are taken from the latest data release from the WISE survey (Wright et al. 2010), which has mapped the whole sky with an angular resolution of 6.1′, 6.4′, 6.5′, and 12.0′ in four wavebands, W1, W2, W3, and W4 with effective wavelengths 3.4, 4.6, 12, and 22 μm, respectively. In the unconfused regions on the ecliptic, WISE has achieved 5σ point source sensitivities better than 0.08, 0.11, 1 and 6 mJy in the four bands and a sensitivity better than 100 times than that of IRAS in the 12 μm band.

2.3. Optical group catalog

The optical group catalog used in this work is constructed from SDSS DR10 galaxies using a friends-of-friends algorithm and a linking length that varies with redshift as explained in detail in Tempel et al. (2014b). The catalog consists of both isolated (not a member of any group) and grouped galaxies in all of the 588 193 galaxies and 82 458 groups. The effective area of coverage of the catalog is around 7221 square degrees and extends up to redshift 0.2. The catalog is flux limited with magnitude limit 17.77 mag in the SDSS r band. The redshifts of galaxies are taken from the SDSS spectroscopic sample, the Two-degree Field Galaxy Redshift Survey (2DFRS; Colless et al. 2001),
the Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS; Jarrett et al. 2003; Skrutskie et al. 2006), Redshift Survey (2MRS; Huchra et al. 2012), and the Third Reference Catalogue of Bright Galaxies (RC3; Corwin et al. 1994). The morphological classification of galaxies is based on the fraction of luminosity contributed by the de Vaucouleurs profile ($\frac{f_{\text{dE}}}{f}$), the exponential profile axis ratio ($q_{\text{exp}}$), $u-r$ and $g-r$ colors (see Tempel et al. 2011 for details).

### 2.4. Construction of the far-UV to mid-IR catalog

The galaxies in the optical group catalog were first identified in GAMA, which resulted in 11 056 galaxies and 1651 groups. In these SDSS groups, 380 galaxies do not have GAMA counterparts and we use SDSS DR10 photometric information for these galaxies. Combining these galaxies, the matched catalog resulted in 11 436 galaxies and 1651 groups. GAMA DR2 already provides cross identifications between UV, optical, and NIR data. To combine MIR data with other wavebands, we searched for all galaxies that have multiple and unique matches with WISE objects, respectively. All WISE objects that are flagged as contaminated by artifacts in one or more WISE bands were deleted. This is about 3% of all matched WISE objects. Multiple associations were removed in the galaxy SED fitting process by selecting the match that fits better. We restricted our analysis in the redshift range 0.01–0.2. The final galaxy catalog consisted of 1635 groups and 11 330 galaxies (about 2% of the SDSS DR10 galaxy catalog) containing photometric information in GALEX, SDSS, UKIDSS, and WISE wavelengths with the group membership criteria remaining the same as in the optical group catalog. The number of detected galaxies in different wavelengths are shown in Col. 8 of Table 1. The effective area of coverage of the catalog is about 144 square degrees. It includes all the three equatorial survey regions of GAMA I called G09, G12, and G15.

### 2.5. Quantifying galaxy environments

The final step in our data preparation involved quantification of large-scale environments in the region of our catalog. Segregating different large-scale environments is not a trivial task, since filaments and superclusters are mostly unvirialized structures and their density is only slightly larger than the cosmic mean density (Liivamägi et al. 2012). As is well-known, most of the galaxies are small and have a low luminosity. Hence, a simple number density analysis of galaxies, which counts all the galaxies with the same weight, cannot provide a precise description of the cosmic web. The luminosity density field of galaxies is a powerful and widely used technique to define the large-scale density distribution. In this method, the galaxy luminosities, corrected by observational biases and selection effects, are smoothed with an appropriate kernel, the width of which determines the characteristic spatial scale. This approach leads to the total three-dimensional luminosity density field of the survey, where different density levels represent different characteristic structures: clusters, filaments, voids, and superclusters. Following Liivamägi et al. (2012), we use the normalized optical galaxy luminosity density field with a smoothing scale of 8 $h^{-1}$ Mpc for characterizing the large-scale environment of our galaxy and group sample. We use the optical galaxy density value of 1.5 in units of cosmic mean luminosity density to divide our galaxy sample into low- and high-density, large-scale environments containing 31% and 69% of all galaxies in the sample, respectively. This value was also used in Tempel et al. (2009) to classify galaxies into voids and other large-scale environments.

### 3. Methods

#### 3.1. Fitting spectral energy distributions

The UV to IR part of the SED contains a lot of information about stars and dust in galaxies. However, to extract such information, models are necessary to link physical properties of a galaxy with its observed SED. The best state-of-the-art model available that is consistent with observations and simulations, is that
This model is based on the principle that the light emitted from stellar populations in a galaxy is partly absorbed by dust and re-emitted at longer wavelengths. It computes the spectral evolution of galaxies using the population synthesis model of Bruzual & Charlot (2003), whereas dust attenuation is computed using the two-component model of Charlot & Fall (2000). We use a publicly available MAGPHYS SED fitting tool to fit the observed galaxy SEDs to a library of model SEDs extending from UV to IR wavelengths with known physical parameters. The fitting produces the best-fit, rest-frame magnitudes and various other physical parameters related to galaxies and also provides the range of their likelihood values using a Bayesian approach.

There are a few concerns about the model used in this work: the effects of viewing angle, AGN contamination, and dust grain composition. The recent work by Hayward & Smith (2015), in which they performed MAGPHYS SED fitting on simulated galaxies from hydrodynamical simulation, has shown that MAGPHYS recovers most of the physical parameters well regardless of the viewing angle. They also found that even when the contribution of AGNs to the UV–mm luminosity is around 25 percent, the fits are acceptable and the parameters recovered are accurate. The largest discrepancy appears when assuming a different composition of dust. Both Milky Way type dust and Large Magellanic Cloud type dust produce acceptable fits, but the discrepancy increases for Small Magellanic Cloud type dust composition. Our sample consists of bright spiral galaxies and hence the Milky Way type dust is a reasonable assumption.

Carefully calibrated photometric data for different wavelengths and from different surveys are needed for reliable estimates of SEDs. We use profile-fitted fluxes that give a measure of the total stellar light from a galaxy at all wavelengths as input to the code. In WISE bands, for the sources with signal-to-noise (S/N) ratios of less than two, the given magnitudes are $2\sigma$ brightness upper limits in magnitude units. Such sources account for 1.1%, 1.1%, 28.1%, and 68.0% of all galaxies in the matched catalog in W1, W2, W3, and W4 bands, respectively.

In WISE, photometric measurements of both stars and galaxies are based on profile fits using the point spread function as the source model. Although this method minimizes the effects of source blending, this may lead to underestimation of true fluxes for extended sources. Chang et al. (2015) found that the flux underestimation depends on the effective radius ($R_e$) of the source and may be estimated as

$$\Delta m = 0.10 + 0.46 \log(R_e) + 0.47 \log(R_e)^2 + 0.08 \log(R_e)^3.$$  

The correction is applied to galaxies with effective radii of greater than 0.5 arcsec. Following Chang et al. (2015), we use the effective radii obtained after dividing SDSS $r$-band effective radii by a factor of 1.5 to convert galaxy size from optical to infrared. These corrections are added to flux uncertainties in the respective WISE wavebands.

### 3.2. Reducing the color bias in the sample

Our sample is $r$-band selected ($m_r < 17.77$ mag), so that the sample galaxies in the $r$ band do not represent a volume limited (VL) sample, but are affected by a certain amount of Malmquist-type bias. In the other wavelength bands, not originally used for selection, the biases generally differ (cf. the “Gould effect”;

Fig. 1. Color bias in the sample. The horizontal solid line shows the mean color in the indicated band. The dotted line shows the faint magnitude limit, while the vertical solid line shows the bright limit of the sample. The choice of the limits are based on visual inspection.
4. Fit results

Figure 2 shows the difference between the observed and model fitted magnitudes at various wavebands used. The median difference is close to the zero line in all wavebands except W4 band. In the W4 band, the median difference is about +1.5 mag. The upper limit in source fluxes in WISE bands may contribute to the large offset seen in the W4 band. The real signal in these bands may be much weaker than these upper limits, which result in offset toward positive values. Also, W4 filter transmission curve has been revised, but MAGPHYS models are not yet updated in the W4 band. Similar offset in W4 band is also seen in Driver et al. (2016).

The fitting also provides chi square ($\chi^2$) goodness of fit values. The $\chi^2$ values are reasonably small with few outliers. To test whether neglecting AGN heating in the model results in bad fits, we divided galaxies in the catalog into star-forming galaxies and AGNs based on classifications provided in GAMA, which uses the Kewley et al. (2001) classification scheme. No significant dependence of the chi square ($\chi^2$) goodness of fit values on galaxy types was found and the distribution of $\chi^2$ values (Fig. 3) are very similar for both the star-forming galaxies and AGNs. Based on the analysis of the model SEDs of MAGPHYS, Smith et al. (2012) derived a relation (Eq. (B1)) between the number of bands used during SED fitting and the number of degrees of freedom. Our 15 band photometry corresponds to 9 degrees of freedom, which means that above a chi square value 20 there is a probability of less than 1 percent that the observations are consistent with the models. We set this limit when making any statistical analysis with the sample. Within this limit, MAGPHYS was found to reproduce the galaxy parameters of simulated galaxies with good accuracy (Hayward & Smith 2015). As the WISE catalog contains both stars and galaxies, such a $\chi^2$ limit also reduces the stellar contamination present in the sample when matching galaxies with WISE sources.

4.1 Physical parameters from SED fitting

4.2 Stellar masses

The fitting gives many physical parameters characterizing galaxies such as age, metallicity, stellar mass, and star formation rate. It also provides the likelihood distribution of stellar masses and we take median values as the best estimates. The stellar masses obtained agree very well with SDSS and GAMA (Taylor et al. 2011) values in general (Fig. 4). The median and standard deviation of the differences between our and SDSS values are found to be $-0.098$ and 0.886, respectively. For GAMA,
these values are found to be \(-0.029\) and 0.477, respectively. For estimating stellar mass in galaxies, SDSS and GAMA use SED fitting to optical bands. The observed similarities show that using only optical band information can also provide good estimates for stellar masses in galaxies.

### 4.3. Rest-frame absolute magnitudes

The SED fitting also provides estimates of the expected rest-frame fluxes in different bands by simultaneously fitting the observed SEDs with models. It also provides flux estimates of galaxies in bands where detection has not been possible because of observational limitations. However, we only use rest-frame fluxes in bands which have detections and restrict our analysis to galaxies with \(\chi^2 < 20\). Such a restriction increases the reliability of our results. We convert the rest-frame \((k\text{-corrected})\) fluxes in different bands obtained from SED fitting into absolute magnitudes in AB units for our analysis. The absolute magnitudes are not dust de-attenuated.

### 5. Statistical properties of the sample

In order to check the reliability of the sample and its rest-frame luminosities obtained from SED fitting, we construct the galaxy stellar mass and luminosity functions in different bands. We compare our galaxy SMF with the results from Baldry et al. (2008) and Kelvin et al. (2014). We also compare the luminosity functions in different bands with SDSS (Blanton et al. 2003) and GAMA (Driver et al. 2012) results. We use the Schechter fit parameters in the Table 4 in Driver et al. (2012) for luminosity function comparisons.

#### 5.1. Galaxy luminosity function

The galaxy LFs at all bands are estimated using the \(1/V_{\text{max}}\) statistical method (Schechter 1976) along with some modifications made by Driver et al. (2012). This method minimizes the effect of the color bias in the sample by adjusting the \(1/V_{\text{max}}\) volume according to each object’s color. However, it is less effective at the low luminosity end, where a galaxy with a specific color may not be detected in our sample. At a waveband \(\lambda \) (\(\lambda = \text{FUV, NUV, u, g, i, z, Y, J, H, K, W1, W2, W3 or W4}\)), the maximum volume available for each galaxy in the sample is estimated using the luminosity limit as either \(17.77 - (\text{mag} - \text{mag}_k)\) or the faint limit in that band, depending on which is brighter. The luminosity distribution is then obtained by

\[
\phi(M) = \frac{c}{\eta} \sum_i \frac{I(M_i, M_{i+\Delta M}) (M_i)}{V_{\text{max},i}},
\]

where \(c\) is the ratio of the number of galaxies before \(\chi^2\) cut to the number of galaxies after \(\chi^2\) cut. \(V_{\text{max},i}\) is the maximum comoving volume over which the \(i\)th galaxy can be observed. \(I_i(x)\) is the indicator function that selects the galaxies belonging to a particular absolute magnitude bin (taken here as 0.5 AB mag) and the sum runs over all galaxies in the sample. \(\eta\) is the cosmic variance correction factor \((\eta = 0.85, \text{Driver et al. 2011})\). For each waveband, the absolute magnitude limits fainter than which the method fails to correct for the color biases are calculated using the bright limits indicated in Table 1. The faint absolute magnitude limit values at different wavebands are shown in Col. 7 of Table 1. The absolute magnitude bins that contain fewer than ten galaxies toward the brightest part of the magnitude distribution do not contribute significantly to the overall luminosity density. The bright absolute magnitude limit values at different wavebands are shown in Col. 7 of Table 1.

Figure A.1 shows the obtained luminosity functions as well as a comparison with the GAMA and Blanton et al. (2003) results for redshift 0.1. Within the selection boundaries, the optical galaxy LFs agree well with Blanton et al. (2003) results. Compared to our estimates, the GAMA LFs are shifted toward the brighter end at optical and NIR bands except the \(K\) band. At FUV and NUV wavelengths, the GAMA luminosity functions have higher amplitudes than our results. These differences are mainly due to different magnitude limits, redshift ranges, photometry, and sampling. The GAMA sample is about 1.6 mag deeper than Blanton et al. (2003) and our samples. The GAMA results use \(r\)-band matched aperture photometry, Blanton et al. (2003) use Petrosian magnitudes, whereas we use S{é}rsic profile fitted magnitudes to construct the LFs at optical and NIR wavelengths. S{é}rsic magnitudes are brighter than Petrosian and aperture magnitudes for galaxies with higher S{é}rsic indices. S{é}rsic LFs were found to be shifted toward the bright relative to the LFs based on Petrosian and aperture magnitudes in the \(r\) band by Hill et al. (2011). This shows that different magnitude types used affect the derived LFs noticeably.

#### 5.2. Galaxy stellar mass function

The galaxies in the sample are divided into logarithmic stellar mass bins to estimate the galaxy SMF. For each bin, the galaxy SMF is given by

\[
\phi(M_{\ast})d(M_{\ast}) = \frac{c}{\Delta \log M_{\ast}} \sum_i \frac{I_i(M_{\ast,i}, M_{\ast,i+\Delta M_{\ast}}) (\log M_{\ast,i})}{V_{\text{max},i}},
\]

Here, \(c\) is the ratio of the number of galaxies before \(\chi^2\) cut to the number of galaxies after \(\chi^2\) cut, and \(V_{\text{max},i}\) is the maximum comoving volume over which the \(i\)th galaxy can be observed and is obtained in the same way as explained in Sect. 5.1. \(I_i(x)\) is the indicator function that selects the galaxies belonging to a particular stellar mass bin (taken as \(10^{9.5} M_{\odot}\)) and the sum runs over all galaxies in the sample. Recent studies have shown that the galaxy SMF has a distinctive bump around \(10^{10.6} M_{\odot}\) and can be best approximated by a double Schechter form with a combined knee (see Baldry et al. 2008, 2012; Peng et al. 2010; Kelvin et al. 2014). It can be expressed as

\[
\phi(M_{\ast})d(M_{\ast}) = \ln(10) \exp\left(-10^{\log(M_{\ast}/M^*_{\ast})}\right) \left[\phi^*_{\ast} 10^{\log(M_{\ast}/M^*_{\ast})(\alpha_1+1)} + \phi^*_{\ast} 10^{\log(M_{\ast}/M^*_{\ast})(\alpha_2+1)}\right] d(M_{\ast}),
\]

where \(M^*_{\ast}\) is the characteristic mass corresponding to the position of the distinctive “knee” in the mass function. The terms \(\alpha_1\) and \(\alpha_2\) are the slope parameters and \(\phi^*_{\ast}\) are normalization constants. The double Schechter function accurately models the bump observed in the galaxy SMF around \(M^*_{\ast}\) with one Schechter function dominating at stellar masses greater than \(M^*_{\ast}\) and the second one dominating at lower masses. The resulting galaxy SMF (red circular points) and the double Schechter fit including errors (red shaded region) are shown in the stellar mass range \(10^{9.0}-10^{12.0}\) in Fig. 5. The curve fitting of the double Schechter function is performed using nonlinear least squares fitting technique with five free parameters. The fit limits and errors in number density of galaxies in each stellar mass bin are estimated using the bootstrap resampling technique. The fit parameters with errors are shown in Table B.1. The best-fit parameters highly deviate from the results of Baldry et al. (2008,
stellar mass, we divide our galaxy sample into low-density and high-density environments according to their spatial location in the luminosity density field. We also construct the SMFs of galaxies in these two distinct environments. High-density environments have a higher number density of galaxies than low-density environments. To take this effect into account and to facilitate direct comparisons, we draw equal numbers of galaxies randomly from each of these samples when constructing the SMFs. For each sample, we calculate the mean densities and error in densities in different stellar mass bins by combining all the SMFs obtained from 1000 different bootstrap subsamples and fit a single Schechter function to these values to get the best fit. For each sample, we also estimate all the single Schechter function fits to galaxy SMFs obtained from all the bootstrap subsamples. Figure 6a visualizes the results and Table B.2 shows the best-fit Schechter parameters with errors for galaxies in low- and high-density environments. Compared to low-density environments, the best Schechter function fit is shifted toward higher stellar masses for galaxies in high-density environments. In Fig. 7a, we show 1σ (dark colored region) and 2σ (light colored region) error contours of the corresponding Schechter fit parameters, characteristic stellar mass (M_{⋆}^*) and low-mass slope (α) at 95% confidence level. The SMFs of galaxies are different in high- and low-density environments. At 2σ, high-density environments have higher M_{⋆}^* than low-density environments, but α does not show any clear difference. For comparison, we also show the results (points with errorbars) from Alpaslan et al. (2015) in three different environments, namely voids, tendrils, and filaments. These environments are defined using the filament finder algorithm based on a minimal spanning tree method (Alpaslan et al. 2014). As the definition of environment in our method is completely different, our results can only be compared qualitatively with those in Alpaslan et al. (2015). Qualitatively, our results agree with Alpaslan et al. (2015): M_{⋆}^* increases toward high-density environments.

6.2. All centrals and satellites

We further divide each of our high- and low-density galaxy samples into centrals and satellites to study the environmental dependence on the stellar content of central and satellite galaxies in groups in different large-scale environments. Central galaxies are those with the highest stellar mass in groups and the remaining members are classified as satellites. Our central galaxy samples also include isolated galaxies. We then construct the SMFs of centrals and satellites in both high- and low-density, large-scale environments (Fig. 6b). We use the same method as explained in Sect. 6.1 to construct the galaxy SMFs. The corresponding single Schechter function fit parameters with errors are shown in Table B.2. We also draw the 1σ (dark colored region) and 2σ (light colored region) error contours of M_{⋆}^* and α at 95% confidence level (Fig. 7b). For central galaxies, the error ellipses are well separated from each other, suggesting that the SMFs of central galaxies are different in high- and low-density environments. High-density environments have higher α value than low-density environments, but the M_{⋆}^* value shows no clear difference between different environments. Similar to central galaxies, the SMFs of satellite galaxies are different in high- and low-density environments. High-density environments have steeper α value than low-density environments. The M_{⋆}^* value is clearly higher in high-density environments at 1σ only. The SMFs of central and satellite galaxies may have variations depending on the choice of the central galaxy definition and the group catalogs used (see Appendix C for details).

6. Galaxy stellar mass functions in different environments

6.1. All galaxies

To study the large-scale environmental dependence on galaxy stellar mass, we divide our galaxy sample into low-density (Den8 < 1.5) and high-density (Den8 > 1.5) environments according to the red solid line represents the best double Schechter function fit. The light red lines, which form a shaded region, represent the individual double Schechter function fits to the galaxy stellar mass functions obtained from all bootstrap samples. The errors in density estimates at each stellar mass bin are calculated using bootstrap resampling technique.

Fig. 5. Stellar mass function of galaxies obtained from SED fitting and comparison with Baldry et al. (2008; black dotted line) and Kelvin et al. (2014; blue dashed line) results. The red solid line represents the best double Schechter function fit. The light red lines, which form a shaded region, represent the individual double Schechter function fits to the galaxy stellar mass functions obtained from all bootstrap samples. The remaining two parameters (α and M_0) agree within the errors with both B08 and K14 values.

Unlike luminosity, which is a directly observable quantity, the stellar mass is commonly estimated from the multifrequency data by fitting the observed SEDs with a library of model SEDs with known physical properties. A number of different models exist regarding the initial mass function (IMF), star formation history (SFH), stellar populations, and dust that are used to build the model SEDs. Many studies have tried to quantify the effect of these assumptions on stellar mass estimates (Marchesini et al. 2009; Maraston et al. 2010; Ilbert et al. 2010; Michałowski et al. 2012; Banerji et al. 2013; Schaerer et al. 2013). These studies commonly agree that stellar masses can be reliably constrained but uncertainties up to 0.5 dex may exist depending on different models used. Marchesini et al. (2009) quantified how the uncertainties associated with the assumptions made in the SED fitting method may affect the galaxy SMF. They find that the shape of the galaxy SMF at the low-mass end may change depending on the assumed metallicity and dust model. SDSS and GAMA used only optical wavelengths to estimate stellar masses from the SED fitting. Here, we attempt to include UV and MIR wavelengths. We do not find significant differences in our estimates although our values have small systematic offsets compared to SDSS and GAMA estimates. These differences can be attributed to a number of different factors such as inclusion of the UV and IR wavelengths, different assumptions in the SED fitting, and different photometry. These differences also affect the shape of the global galaxy SMF as seen in our results.
6.3. Centrals and satellites with fixed morphology

We divide central and satellite galaxy samples in both high- and low-density environments into spiral and elliptical populations to study the environmental dependence on the stellar content of central and satellite galaxies with fixed morphology in different large-scale environments. We further construct the SMFs of central and satellite galaxies with different morphologies across various large-scale environments using the method explained in Sect. 6.1.

6.3.1. Spiral morphology

Figure 6c shows the SMFs of central and satellite galaxies with spiral morphologies in low- and high-density, large-scale environments as indicated. The single Schechter fit parameters are shown in Table B.3. The 2σ error ellipses of $M_{*\text{st}}$ and $\alpha$ for central galaxies with spiral morphologies are well separated (Fig. 7c). However, there is no clear difference in $M_{*\text{st}}$ and $\alpha$ values in high- and low-density environments within the error region considered.

The 2σ error ellipses of $M_{*\text{st}}$ and $\alpha$ for satellite galaxies with spiral morphologies are overlapping, but the 1σ error ellipses are well separated (Fig. 7c). At 1σ, the $\alpha$ value is steeper in high-density environments than that in low-density environments. However, the $M_{*\text{st}}$ values for satellite galaxies are similar in both environments.

6.3.2. Elliptical morphology

Figure 6d shows the SMFs of central and satellite galaxies with elliptical morphologies in low- and high-density, large-scale environments as indicated. The single Schechter fit parameters are shown in Table B.4. Both 1σ and 2σ error ellipses of $M_{*\text{st}}$ and $\alpha$ for central galaxies with elliptical morphologies in different environments are overlapping (Fig. 7d). There is no
clear difference in $M_\star^*$ and $\alpha$ values in high- and low-density environments within the error region considered.

The 2$\sigma$ error ellipses of $M_\star^*$ and $\alpha$ for satellite galaxies with elliptical morphologies are overlapping, but the 1$\sigma$ error ellipses are well separated (Fig. 7d). At 1$\sigma$, the $\alpha$ value is steeper in high-density environments than that in low-density environments. At 1$\sigma$, the $M_\star^*$ value for satellite galaxies is higher in high-density environments compared to that in low-density environments.

7. Discussion

7.1. Galaxy stellar mass and halo relation

According to the theory of galaxy formation, stars can form from cooling gas inside a virialized and gravitationally bound dark matter halo. The gas cooling and star formation rates of the galaxy depend mainly on the host halo mass (White & Rees 1978). In this scenario, the stellar mass of a galaxy can be expected to correlate strongly with the mass of its halo in which the galaxy formed. Several observational and simulation studies have tried to quantify the relation between the stellar mass of a galaxy and its halo mass. The stellar mass of a galaxy has been found to correlate with its halo mass with finite scatter. It increases rapidly with the halo mass when the halo mass is small, but slowly for large halo masses with a break in the relation around halo mass of $10^{12} M_\odot$ and galaxy stellar mass of $5 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$ (Moster et al. 2010). The relation is very shallow at the high-mass end and the scatter in the relation is also higher. We note that our sample consists mainly of small groups and, thus, the correlation between the galaxy...
stellar mass and halo mass in our sample is expected to have less scatter. Some studies have also pointed out that the galaxy stellar and halo mass relation may differ between various morphologies and late-type galaxies reside in less massive halos than early types (Rodríguez-Puebla et al. 2015, and references therein). Using hydrodynamical simulations, Tonnesen & Cen (2015) recently found a higher stellar to halo mass ratio in halos within the mass range $10^{11}$–$10^{12.9} \, M_\odot$ in large-scale denser environments. The dark matter halo mass function varies across different large-scale environments (Hahn et al. 2007). The low-mass end has the same slope in clusters, voids, filaments, and sheets, but the position of the high-mass cutoff depends on environment. The cutoff mass is the lowest in voids and gradually increases toward sheets, filaments, and clusters. In the halo mass range $M < 5 \times 10^{12} \, h^{-1} \, M_\odot$, halos of a given mass tend to be older in high-density, large-scale environments and independent of environment at larger masses (Hahn et al. 2007). The present day halos in high-density environments are hence more massive and evolved than those in low-density environments as they have undergone many mergers and accretion events during their evolution. The shift of the characteristic stellar mass toward higher stellar masses observed in our analysis of the SMFs of all galaxies in high-density, large-scale environments compared to the low-density environments may simply be the result of the mass and age segregation of halos in these environments.

7.2. Stellar mass growth of central and satellite galaxies

When a larger halo accretes a smaller halo with its central galaxy, the accreted halo turns into a subhalo and its galaxy becomes a satellite of the accreting halo. Stellar mass growth of galaxies then occurs mainly by star formation, accretion of smaller satellite galaxies, or major mergers. In low-mass halos, the stellar mass growth occurs mainly by star formation, while mergers play the dominant role in high-mass halos (Zehavi et al. 2012). The galaxy merger rate in the semianalytical models is found to depend strongly on environment, where higher density regions have larger merger rates (Jian et al. 2012). According to our results, the characteristic stellar mass of the central galaxy SMF shows no clear differences in high- and low-density environments but the low-mass end slope is steeper in low-density environments. Such trends may be attributed to higher abundances of low mass and younger halos with low stellar mass central galaxies in low-density environments. In contrast to central galaxies, the satellite galaxies in high-density environments have higher characteristic stellar mass and the shift is only observed for satellite galaxies of elliptical morphologies and not for spiral satellites. Such differences may occur because galaxies in high-density environments reside in relatively more massive and evolved halos than low-density environments. The low-mass end in the SMFs of satellite galaxies have steeper slopes in high-density environments irrespective of their morphologies. This suggests that groups in high-density environments have higher abundances of satellite galaxies than those in low-density environments. We investigate further whether this is true at a fixed halo mass. We use the dynamical mass of a group as a proxy of its halo mass and study it as a function of group richness. It is clear from Fig. 8 that groups in high-density environments are richer in galaxies, i.e., show higher abundances of satellite galaxies in all dynamical mass bins than low-density environments. Similar trends are also seen in the richness of galaxies with spiral and elliptical morphologies. Recently, Guo et al. (2015) have also shown that central galaxies in filaments have more satellites than elsewhere.

All these results support the scenario where groups with similar halos in high-density environments have high levels of substructures (Espino-Briones et al. 2007) and higher stellar mass content in those substructures. This suggests that galaxy formation is more efficient in subhalos located in high-density environments. A plausible scenario is that the high-density environments have more filaments, which supply cold gas to halos resulting in increased galaxy formation efficiency.

8. Conclusion

We have used GAMA DR2 data, WISE data, SDSS DR10 group catalog, and the MAGPHYS code to construct a multifrequency catalog of groups of galaxies with wavelengths ranging from UV to MIR. We studied the galaxy SMFs of different galaxy populations in groups in different large-scale environments. The main results are summarized below:

1. The global galaxy SMF obtained from multifrequency (0.152–22 µm) galaxy SED fitting differs from results in the literature. It has a slightly higher characteristic stellar mass than results from Baldry et al. (2008) and Kelvin et al. (2014).
2. The SMFs of central galaxies in groups differ in high- and low-density environments. The low-mass end slope is steeper in high-density environments compared to low-density environments, but the characteristic stellar mass are similar in both environments.
3. The SMFs of satellite galaxies in groups vary in different large-scale environments. High-density environments have a steeper low-mass slope and a higher characteristic stellar mass than that in low-density environments.
4. The SMFs of central galaxies with spiral morphologies are different in high- and low-density, large-scale environments. However, the differences in the Schechter fit parameters are not clear. The galaxy SMFs of central galaxies of elliptical morphologies are similar in high- and low-density, large-scale environments.
5. The SMFs of satellite galaxies with spiral morphologies are different in high- and low-density, large-scale environments. In high-density environments the low-mass end slope is higher than that in low-density environments, but the characteristic stellar mass is similar in both environments.
The SMFs of satellite galaxies with elliptical morphologies are different in different large-scale environments. High-density environments have a higher low-mass end slope and a higher characteristic stellar mass than that in low-density, large-scale environments.

Our first paper in the series of planned environmental studies of groups using multifrequency analysis of galaxies shows that the large-scale environment plays a significant role in shaping the SMFs of different galaxy populations in groups. Groups in high-density environments have higher abundances of satellite galaxies, irrespective of the satellite galaxies morphology. For ellipticals, this trend is more obvious. Elliptical satellite galaxies are in general more massive in high-density environments. Stellar masses of spiral satellite galaxies do not show any dependence on large-scale environment. We also note that the SMFs of satellite and central galaxies may differ with group selection and central galaxy definition. The small sample size has restricted us to using a simple division of groups into void and nonvoid regions. However, the luminosity density method also allows us to separate high-density regions into finer structures such as filaments and superclusters. Using a much larger sample and wider wavelength coverage from the whole GAMA panchromatic data release (Driver et al. 2016), we plan to study stellar masses, luminosities, and star formation properties of groups located in these structures. This will allow us to constrain physical mechanisms by which large-scale environments may transform galaxy properties.

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Appendix A: Luminosity function plots

Fig. A.1. Luminosity functions of galaxies in FUV, NUV, u, g, r, i, z, Y, J, H, K, W1, W2, W3, and W4 bands as indicated. The gray shaded region shows the selection boundaries explained in Sect. 4.2. The red points correspond to $1/V_{\text{max}}$ corrected number densities in each absolute magnitude bin and the red shaded region shows the error limits. The blue dashed line shows GAMA luminosity functions and black dot-dashed line shows luminosity functions from Blanton et al. (2003). Both GAMA and Blanton et al. (2003) estimate luminosity functions for galaxies up to redshift 0.1. Red points with error bars represent our estimates using $1/V_{\text{max}}$ method in the redshift range 0.01–0.2.
Appendix B: Stellar mass function parameters

Table B.1. Double Schechter stellar mass function fit parameters of all galaxies and comparisons with other results.

| References | log $M^*_{st}$ ($M_\odot$) | $\alpha_1$ | $\phi^a_1$ ($10^{-3}X^{-3}$) | $\alpha_2$ | $\phi^a_2$ ($10^{-3}X^{-3}$) |
|------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| This study | 10.73$^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$ | -0.77$^{+0.13}_{-0.08}$ | 9.73$^{+1.06}_{-2.01}$ | -1.43$^{+0.15}_{-0.09}$ | 1.66$^{+1.87}_{-0.92}$ |
| 1          | 10.64 ± 0.01    | -0.46 ± 0.05 | 4.26 ± 0.09     | -1.58 ± 0.02 | 0.58 ± 0.07     |
| 2          | 10.64 ± 0.07    | -0.43 ± 0.35 | 4.18 ± 1.52     | -1.50 ± 0.22 | 0.74 ± 1.13     |

Notes. $\odot X = \text{Mpc in Baldry et al. (2008) and Kelvin et al. (2014).}$ $X = \text{Mpc}/h$ in this study.

References. (1) Baldry et al. (2008); (2) Kelvin et al. (2014).

Table B.2. Single Schechter stellar mass function parameters of galaxies in different samples.

| Sample   | Subsample | log $M^*_{st}$ ($M_\odot$) | $\alpha$ |
|----------|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| All galaxies | den8 > 1.5 | 10.85$^{+0.02}_{-0.07}$ | -1.16$^{+0.08}_{-0.00}$ |
|           | den8 < 1.5 | 10.75$^{+0.03}_{-0.08}$ | -1.12$^{+0.10}_{-0.02}$ |
| Centrals | den8 > 1.5 | 10.81$^{+0.04}_{-0.08}$ | -0.25$^{+0.23}_{-0.12}$ |
|           | den8 < 1.5 | 10.75$^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$ | -0.76$^{+0.18}_{-0.08}$ |
| Satellites | den8 > 1.5 | 10.67$^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$ | -1.64$^{+0.10}_{-0.07}$ |
|           | den8 < 1.5 | 10.52$^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$ | -1.17$^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$ |

Table B.3. Single Schechter stellar mass function parameters of galaxies with spiral morphologies in different samples.

| Sample   | Subsample | log $M^*_{st}$ ($M_\odot$) | $\alpha$ |
|----------|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| Centrals | den8 > 1.5 | 10.85$^{+0.04}_{-0.09}$ | -0.93$^{+0.19}_{-0.07}$ |
|           | den8 < 1.5 | 10.74$^{+0.07}_{-0.12}$ | -1.06$^{+0.14}_{-0.10}$ |
| Satellites | den8 > 1.5 | 10.69$^{+0.19}_{-0.18}$ | -1.77$^{+0.14}_{-0.10}$ |
|           | den8 < 1.5 | 10.58$^{+0.24}_{-0.18}$ | -1.48$^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$ |

Table B.4. Single Schechter stellar mass function parameters of galaxies with elliptical morphologies in different samples.

| Sample   | Subsample | log $M^*_{st}$ ($M_\odot$) | $\alpha$ |
|----------|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| Centrals | den8 > 1.5 | 10.81$^{+0.07}_{-0.18}$ | 0.06$^{+0.84}_{-0.30}$ |
|           | den8 < 1.5 | 10.68$^{+0.12}_{-0.15}$ | -0.04$^{+0.65}_{-0.33}$ |
| Satellites | den8 > 1.5 | 10.77$^{+0.12}_{-0.21}$ | -1.47$^{+0.42}_{-0.17}$ |
|           | den8 < 1.5 | 10.46$^{+0.07}_{-0.14}$ | -0.63$^{+0.52}_{-0.25}$ |
Appendix C: Central and satellite galaxy stellar mass functions

In this section, we perform a simple exercise to check how different definitions of central galaxies and use of different group catalogs may affect the SMFs of central and satellite galaxies. For this, we compare our results with that obtained from the GAMA group catalog (Robotham et al. 2011). First, we find the galaxies in the whole GAMA catalog with the highest stellar mass in their groups and define these as central galaxies and the remaining members as satellite galaxies. Then, we cross-match these galaxies with our multifrequency catalog, in which the central galaxies also have the same definition. Then, we extract two samples, one containing galaxies that are defined as centrals in the GAMA group catalog and other consisting of galaxies that are defined as centrals in our group catalog. Next, we make 1000 different random samplings from each of these samples and estimate the corresponding SMFs. In both cases, we use the stellar mass estimates from our multifrequency catalog. The red and green ellipses shown in Fig. C.1 represent the error ellipses of Schechter fit parameters, \(M_\star\) and \(\alpha\), for central galaxies in our and GAMA catalogs, respectively. The error ellipses are well separated from each other. However, the low-mass end slopes are similar but \(M_\star\) seem to have lower values in GAMA centrals. Similarly, we also obtain the error ellipses of the Schechter fit parameters, \(M_\star\) and \(\alpha\) for satellite galaxies in GAMA and our catalog separately. Both 1\(\sigma\) and 2\(\sigma\) error ellipses are well separated. The low-mass end slopes are similar, but the GAMA satellites clearly have higher \(M_\star\).

In order to see if the definition of central galaxy based on luminosity affects the SMFs of the satellite and central galaxies, we selected the brightest galaxy in our sample as the central galaxy and remaining members as satellites. The golden and brown ellipses in Fig. C.1 show the corresponding error ellipses of the Schechter fit parameters, \(M_\star\) and \(\alpha\) for central and satellite galaxies, respectively. The error ellipse for the brightest central galaxies is almost the same as that for the most massive central galaxies. The error ellipse for the satellite galaxies of the brightest central galaxies overlaps with that for the satellite galaxies of the most massive central galaxies. However, \(M_\star\) and \(\alpha\) have similar values. This shows that the SMFs of central and satellite galaxies may differ based on the definition of the central galaxy and the group catalog used.

![Fig. C.1. Error ellipses at 95% confidence level for stellar mass function fit parameters (\(M_\star\) and \(\alpha\)) of central and satellite galaxies for different catalogs and central galaxy definitions. MMGs represent the most massive galaxies in groups and BCGs represent the brightest galaxies in the groups. Red and blue (green and black) ellipses represent the error ellipses for the MMGs and not MMGs in our multifrequency (GAMA) group catalog. The golden and brown ellipses represent the error ellipses for the BCGs and not BCGs in our multifrequency group catalog, respectively.](image-url)