The Jubilee ISW project – I. Simulated ISW and weak lensing maps and initial power spectra results

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ABSTRACT

We present initial results from the Jubilee Integrated Sachs-Wolfe (ISW) project, which models the expected Λ cold dark matter ISW effect in the Jubilee simulation. The simulation volume is (6 h⁻¹ Gpc)³, allowing power on very large scales to be incorporated into the calculation. Haloes are resolved down to a mass of 1.5 × 10¹² h⁻¹ M⊙, which allows us to derive a catalogue of mock Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs) for cross-correlation analysis with the ISW signal. We find the ISW effect observed on a projected sky to grow stronger at late times with the evolution of the ISW power spectrum matching expectations from linear theory. Maps of the gravitational-lensing effect are calculated using the same potential as for the ISW. We calculate the redshift dependence of the ISW–LRG cross-correlation signal for a full-sky survey with no noise considerations. For ℓ < 30, the signal is strongest for lower redshift bins (z ∼ 0.2–0.5), whereas for ℓ > 30, the signal is best observed with surveys covering z ∼ 0.6–1.0.

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1 INTRODUCTION

The recent results from the Planck satellite (Planck Collaboration 2013a) have shown the standard Λ cold dark matter (ΛCDM) cosmological model to be in good health. The Universe, as we currently understand it, consists mainly of some form of dark energy or cosmological constant (Λ) and a CDM component. The key challenges in cosmology, however, remain the same: we still need to uncover the secrets of the dark sector. What is dark matter? What are the properties of dark energy?

To answer the latter question, the late-time integrated Sachs–Wolfe (ISW) effect (Sachs & Wolfe 1967; Rees & Sciana 1968; Hu & Sugiyama 1994) can be a useful cosmological probe, since it is sensitive to the dynamical effects of dark energy and may thus be used to discriminate between different cosmological models (Crittenden & Turok 1996; Afshordi, Loh & Strauss 2004). The effect is manifested as secondary anisotropies in the cosmic microwave background (CMB) radiation temperature, which are created when photons from the last scattering surface travel through time-evolving fluctuations in the gravitational potential, Φ, caused by large-scale structure (LSS) along their paths. For a flat universe filled entirely with a pressureless fluid such as dark matter, at linear order Φ is constant with time, so that to first order the linear ISW effect is zero, although second-order effects would arise, primarily due to the velocity field of the structures that seed the potential. The time evolution of Φ requires a significant non-pressureless component of the cosmological fluid (Sachs & Wolfe 1967) or non-zero curvature (Kamionkowski & Spergel 1994). Given that Planck shows the Universe to be very close to flat (Hinshaw et al. 2012; Planck Collaboration 2013b), a detection of the ISW effect constitutes a direct measure of the effects of dark energy.

However, the detection of the ISW effect is complicated by two factors. The first is that the amplitude of the effect on observationally relevant scales is an order of magnitude smaller than primordial anisotropies in the CMB. The second is that the ISW contribution to the CMB temperature power spectrum is greatest on large angular scales. This means that the measurement is very susceptible to
cosmic variance and also that the detection of the signal through
cross-correlation of CMB temperatures with LSS requires the use
of galaxy surveys covering a large sky fraction and containing a
very large number of galaxies (Afshordi et al. 2004; Douspis et al.
2008).

Following the earliest reported detections by Fosalba, Gaztañaga &
Castander (2003), Boughn & Crittenden (2004), Afshordi et al.
(2004) and Nolta et al. (2004), most studies of the ISW effect
have been based on a full cross-correlation between the CMB and
different LSS catalogues that trace the matter density. Different
techniques to achieve this calculate the cross-correlation in either
real (e.g. Boughn & Crittenden 2002; Giannantonio et al. 2008;
Hernandez-Monteagudo et al. 2013), harmonic (e.g. Afshordi et al.
2004; Schiavon et al. 2012) or wavelet (e.g. Vielva, Martínez-
González & Tucci 2006; McEwen et al. 2007) space. The results
of these studies have been mixed, with reported detection signifi-
cances ranging from low significance to $4\sigma$ (see Planck Collab-
oration 2013c, for a recent study and a brief review of previous
results). Recently, the Planck Collaboration has also been able to
cross-correlate the CMB map with a map of the reconstructed lens-
ing potential, finding an $\sim 2.5\sigma$ significant detection of the ISW-
lensing cross-correlation (Planck Collaboration 2013c). Planck has
also obtained evidence for the ISW effect through a measurement
(via the bispectrum) of the non-Gaussianity imprinted in the CMB
due to this ISW-lensing correlation (Planck Collaboration 2013d).

A different approach using a stacking analysis of CMB patches
along lines of sight that correspond to individual over or underden-
sities identified in a galaxy survey was found by Granett, Neyrinck
& Szapudi (2008) to give a detection significance $>4\sigma$, a result
recently confirmed by Planck Collaboration (2013c) using the same
lines of sight. The amplitude of the signal observed in this approach
is, however, too large for the standard $\Lambda$CDM cosmology (Hunt
& Sarkar 2010; Hernandez-Monteagudo & Smith 2012; Nadathur,
Hotchkiss & Sarkar 2012; Flender, Hotchkiss & Nadathur 2013) and
is currently unexplained. Subsequent stacking investigations using
a different catalogue of voids have not shown the same strength of
signal (Ilic, Langer & Douspis 2013; Planck Collaboration 2013c),
adding to the mystery. Given the wide range of results and the
uncertainties involved in their interpretations, a great deal of im-
portance is placed on improving our theoretical understanding of
the expected ISW effect in a $\Lambda$CDM cosmology. This may be best
addressed by using large $N$-body simulations.

Whilst the large-scale ISW effect is governed by the dark-energy-
driven time variability of the gravitational potential – and is there-
fore observed in the radial direction – variations in the tangential
direction of the potential results in achromatic path distortions of
the photons (i.e. with no gain or loss of energy). These tangential dis-
tortions are the gravitational-lensing effect (see Hoekstra & Jain
2008, for a review). Lensing distortions concentrate on the small scales
(of the order of a few arcminutes) and hence complement the large-

scale ISW effect. The lensing effect does not depend (at least not to
first order) on dark energy but is very sensitive to the distribution of
the total mass. Due to this, direct dependency on dark matter, grav-
itational lensing can produce reliable estimates of the matter power
spectrum and thus provide independent and robust estimates of the
cosmological model. Measurements of the CMB lensing effect (for
example, see Planck Collaboration 2013c, for results from Planck)
can be used to set constraints on the spatial curvature, dark energy or
neutrino masses (Kaplinghat, Knox & Song 2003; Lesgourgues et al.
2006; Mandelbaum et al. 2013) that are normally degenerate when
only the CMB power spectrum is available. Gravitational lensing
will be a source of confusion noise in future CMB polarization mis-
sions (like the proposed PRISM1 mission) as the effect introduces
B-modes from the primordial E-modes. Because the gravitational-
lensing cross-section peaks at redshifts of $z \sim 1$, large simulations
are needed to properly account for this source of systematic error
and study ways of reducing its impact. Among these projects, future
space missions such as Euclid (Amiaux et al. 2012) will need to rely
on realistic simulations that include not only the lensing effect due
to LSS but also the associated catalogues that trace that matter.

Simulations will be needed to validate the methods employed in
these future missions and much work has already been undertaken
on the topic of lensing in this field (see, for example, Barber, Thomas
& Couchman 1999; Jain, Seljak & White 2000; Vale & White
2003; Carbone et al. 2008; Das & Bode 2008; Fosalba et al. 2008;
Gilbert et al. 2009; Teyssier et al. 2009; Lawrence et al. 2010;
Kiessling et al. 2011; Becker 2012; Carbone et al. 2013). However,
simulations are typically based on boxes that are much smaller than
the Hubble volume (typically with $L_{\text{box}} \sim 500 h^{-1} \text{Mpc}$ to $1 h^{-1} \text{Gpc}$,
although Teyssier et al. (2009), Becker (2012) and Fosalba et al.
(2008) consider boxes of length 2, 2.6 and 3 $h^{-1} \text{Gpc}$, respectively).
For future surveys, a much larger volume would be more suitable
especially for the case of CMB lensing where the lensing cross-
section peaks at around $z = 1$ (i.e. around $2.3 h^{-1} \text{Gpc}$).

To study both the ISW and weak lensing effects, we have per-
formed a large $N$-body simulation: the Europa Hubble Volume, ‘Ju-
bilee’, simulation2 (Watson et al. 2013). The simulation contains
6000$^3$ particles in a box of side $6 h^{-1} \text{Gpc}$. It is therefore possible
to use the simulation to model the ISW effect due to LSS out to $z = 1.4$ without having to repeat the box (a shortcoming of previous,
smaller, ISW simulations; see, for example, Cai et al. 2010, and
the discussion in Section 4.1.1, below). Furthermore, with its high
particle count, we are able to directly resolve dark matter haloes that
contain Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs). This allows us to measure
the cross-correlation between the simulated ISW and the LSS traced
by the LRGs on larger scales than has hitherto been possible. Direct
measurement of the expected stacking signal from LRGs is also
possible, as well as studies of the ISW-lensing cross-correlation.

This paper details methodologies for the creation of mock LRGs,
all-sky weak lensing maps and the ISW effect. It also presents
initial results for the ISW–LSS cross-correlation signal. The results
presented in this work relate to the pure ISW–LSS signal, with no
signal-to-noise considerations. This paper is laid out as follows. We
first detail the particulars of the Jubilee simulation in Section 2,
then provide an overview of how the ISW maps, LRG catalogues
and weak lensing maps were created in Section 3. We then present
the results from these modelling procedures followed by the ISW–
LSS cross-correlation signal in Section 4. Finally, in Section 5, we
conclude with some general comments on the implications of this
work for future ISW-detection efforts, and briefly lay out the work
we will be presenting on this topic in the future.

2 THE JUBILEE SIMULATION

The results presented in this work are based on an LSS $N$-body
simulation, detailed in Watson et al. (2013). The simulation has
6000$^3$ (216 billion) particles in a volume of $(6 h^{-1} \text{Gpc})^3$. The
particle mass is $7.49 \times 10^{10} h^{-1} \text{M}_\odot$, yielding a minimum resolved
halo mass (with 20 particles) of $1.49 \times 10^{12} h^{-1} \text{M}_\odot$, correspon-
ding to galaxies slightly more massive than the Milky Way. LRGs

1 http://jubilee-project.org
2 www.prism-mission.org
\(M_{\text{halo}} \sim 10^{13} h^{-1} \text{M}_\odot\) are resolved with \(\sim 100\) particles and galaxy clusters \(M_{\text{halo}} > 10^{14} h^{-1} \text{M}_\odot\) are resolved with \(10^3\) particles or more. The simulation and most analyses were performed on the Jup-

trope supercomputer at Jülich Supercomputing Centre in Germany (17664 cores, 53 TB RAM, 207 TFlops peak performance) and required approximately 1.5 million core-hours to complete. The simulation was run on 8000 computing cores (1000 MPI processes, each with 8 OpenMP threads) using the CUBEP\(^3\)M-N-body code, a particle-particle-particle mesh (P\(^3\)M) code (Harnois-Deraps et al. 2012). CUBEP\(^3\)M calculates the long-range gravity forces on a two-level mesh and short-range forces exactly, by direct summation over local particles. The code is massively parallel, using hybrid (combining MPI and OpenMP) parallelization and has been shown to scale well up to tens of thousands of computing cores (see Harnois-

We base our simulation on the 5 yr Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP) results (Dunkley et al. 2009; Komatsu et al. 2009). The cosmology used was the ‘Union’ combination from Komatsu et al. (2009), based on results from WMAP, baryonic acoustic oscillations and high-redshift supernovae, i.e. \(\Omega_m = 0.27\), \(\Omega_\Lambda = 0.73\), \(h = 0.7\), \(\Omega_b = 0.044\), \(\sigma_8 = 0.8\) and \(n_s = 0.96\). These parameters are similar to the recent cosmology results of the Planck Collaboration (Planck Collaboration 2013b). The power spectrum and transfer function used for setting initial conditions was generated using CAMB (Lewis, Challinor & Lasenby 2000). The CUBEP\(^3\)M code’s initial condition generator uses first-order Lagrangian perturbation theory, i.e. the Zel’dovich approximation (Zel’dovich 1970), to place particles in their starting positions. The initial redshift when this step takes place was \(z = 100\). For more detailed commentary on the choice of starting redshift for this simulation, see Watson et al. (2012).

The data handling requirements for analysing the Jubilee simulation were particularly challenging. For each output slice, the simulation’s particle data totalled around 4 TB. These outputs were then analysed and converted into density and then potential fields, as outlined in Section 3.1 below. The mesh used for the potential fields was 6000\(^3\) in size \([(1 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ Mpc})^3]\) per cell), so each output slice in redshift for the potentials was 800 GB in size. Overall, the data for the potential fields used in this analysis totalled over 15 TB and was reduced from particle data that was 100 TB in size. For the weak lensing outputs, discussed in Section 3.3 below, five derivatives of the potential were calculated, resulting in another 75 TB of data. The data reduction involved the translation of the six-dimensional phase-space data for each of the particles in the simulation into scalar quantities (such as the mass density or gravitational potential) on a discrete grid. We describe in more detail below how this reduction was implemented [using a Cloud-In-Cell (CIC) smoothing kernel for the particle positions] and note here that the cell size for the resulting grids \(6000^3\) was such that there existed as many cells as there were particles. The errors associated with a data-reduction scheme of this type are small, and are documented in, e.g., Hockney & Eastwood (1988).

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 The ISW effect in the Jubilee simulation

The ISW maps are produced adopting a semilinear approach where the potential is computed exactly in the entire simulation box but its time derivative is computed using linear theory. In a recent work, Cai et al. (2010) demonstrated that this approximation (hereinafter referred to as the Linear Approximation for the Velocity field (LAV) approximation, following the terminology of Cai et al.) is sufficient to study the ISW on the largest scales with indistinguishable results up to \(\ell = 40\) in contrast to the exact (non-linear and computationally more expensive) calculation. At \(\ell = 100\), the LAV approximation underpredicts the real power by nearly an order of magnitude since the LAV does not account for the peculiar velocities that become important at small scales. Nevertheless, most of the ISW effect is concentrated on the largest scales \((\ell < 50)\) for which the LAV is accurate to within a few per cent (Cai et al. 2010), and the maximum cross-correlation signal is expected to occur around \(\ell \sim 10\) for an LSS galaxy survey (Cooray 2002).

The temperature fluctuations in the CMB induced by the ISW effect can be written as (Sachs & Wolfe 1967)

\[
\frac{\Delta T}{T} = \frac{2}{c^2} \int \Phi(x,t) \, dt,
\]

(1)

where \(\Phi\) is the derivative of the gravitational potential with respect to time. The potential can be calculated from fluctuations in the density field of the Universe via the cosmological Poisson equation:

\[
\nabla^2 \Phi(x,t) = 4\pi G \rho_m(t) a^2 \delta(x,t),
\]

(2)

where \(\rho_m\) is the background matter density and \(\delta\) is the ‘overdensity’, defined as

\[
\delta(x,t) = \rho(x,t) - \rho_m(t).
\]

(3)

In Fourier space, equation (2) is

\[-k^2 \Phi(k,t) = 4\pi G \rho_m(t) a^2 \delta(k,t),\]

(4)

Using the present-day matter density parameter, \(\Omega_m = 8\pi G \rho_m / 3 H_0^2\) and the fact that \(\rho_m(t) = \rho_{m0} a(t)^{-3}\), we have

\[
\Phi(k,t) = -\frac{3}{2} \Omega_m H_0^2 \frac{H(t)}{k^2} \left[ \frac{H(t)}{a(t)} \right] \delta(k,t) - \frac{\delta(k,t)}{a(t)}.
\]

(5)

Differentiating this with respect to time then gives

\[
\Phi(k,t) = \frac{3}{2} \Omega_m H_0^2 \frac{H(t)}{k^2} \left[ \frac{H(t)}{a(t)} \right] \frac{d\delta(k,t)}{dt} - \frac{\delta(k,t)}{a(t)}.
\]

(6)

For the construction of the ISW maps, we make the approximation that the evolution of the overdensity field with time is given by linear theory, where

\[
\delta(k,t) = D(t) \delta(k,t = 0)
\]

(7)

d and \(D(t)\) is the growth factor (Heath 1977). We can substitute for \(\delta(k,t)\) in equation (6) resulting in

\[
\Phi(k,t) = \frac{3}{2} \Omega_m H_0^2 \frac{H(t)}{k^2} \left[ \frac{H(t)}{a(t)} \right] \left( 1 - \beta(t) \right),
\]

(8)

where \(\beta(t) = \text{dln} D(t) / \text{dln} a(t)\). Finally, combining equations (5) and (8) results in

\[
\Phi = -\Phi H(t) [1 - \beta(t)],
\]

(9)

which is valid in both real and Fourier space.

To calculate the ISW effect in the Jubilee simulation, we first produce a smoothed overdensity field, \(\delta(x,t)\), from the particle outputs from 20 time slices when \(z = 0\) and 1.4. The overdensity field is calculated using a CIC smoothing kernel (see, for example, Hockney & Eastwood 1988). Then, from the \(\delta(x,t)\) field, we use the Multiple Fourier Transform method (Hockney & Eastwood 1988) to calculate the potential field \(\Phi(k,t)\). This follows the steps outlined above, solving the Poisson equation in the Fourier domain. We then
produce maps of the real-space potential in redshift shells given by the distribution of the simulation time slices, which totalled 20 between $z = 0$ and 1.4. To produce the maps, we traced rays from a centrally located observer through each of the cells of the potential field. The potential for each shell, integrated along lines of sight in this manner, was then projected on to the sky using HEALPix$^3$ (Górski et al. 2005). We applied a linear interpolation between the different slices in order to account for potential values at intermediate redshifts (the net effect of interpolating versus not interpolating is $<1$ per cent on the final results). From these outputs, we then used equation (9) to calculate $\Phi$ and calculated the ISW effect using equation (1).

3.2 LRG catalogue construction

For correlating the ISW with LSS, we first need to create a suitable catalogue of tracers of the dark matter density field. For the ISW-LSS signal, as we shall see, a population of tracers that exist between redshifts of $z \sim 0.1$ and 1.0 creates the strongest signal. LRGs are, therefore, very useful because they are detectable across the range in question due to their high luminosities. The majority of LRGs reside in haloes that have masses in excess of $10^{13} h^{-1} \, M_{\odot}$ (Zheng et al. 2009). They are typically the brightest cluster galaxy (BCG) in their cluster and are located at the centre of their parent dark matter haloes (Zheng et al. 2009; Wen, Han & Liu 2012; Zitrin et al. 2012) (although note that the corollary is not true: BCGs are not typically LRGs: Wen et al. (2012) show that $\sim 25\%$ of BCGs are LRGs). Complications with this scenario arise in high-mass clusters where there exists a fraction of LRGs ($\sim 5\%$) that are satellites (Zheng et al. 2009). In this study, we ignore satellite LRGs and model only a population of central LRGs in our dark matter haloes.

3.2.1 Halo finding

To create an LRG catalogue, we need to find dark matter haloes in our simulation. We used CUBE$^+$'s M's own on-the-fly spherical overdensity (SO) halo finder (hereafter ‘CPMSO’) to do this. This halo finder is based on the SO algorithm (Lacey & Cole 1994) and the full details of how the finder works can be found in Harnois-Deraps et al. (2012). A comparison of the mass function results from the CPMSO halo finder to the Amiga halo finder (AHF) (Gill, Knebe & Gibson 2004; Knollmann & Knebe 2009) can be found in Watson et al. (2012). Results from the CPMSO and AHF halo finders and from a friends-of-friends halo finder specifically applied to the Jubilee simulation can be found in Watson et al. (2013). As the CPMSO halo finder runs on-the-fly within the N-body code, we can relatively easily output data for haloes across a number of redshifts. These were chosen to match the output redshifts for our potential fields. The CPMSO halo finder and the AHF halo finder give abundances that, in the mass range of the haloes that are used to model the LRGs, differ by less than 10 per cent. The difference between the two halo finders is at its greatest for haloes of lower masses, which are much less likely to host LRGs. For this reason, the choice of the halo finder used in this analysis has only a minor impact on the results.

3.2.2 Modelling of central LRGs in haloes

We resolve galaxy-sized haloes in the Jubilee simulation down to $\sim 10^{12} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$ but not all haloes of this mass and above contain LRGs. To model a population of LRGs from our dark matter haloes, we applied part of a halo occupation distribution (HOD) model to select which haloes host LRGs. The model we used was that of Zheng et al. (2009) who studied a sample of LRGs from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS; Eisenstein et al. 2005) from $z = 0.16$ to 0.44. We apply, specifically, the prescription laid out in appendix B of Zheng et al. (2009) which gives the average occupation function (based on Zheng et al. 2005) for central LRGs as

$$N_{cen}^M = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \text{erf} \left( \frac{\log M - \log M_{\min}}{\sigma_{\log M}} \right) \right],$$  \hspace{1cm} (10)

where erf is the error function, $N_{cen}^M$ is the average number of central LRGs in a halo of mass $M$, $\sigma_{\log M}$ controls the width in the log $M$–N relation and $M_{\min}$ is a characteristic minimum mass of hosts with central galaxies. The central LRGs follow a nearest integer probability distribution. This model allows us to populate central LRGs in our haloes using a random number generator.

The variables in equation (10) were calculated by Zheng et al. (2009), based on a volume-limited sample of LRGs with a redshift range of $z = 0.16$–0.44. The absolute magnitude cut-off for this sample was based on a rest-frame $g$-band magnitude of $M_g \leq -21.2$ (note that we refer to masses as unitalicized, $M$, and magnitudes as italicized, $M$) which was calculated at $z = 0.3$ for all LRGs and included corrections for evolution. The HOD parameters were found to be: $\log M_{\min} = 13.673 \pm 0.06 h^{-1} M_{\odot}$ and $\sigma_{\log M} = 0.621 \pm 0.07 h^{-1} M_{\odot}$. In populating our haloes with LRGs, we make the additional assumption that the above error bars in the model parameters – which are given to $1 \sigma$ – can be modelled using a Gaussian distribution, which we use to introduce a similar error into our catalogue so as to mimic this uncertainty in the model. The halo occupation function for our haloes is shown in Fig. 1. As can be seen from this plot, there is a sharp drop-off in halo occupation below $10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$, to the extent that $10^{13} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$ haloes contain, on average, 0.05 LRGs.

3.2.3 Luminosity modelling

Now that we have a population of LRGs in our haloes, we need to assign properties to them, most importantly their luminosities. To
do this, we rely solely on the mass of the host haloes. The results presented in Zheng et al. (2009) indicate that the entire population of LRGs in their sample obeys the simple relation $L \propto M^{0.66}$. Unfortunately, this is an inadequate prescription for assigning luminosities to our LRGs as, over the entire mass range of our host haloes, it results in too many unrealistically bright LRGs. A more detailed description of the $L-M$ relationship is shown in fig. 3 of Zheng et al. (2009), which implies that at higher host halo masses the luminosity of LRGs does not scale as steeply as for lower masses. Zheng et al. (2009) discuss this result and make comparisons to other work which shows a similar trend. For our modelling, we adopt, based on their figure, a relationship between mass and luminosity of the form:

$$L \propto M^\alpha,$$

(11)

where the parameter $\alpha$ is given by

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} 
1 & \text{if } M \leq 5 \times 10^{11} h^{-1} M_\odot \\
0.5 & \text{if } 5 \times 10^{11} h^{-1} M_\odot < M \leq 5 \times 10^{12} h^{-1} M_\odot \\
0.3 & \text{if } M \geq 5 \times 10^{12} h^{-1} M_\odot.
\end{cases}$$

(12)

This, combined with the comoving number density of LRGs in the sample, allows luminosities to be allocated to our LRGs in a manner that produces correctly the observed luminosity distribution of SDSS LRGs. We show a comparison of our model to the $M_g < 21.2$ SDSS sample in Fig. 2. The SDSS data was based on the catalogue of Kazin et al. (2010), who closely match the previous catalogue of Eisenstein et al. (2005).

We apply this model to our data past the $z = 0.44$ limit of the modelling data set. This is in order to create a base set of LRGs from which to work with from all redshift slices in the simulation. The various details of specific pipelines from observational catalogues can be readily incorporated on to this data, including any offsets from the LRG catalogue modelled here. For LRGs that exist at higher redshifts, this base data set could be added to, for example a modified luminosity which takes into account the evolution of the LRG population over redshift, or an addition of other colour-band luminosities.

![Figure 2. Histogram comparing SDSS LRGs with Jubilee mock LRGs. The full data set of SDSS DR7 LRGs from Kazin et al. (2010) is plotted together with a random subsample of Jubilee Mock LRGs with the same total number count. The SDSS data is taken from a redshift range of $z = 0.16-0.44$ with a $g$-band absolute magnitude range of $M_g < -21.2$ (calibrated at $z = 0.3$). Jubilee mock data is taken from the $z = 0.3$ output slice.](https://example.com/figure2)

3.2.4 Other LRG properties

The halo catalogue contains information on the locations of dark matter density peaks. The question of whether this corresponds to the locations of cluster BCGs has been recently studied by Zitrin et al. (2012), who used strong lensing to probe the underlying dark matter distributions in 10 000 SDSS clusters. Their results show a small offset, with no preferred orientation, to the locations of BCGs from the dark matter density peaks. We apply their results to our dark matter halo catalogues in order to introduce this discrepancy between central LRGs, which we assume to be the BCGs in their particular haloes, and the underlying matter field that seeds the gravitational potential.

The results of Zitrin et al. (2012) showed that the scatter between the BCG location and density peaks are distributed log-normally in random directions via: $\log_{10} \Delta_r h^{-1} \text{Mpc} = -1.895^{+0.003}_{-0.004}$, where $\Delta_r$ is the peak in the density profile. We produced a random scatter based on this and show the effect using a histogram in Fig. 3. This figure should be directly compared to fig. 5 from Zitrin et al. (2012). We note that they observed a potential trend with redshift to this scatter, that is, that the peak in Fig. 3 would sit at $\sim -2.5$ for haloes at $z \sim 0.15$ and would evolve to $\sim -1.7$ for haloes at $z \sim 0.6$. However, the error in these results is large, being $\sim \pm 0.5$, and the trend of the evolution appears to be flattening out towards higher redshifts. Considering these facts, we do not attempt to parametrize the offset with redshift.

Finally, the bulk velocities of the haloes are taken to be the same as the LRG velocities. This is an assumption and one that is likely to be incorrect to a certain degree (as illustrated partially by Behroozi, Wechsler & Wu (2013) who utilize a phase-space halo finder to illustrate that halo cores frequently have an offset in velocity relative to the bulks of the parent haloes). In constructing sky maps of the LRGs with magnitude cuts imposed, it is possible to consider either a redshift that has been shifted due to the peculiar velocity of the LRGs or one that has not. In this paper, we consider LRGs with a Doppler-included redshift.

3.2.5 Simulated sky catalogues

With a complete set of LRGs in each of our output redshift slices it is possible to impose cuts to the catalogue in an attempt to mimic different observational catalogues. As an example we model here...
the SDSS sample of Eisenstein et al. (2005), which is a natural choice because this is the sample on which Zheng et al. (2009) based their modelling. To create this catalogue, we simply apply the magnitude cut from Eisenstein et al. (2005) on to our data. We assume that the catalogue covers the full sky and refer to it from this point as the ‘SDSS mock’ catalogue. In principle, other catalogues can be simulated by adopting constraints on magnitude and sky coverages, combined with subtleties such as completeness and scatter in photometric redshifts etc.

We show a histogram of LRG counts for both the SDSS mock catalogue and our entire sky catalogue of LRGs in Fig. 4. The drop-off in LRG counts at low redshifts is due to the smaller volumes being sampled. The drop-off for $z > 1$ occurs because of the LRGs becoming rarer as the halo mass function evolves, cutting down the number of appropriately massive hosts as it does so.

3.3 Weak lensing maps

The weak lensing potential is proportional to the ISW potential. As such we can calculate both the weak lensing and ISW effects from the same data. For a review of the topic, see Hoekstra & Jain (2008).

The lens equation is given by

$$\beta = \theta - \alpha(\theta, m(\theta)), \quad (13)$$

where $\alpha(\theta, m(\theta))$ is the deflection angle created by the lens which depends on the observed positions, $\theta$. We can write a dimensionless, integral version of equation (2) as

$$\Phi(r_p) = -\frac{G}{c^2} \int \frac{\rho(r_p - r_p')}{|r_p - r_p'|^2} \, \rho(r_p') \, \mathrm{d}^2 r_p', \quad (14)$$

where $r_p = (x, y, z)$ is a position in the simulation box in physical units. Now, we can define a new scalar (and a dimensional) lensing potential in a given direction $\theta$:

$$\psi(\theta) = \frac{2D_{ls}}{D_l D_s} \int \Phi(D_l, \theta, z) \, \mathrm{d}z, \quad (15)$$

where $r_p^2 = (D_l \theta)^2 + z^2$. The distances $D_{ls}$, $D_l$ and $D_s$ are the angular distances from the lens to the source, the distance from the observer to the lens and the distance from the observer to the source, respectively. The relevant lensing quantities we are interested in are then obtained from the derivatives of $\psi$. The derivatives are made with respect to the components of $\theta$, i.e. $(\theta_1, \theta_2)$. The deflection angle $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ is given by the divergence (or first derivatives) of $\psi$ and both the shear, $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$, and convergence, $\kappa$, are defined in terms of the second partial derivatives:

$$\alpha_1(\theta) = \psi_1, \quad (16)$$

$$\alpha_2(\theta) = \psi_2, \quad (17)$$

$$\gamma_1(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \psi_{11} - \psi_{22} \right) = \gamma(\theta) \cos[2\varphi], \quad (18)$$

$$\gamma_2(\theta) = \psi_{12} = \psi_{21} = \gamma(\theta) \sin[2\varphi], \quad (19)$$

where $\gamma(\theta)$ is the amplitude of the shear and $\varphi$ its orientation and

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta_1}, \quad (20)$$

$$\psi_{11} = \frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_1}. \quad (21)$$

The amplitude and orientation of the shear are given by

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\gamma_1^2 + \gamma_2^2}, \quad (22)$$

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \arctan \left( \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} \right). \quad (23)$$

The convergence is

$$\kappa(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} (\psi_{11} + \psi_{22}). \quad (24)$$

Finally, the magnification, $\mu$, is

$$\mu = \frac{1}{(1 - \kappa)^2 - \gamma^2}. \quad (25)$$

All these relevant quantities that describe the lensing effect can be obtained by combining the five derivatives, $\psi_1$, $\psi_2$, $\psi_{11}$, $\psi_{22}$ and $\psi_{12}$. For our particular case, given that we have simulation data in three-dimensional Cartesian coordinates, it is convenient to express the derivatives of the lensing potential [originally with respect to the angle $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2)$] with respect to the physical coordinate $r = (x, y, z) = \theta D_1$. In these coordinates, $\nabla_r = D_l \nabla_z$. The first and second derivatives with respect to $\theta$ of equation (15) can be rewritten in terms of derivatives with respect to $r = (x, y)$ as

$$\nabla_r \psi(\theta) = F_{11} \int \nabla_z \Phi(x, y, z) \, \mathrm{d}z, \quad (26)$$

$$\nabla_r^2 \psi(\theta) = F_{12} \int \nabla_z^2 \Phi(x, y, z) \, \mathrm{d}z, \quad (27)$$

where $F_{11} = 2D_0/D_l$ and $F_{12} = 2D_l D_0/D_s$. From our simulation outputs, we convert the various Cartesian data sets into their sky projections by adopting the following coordinate system:

$$x = \sin(\theta) \sin(\phi),$$

$$y = \sin(\theta) \cos(\phi),$$

$$z = \cos(\theta), \quad (28)$$
where \( \theta_1 = \theta \) and \( \theta_2 = \phi \). We then compute the derivatives of \( \Phi \) in the \((\theta_1, \theta_2)\) coordinate system. We assume in our analysis that the source object behind the lens is at a redshift of \( z = 10 \). All of our maps can be easily rescaled to simulate source objects that are at any redshift behind our lensing density fields, for example the CMB.

### 3.4 Online data bases

All our LRG data will be publicly available online at http://jubilee-project.org. An SQL database has been set up so that the data can be queried to suit the requirements of individual users. In addition to LRG catalogues, we will also be providing halo catalogues, void catalogues, an NVSS-like radio catalogue, as well as sky maps including lensing maps and density fields.

### 4 RESULTS

#### 4.1 ISW

In Fig. 5, we show the projected dipole-subtracted ISW all-sky map from redshift \( z = 0 \) to 1.4. The negative blue regions correspond to projected underdense regions where the dark-energy-driven acceleration of the expansion results in a net loss of energy for the CMB photons. On the other hand, when a CMB photon crosses an overdense region (red), the decaying potentials result in a net gain of energy for that photon. This map was constructed from a number of redshift shells and we show some of the maps from these shells in Fig. 6. This figure illustrates the varying imprint of the ISW anisotropies across redshifts. Lower redshifts show fluctuations over much larger areas of the sky than at higher redshifts, due to the changing angle that objects subtend in the sky at different redshifts. In addition, the amplitude of the anisotropies varies significantly across the redshift shells as illustrated in Fig. 7, where we show \( \Delta T \) values that have been scaled to indicate the temperature shift that would be produced by a redshift shell of fixed width \( \Delta z = 0.1 \) placed at the central redshift of each bin. We also show the 1\( \sigma \) fluctuation for all pixels in each output map, scaled in the same way. This plot shows the expected trend that the anisotropies grow stronger as the dark energy component of the cosmological fluid increases in influence. The drop in maximum amplitude and variance of the signal at low redshifts \((z < 0.2)\) is an effect of sample variance, as the output maps are dominated by a small number of very local structures subtending large angles at the observer location, despite the fact that globally in the simulation \( \Phi \) is larger at these times.

#### 4.1.1 ISW power

The power spectrum of ISW-induced temperature anisotropies is shown in Fig. 8. The spectrum shows a maximum at low \( \ell \). At higher \( \ell \), the slope of the spectrum follows a power law. This is the expected result using the LA V approximation. Cai et al. (2010) performed a detailed study of the contribution of the velocity field to the ISW effect showing that the LAV power spectrum falls below that of the full ISW effect for higher values of \( \ell \), such that the amplitude of the LAV ISW effect at \( \ell \sim 100 \) is around 50 per cent of the full ISW amplitude, dropping down from \( \sim 100 \) per cent at \( \ell \leq 40 \) (see fig. 17 of Cai et al. 2010). The under-representation of the ISW effect by the LAV approximation is redshift dependent with the drop-off from the full ISW effect in general occurring at lower \( \ell \) for higher redshifts. As we are interested here in the dominant, low-\( \ell \) part of the ISW effect, the LAV approximation is suitable for our purposes but the reader should be aware that results described for higher \( \ell \) in this study are likely to slightly underestimate the reality of a full non-linear ISW effect. We intend to investigate the expected full \( \Lambda \)CDM ISW effect from the Jubilee simulation in follow-up studies and we discuss, in Section 5.3, the impact that taking the LAV approximation has on the cross-correlation results.

Fig. 8 shows that in our simulation, due to our large box size, we are able to view the ISW effect on very large scales without an appreciable drop-off in power. This illustrates the requirement, when simulating the ISW, for a box that captures very large-scale fluctuations in the density field. We show the power spectra of the ISW effect anisotropies in different redshift bins (0–1.4, 0–0.4, 0–0.4, ...).
Figure 6. Full-sky maps of the predicted secondary CMB anisotropies due to the ISW effect from structures between selected output redshifts. The maps are obtained by ray-tracing through the simulation potential field using the LAV approximation, as explained in Section 3.1. The maps are shown in Mollweide projection with resolution $N_{\text{side}} = 32, 128, 256$ and 512 for redshifts of $0.100-0.133, 0.169-0.234, 0.320-0.569$ and $0.689+$, respectively. Dipoles have been removed from all maps.
The power spectrum of the temperature anisotropies that arise from the ISW effect. Power from individual redshift bins are shown along with the full integrated ISW power spectrum (from $z = 0$ to 1.4) and the 5 yr CMB TT power spectrum of Dunkley et al. (2009). Linear theory predictions are shown as dotted lines.

0.4–0.8, 0.8–1.2) and compare them to predictions from linear theory. For the $\ell$-range under consideration here, the two correspond closely, as per the findings of Cai et al. (2010), who found that the LAV matches linear theory to well past $\ell \sim 100$. The power spectra in Fig. 8 have been binned. The low-$\ell$ data points ($\ell < 6$) are taken in bins of width $\Delta \ell = 1$ and show scatter from cosmic variance. As we model a volume with a side-length of $6 h^{-1}$ Gpc, we capture much of the large-scale power in the potential. Despite this, the low-$\ell$ regime of Fig. 8 shows that we may be losing a small amount of power on these scales, although not nearly to the extent of that observed in the tiled $1 h^{-1}$ Gpc box used in Cai et al. (2010). This loss in power is made more evident in the comparison between theory and simulation in the last redshift bin ($z = 0.809–1.205$)

Figure 9. All-sky projection of the Jubilee mock catalogue LRGs from $z = 0$ to 1.4. A Mollweide projection has been used with $N_{\text{side}} = 64$. No cuts have been applied to the data.

where the largest angular scales (over $6 h^{-1}$ Gpc) that are missing in our simulation box are responsible for the deficit in power at $\ell < 5$.

4.2 LRGs

In Fig. 9, we show a sky map of LRG number counts from all the LRGs in our catalogue between $z = 0$ and 1.4. No cuts of any kind have been applied to this figure and as such it represents the spatial positions on the sky of all the LRGs underneath the black, solid line in Fig. 4. Fig. 10 shows a projection of the LRGs in the simulation by distance from the observer. Both panels represent a projection that is $20 h^{-1}$ Mpc deep, with the left-hand panel showing all LRGs out to a radius of $3 h^{-1}$ Gpc ($z \leq 1.4$) and the right-hand panel showing a zoomed-in view of the LRGs out to a radius of $500 h^{-1}$ Mpc ($z \leq 0.17$). Voids and filamentary structures are clearly seen in the distribution. There is little distortion from the peculiar motions of the LRGs. This is due to the fact that the LRGs are all central galaxies and have been assigned the bulk velocity of their host haloes. As such their peculiar velocities are small compared to the higher peculiar velocities of satellite galaxies which orbit the centre of mass of a cluster and create the distinctive ‘Fingers-of-God’ effect.

We show the angular power spectrum of our simulated, full-sky catalogues, in Fig. 11. The data has been split into the same redshift shells that we show in Fig. 7. For the purposes of this paper, we consider full-sky power spectra with no masks which have been corrected for shot noise by removing the expected power from a random, unclustered sample of LRGs. The results in Fig. 11 show the expected trend that, as structure formation proceeds, correlations between galaxies grow stronger. We also plot the ISW effect power spectrum on Fig. 11 alongside the LRG power.

4.3 ISW correlation with LSS

For our cross-correlation analysis, we now show how redshift selection of LRGs affects the strength of the ISW–LSS correlation signal. The results and discussion presented here relate to the signal-space for measurements of the ISW–LSS cross-correlation. We stress that this is different from detection-space, in that no signal-to-noise considerations are included in this analysis. We intend to look carefully at results in detection-space in follow-up work. In Fig. 12, we calculate the cross-correlation signal between the ISW effect from $z = 0$ to 1.4 and LRGs using the same redshift shells as in Fig. 11. The results show that covering the peak of the contribution to the ISW effect, in terms of redshift (i.e. $z \sim 0.2$ to 0.5), is an important factor in producing a strong cross-correlation signal. This result makes no
Figure 10. Projections of the full LRG catalogue distribution from $z = 0$ to 1.4. Left-hand panel: all LRGs lying in a $20\ h^{-1}\ Mpc$ thick slice, within $3\ h^{-1}\ Gpc$ of the observer in the centre of the box. Right-hand panel: a zoom-in of the local LRG distribution between 0 and $0.5\ h^{-1}\ Gpc$ from the observer.

Figure 11. Power spectra of LRGs for the redshift shells shown in Fig. 7. Overlaid using the second y-axis we also show the ISW power spectrum from Fig. 8.

account of LSS survey characteristics, where low values of $\ell$ may not be probed well for a particular survey. Below $\ell \sim 30$ the signal is stronger in the lower redshift bins. Past $\ell \sim 30$ the opposite is true: higher redshift surveys ($z \sim 0.5$ to 1.0) show a stronger signal.

4.4 Lensing maps

We have produced all-sky lensing maps of some of the quantities mentioned in Section 3.3, in particular the deflection angles $\alpha_1$ and $\alpha_2$. We show in Fig. 13 a collection of complementary plots for the $z = 0.150$ redshift shell, which spans a redshift range of $z = 0.13$--0.17. The plots show the projected density field (Fig. 13a), the ISW map (Fig. 13b) where in both the effect of a very large overdensity in the right-centre of the plot is very clear, creating as it does a deep potential well and a strong ISW-induced temperature anisotropy.

Figure 12. Cross-correlation signal between the LAV approximation ISW effect integrated between $z = 0$ to 1.4 and LRGs.

The $\alpha_1$ and $\alpha_2$ plots (Figs 13c and d) in the region of this large overdensity show characteristic dipoles in the orthogonal $\theta$ and $\phi$ directions (which for this cluster, as is on the equator of the plot, can be thought of as roughly the same as the up--down and left--right directions, respectively). The amplitude of the combined $\alpha_1$ and $\alpha_2$ deflection angles (Fig. 13e) shows very clearly the large overdensity affecting light rays in its region of the sky and features in this map can be seen to correspond to ones in the ISW map. Interestingly, this overdensity is not evident in the full $0 < z < 1.4$ map shown in Fig. 5, which illustrates well that the observed signal an observer expects to see from a single vantage point in the sky is calculated along a
Figure 13. Complementary output maps from the $z = 0.150$ redshift shell, which spans a redshift range of $z = 0.13–0.17$. (a) Density field in units of overdensity ($\delta = \rho/\rho_m - 1$). (b) ISW. (c) $\alpha_1$. (d) $\alpha_2$. (e) $\sqrt{\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2}$.

radial integral, containing many over and underdense fluctuations in the potential.

The results presented here are preliminary, as we intend to do an in-depth analysis of the lensing maps and their relation to the ISW effect and LSS of the simulation in future work.

5 DISCUSSION

5.1 Implications for signal detection

Fig. 7 shows that, in terms of raw temperature, the maximum impact the ISW effect will have on the photons of the CMB can be expected to occur around $z \sim 0.2$ to 0.5 for a $\Lambda$CDM universe. This immediately implies that a suitable LSS survey should aim to cover the positive peak in this figure, i.e. a redshift range of $z \sim 0.1–0.3$. However, Fig. 12 shows that there are other considerations that need to be factored in, specifically relating to the angular dependence of the cross-correlation signal. We see that there is, in fact, a pivot point around $\ell \sim 30$. Below this $\ell$ value lower redshift surveys ($z \sim 0.2$ to 0.5) are favoured, having characteristic fluctuations on larger angular scales. After $\ell \sim 30$ the opposite is true: higher redshift surveys ($z \sim 0.5$ to 1.0) show a larger signal, albeit only marginally so when compared to the difference observed in Fig. 12 below $\ell \sim 30$. As we are showing here a full-sky, noise-free case these observations need to be caveated with the fact that, in reality, noise considerations may impact these conclusions (this question will form the basis of some of the follow-up work in the Jubilee ISW project).

Sky coverage is a major stumbling block in the LSS cross-correlation approach because anything less than a full-sky survey begins to impact the signal-to-noise level of the detection. This places a strain on any LSS survey – which typically have to balance sky coverage versus survey depth – that aims to optimize an ISW
measurement. A detailed analysis of the various signal-to-noise considerations in the LSS–ISW correlation measurement can be found in Cabré et al. (2007). Previous correlation measurements have utilized a variety of LSS catalogues including the NVSS (Condon et al. 1998) radio survey, which had a sky coverage of 82 per cent, and the SDSS galaxy survey with a sky coverage of 35 per cent (Ahn et al. 2012). These surveys have their own pros and cons. Whilst the NVSS has excellent sky coverage it has only ~1.4 million objects and these are found across a wide redshift distribution (z = 0 to 2+), we refer the reader to fig. 2 from Planck Collaboration (2013c). The SDSS, on the other hand, contains many sources (almost 1 billion galaxies in total), in particular LRGs, across a redshift range (z ~ 0–0.8, see fig. 2 of Planck Collaboration (2013c)) that is very well suited to ISW effect detection. However, because of its lesser sky coverage, it has a high noise level on larger scales. This implies that, unless a survey is able to probe ℓ < 30 scales, a redshift range of z ~ 0.6–1.0 is more suitable for ISW detection efforts.

There are future surveys that will have appropriate sky and redshift footprints, in particular the HI Evolutionary Map of the Universe (EMU) survey (Norris 2011), that will be performed using the Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder telescope, a pathfinder for the Square Kilometre Array, and will detect sources across a broad range of redshifts, z ~ 0–6, in particular low-redshift star-forming galaxies at z < 2. Its sky coverage will be roughly the same as for the NVSS and the intention is for its data to be combined with another HI survey, Westerbork Observations of the Deep APERTIF Northern sky (Röttgering et al. 2011), which will cover the remaining patch of the Northern hemisphere that EMU cannot see. In addition, the Euclid mission (Amiaux et al. 2012), scheduled for launch in 2020, will observe ~36 per cent of the sky and around 10 billion galaxies in a redshift range of z = 0.7–2.0.

5.2 Model discrimination using the ISW

The hope that the ISW signal can in the future be used to help discriminate between cosmological models depends on our ability to measure the signal accurately (Afshordi 2004). Results from stacking approaches are currently placing the ΛCDM model under scrutiny. Work by previous authors on cross-correlations between the CMB and the ISW have attempted to constrain cosmological parameters based on the observed correlations (Padmanabhan et al. 2005; Gaztañaga, Manera & Multamäki 2006; Pietrobon, Balbi & Marinucci 2006; Giannantonio et al. 2008). These results are summarized in Planck Collaboration (2013c), with the general consensus being that ISW observations have constrained ΩΛ to a value of ΩΛ ~ 0.75 ± 20 per cent; Ωk to be zero to within a few per cent and the equation-of-state parameter to be w0 ~ −1 with no strong evolution. These results highlight the fact that the ISW effect does not constrain the ΛCDM model to anything like the precision of the standard data sets [CMB and Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAOs)]. However, for a universe containing an amount of warm dark matter or one with a temporally varying dark energy component, the ISW effect should be an aid in constraining the models we use to describe them.

For alternative cosmological models a variety of expectations of ISW signal arise. A study by Mainini & Mota (2012) on the effect of massive neutrinos on the ISW–LSS correlation signal, along with the expectations of different coupled dark energy models, shows that model discrimination typically involves a difference in the expected height of the peak in the cross-correlations (using the cross-correlation multiplied by ℓ(ℓ + 1) as we do in this paper). They also note that the models are better discriminated between at higher redshifts. As redshift selection cuts modulate both the peak height and possibly the peak position of the cross-correlation signal (Fig. 12), redshift selection effects need to be carefully deciphered. The Jubilee ISW project will help determine the best strategies to discriminate among models since we will provide the tools (ISW maps and associated catalogues) that will make possible the validation and calibration of new techniques against simulated data.

5.3 Impact of using the LAV approximation

This study has focused on low-ℓ results based on the LAV approximation. As such, results for higher ℓ values than those presented here (ℓ > 100) will deviate significantly from the expected ISW-induced anisotropies which include velocity information. Studies by Cai et al. (2009), Cai et al. (2010) and Smith, Hernández-Monteagudo & Seljak (2009) have looked in detail at the specific contribution the velocity information makes to the ISW anisotropies. Fig. 2 in Cai et al. (2009) summarizes the expected deviation of the full result from that of linear theory. Essentially, past an ℓ ~ 60 for low redshifts (z < 0.5), the deviation from the full ISW anisotropies begins to become significant. This evolves to lower ℓ for higher redshifts until at z ~ 1 the deviation from linear theory begins to become significant at around ℓ ~ 40–50. The LAV approximation, which uses full, simulated information from the density field but combines it with a linear theory velocity prescription, follows the linear theory prediction very closely at the ℓ values where the non-linear contribution becomes significant.

The effect of the non-linear component on the cross-correlation with ISW anisotropies is to suppress correlation at ℓ values that are much higher than where the non-linearities become significant in terms of raw power. Cai et al. (2009) found that the deviation from the expected linear CMB–LSS cross-correlation signal only became significant at ℓ ~ 500. Smith et al. (2009) found that the non-linear effect on the cross-correlation signal was <10 per cent for ℓ < 100. These results suggest that the cross-correlation results presented here can be taken as accurate.

5.4 Future work

We intend to undertake a range of follow-up studies into the ISW effect in the Jubilee simulation. In particular, we will use synthetic CMB maps to study the recovery of the ISW effect using LSS cross-correlation, stacking and lensing methodologies. We will be creating a mock NVSS-like catalogue to investigate the expected signal from broad-sky radio surveys as well as extending the redshift range of our ISW calculation and also calculating a full non-linear ISW effect.

In future work, we intend to examine the expected ΛCDM signal from a stacking analysis designed to mimic the measurement in Granett et al. (2008). This will involve applying the void and structure finding algorithms ZOBOV and VBOZ4 (Neyrinck, Gnedin & Hamilton 2005) to our sample LRG catalogues and then stacking images of the CMB along the lines of sight of structures found by these algorithms.

Another future direction of work is to examine the possibility of measurement of the ISW signal due to individual voids and superclusters identified in galaxy-redshift surveys. The original claim of a high-significance detection of the ISW effect of such structures
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