

Title: **Topological frustration of artificial spin ice**

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**Supplemental movie 1 | Relaxation process to define lithography patterns for direct control of topological defects.** We start with a perfect square lattice, remove a chain of nodes starting at the dislocation point, and then let the system relax. Each bond acts as a spring working to be the same length as the other bonds and each node wants the angles of bonds coming out of it to all be equal as well.

**Supplemental movie 2 | Kinetic Monte Carlo simulation of a one-dislocation lattice.** The width disorder is 5 Å and each frame represents 50 Monte Carlo steps. The final frame is shown in Fig. 5a.

**Supplemental movie 3 | Kinetic Monte Carlo simulation of a two-dislocation lattice.** The width disorder is 6 Å and each frame represents 50 Monte Carlo steps. The final frame is shown in Fig. 5b.