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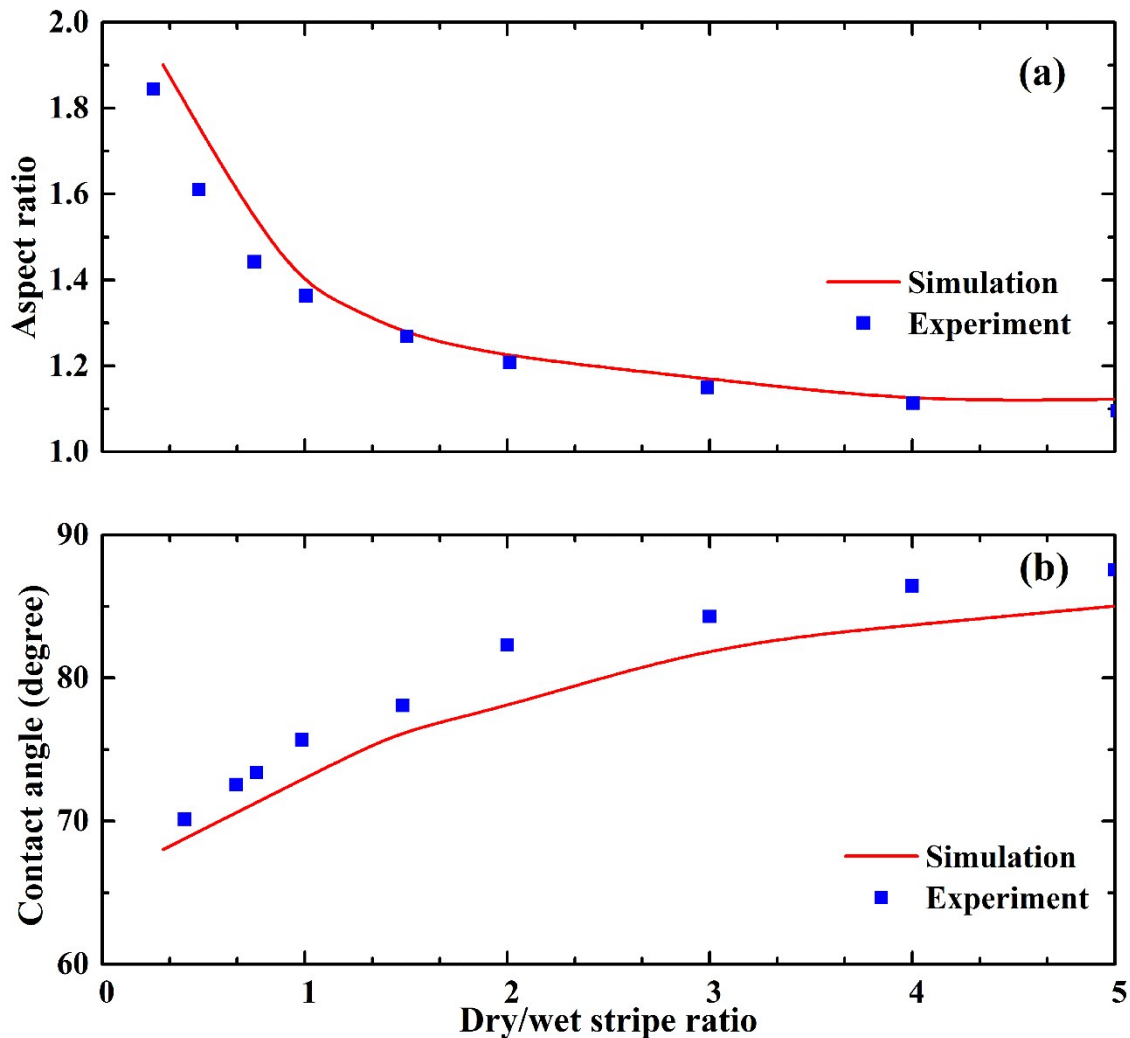
### Numerical Analysis of Anisotropic Wetting of Chemically Striped Surfaces

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**Fig. S1** (a) Aspect ratio of the droplet plotted as a function of dry/wet stripe ratio from experiments (blue squares) and simulation (red line). The intrinsic contact angles  $96^\circ$  (dry) and  $19^\circ$  (wet) are used for the simulation. (b) Contact angle plotted as a function of dry/wet stripe ratio from experiments (blue squares) and simulation (red line).

The work of Jansen et al.<sup>1</sup> is used for validating the numerical simulation procedure. They fabricated a set of surfaces consisting of alternating hydrophobic and hydrophilic stripes using self-assembled perfluorodecyltrichlorosilane monolayers on oxide-coated silicon wafers. Simulations are done with the intrinsic contact angles of  $96^\circ$  and  $19^\circ$  for dry (PFDTs) and wet ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) stripes, respectively. The validation process involves (i) obtaining an elongated shape similar to the experimental results, and (ii) using the contact angles obtained from simulation to compare with the experimental observations. The experimental data used in the comparison is from the data reported in Figure 1 of the reference. As seen from Fig. S1, the experimental results are in agreement with the simulated data. There are slight deviations between experimental and simulated data, the difference may be caused by the different measurement procedures of the contact angle.

Another simulation work by Jansen et al. <sup>2</sup> also shows the similar slight deviations from the experimental observations since a small difference in aspect ratio results in observable change in contact angle. However, the overall trend of simulation results agrees well with the experimentally measurements, indicating the validation of the proposed methodology in the present paper.

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