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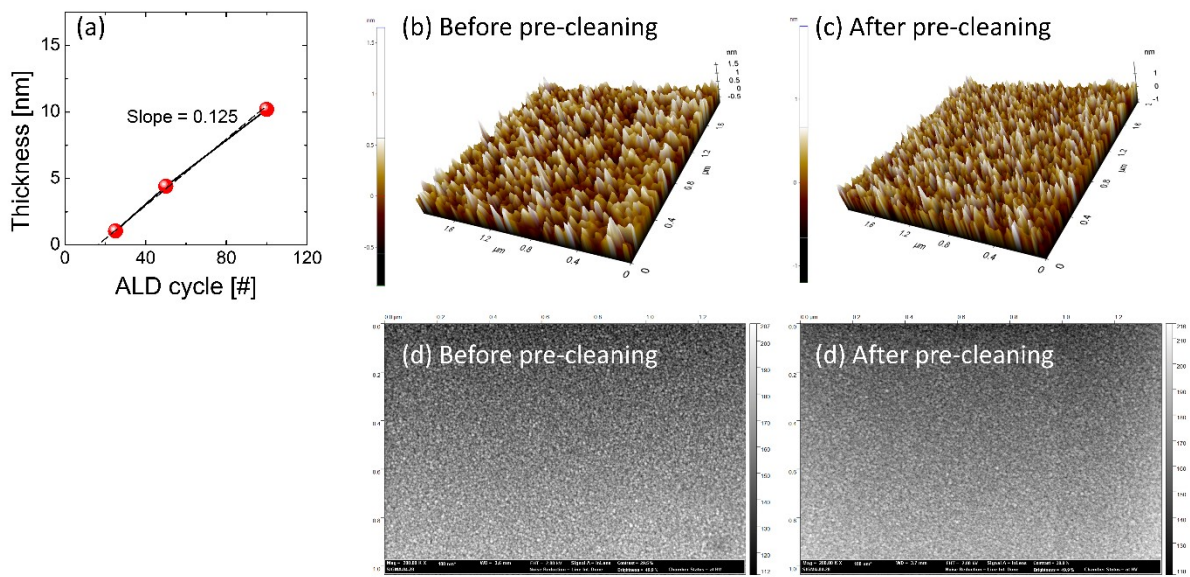
# Supporting Information

## **Atomic layer deposition of HfN<sub>x</sub> films and improving the film performance by annealing under NH<sub>3</sub> atmosphere**

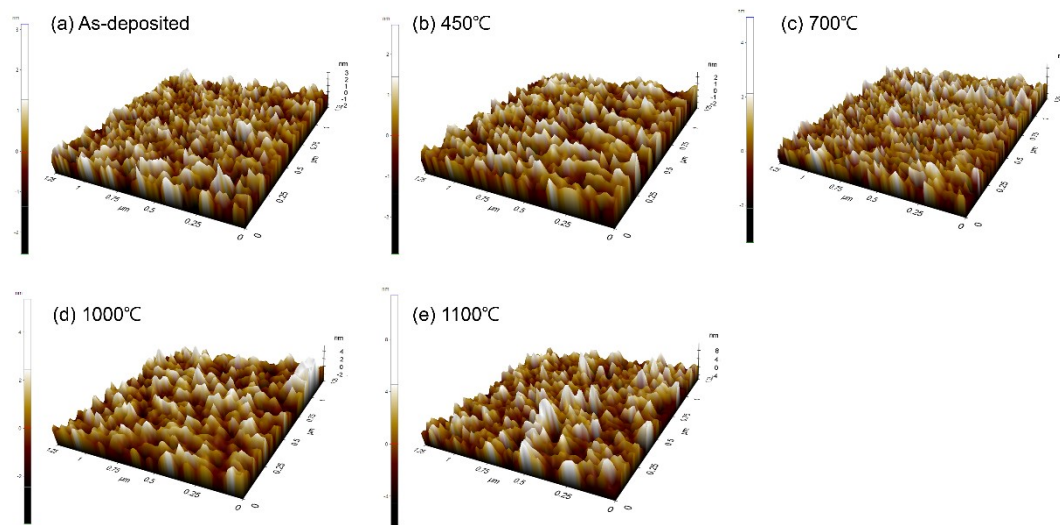
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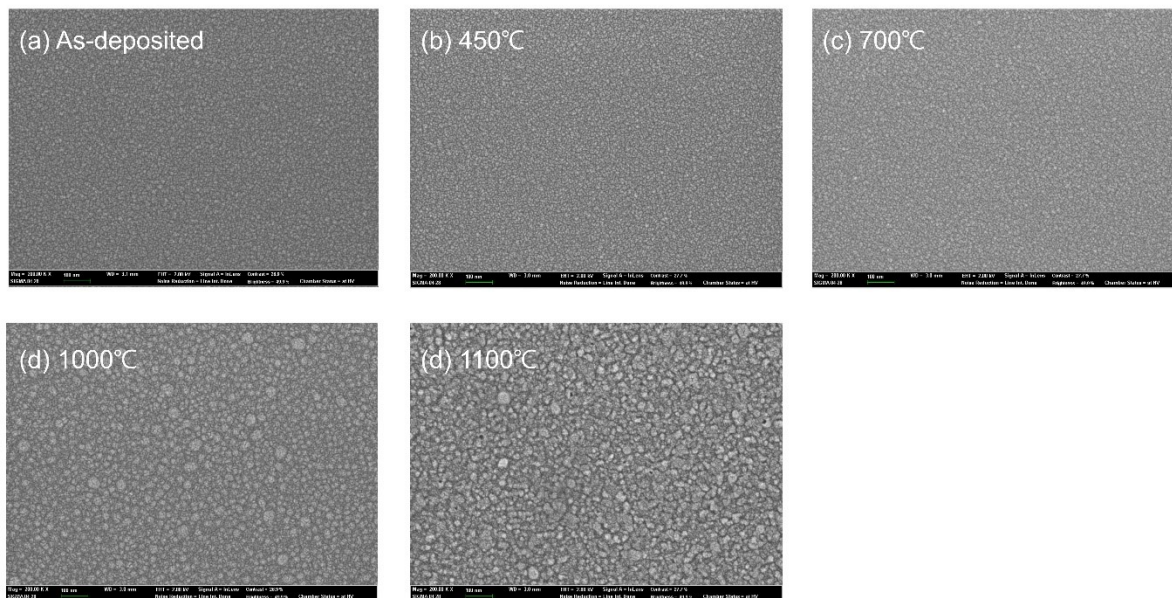
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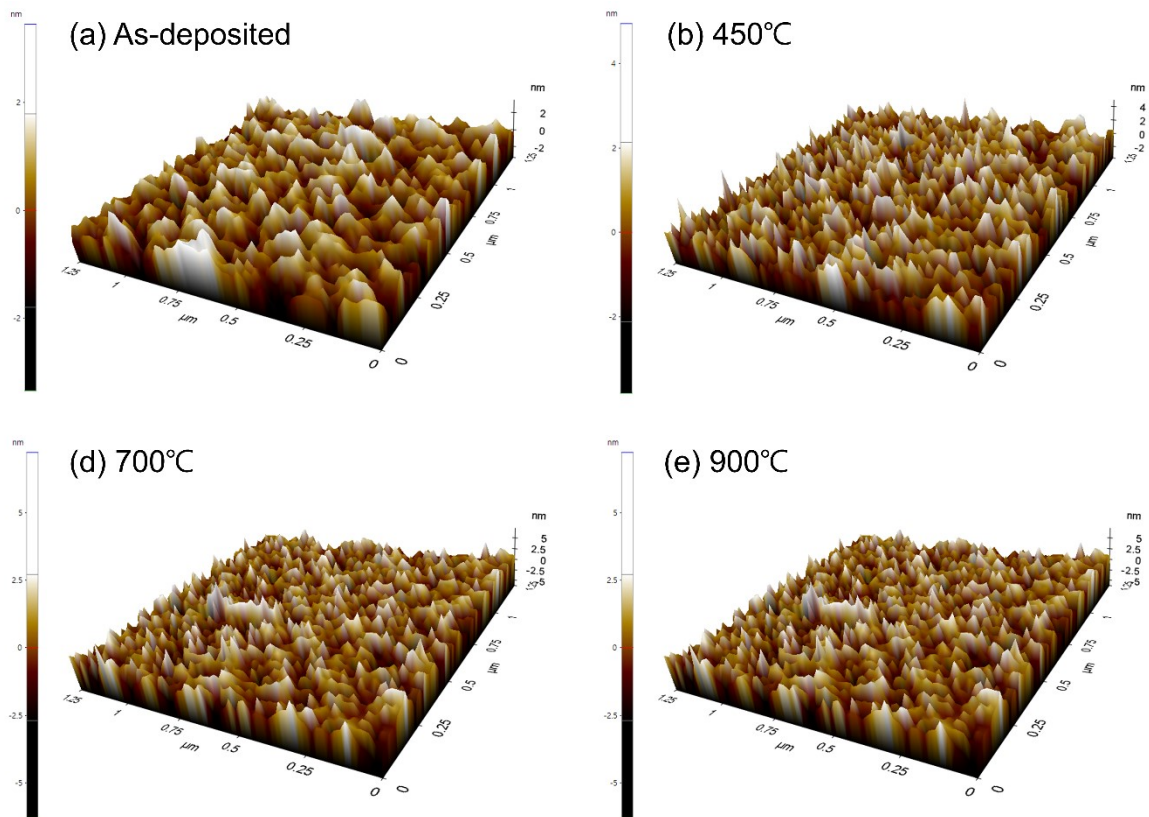
**Figure S1.** (a) Increasing thickness of HfN<sub>x</sub> film with ALD cycle deposited without precleaning step, AFM image of TiN (b) before and (c) after precleaning step. SEM image of TiN (d) before and after (e) precleaned TiN.



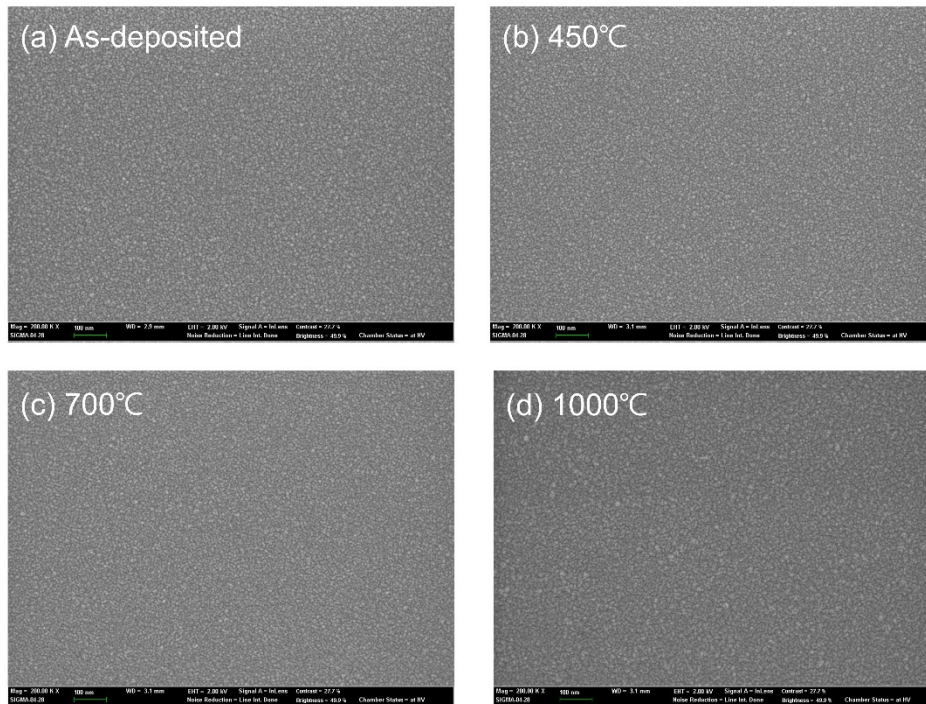
**Figure S2.** The AFM images of HfN<sub>x</sub> film, annealed under different temperatures. All films were deposited with the precleaning step.



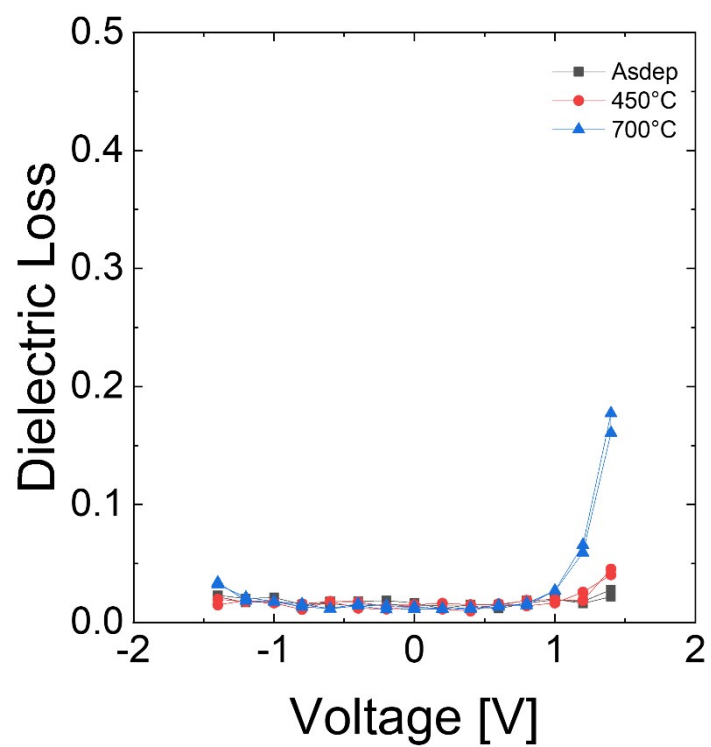
**Figure S3.** Scanning electron microscopy(SEM) image of HfN<sub>x</sub> film annealed under different temperatures. All films were deposited with the precleaning step.



**Figure S4.** The AFM images of  $\text{HfN}_x$  film, annealed under different temperatures. All films were deposited without the precleaning step.



**Figure S5.** SEM image of  $\text{HfN}_x$  film annealed under different temperatures. All films were deposited without the precleaning step.



**Figure S6.** Dielectric loss of HfN<sub>x</sub> film annealed under different temperatures.