

FIGURE 1. Data in panels (a) and (b) show that the growth rate of Fe_3C_x approaches a constant value as the pulse lengths of (a) $\text{Fe}(\text{amd})_2$ and (b) H_2 plasma increase, respectively. (c) Growth rate as a function of the purge length after the $\text{Fe}(\text{amd})_2$ pulse. (d) Growth rate as a function of the plasma RF input power. (e) Film thickness as a function of the total ALD cycles. (f) Growth rate as a function of deposition temperature.

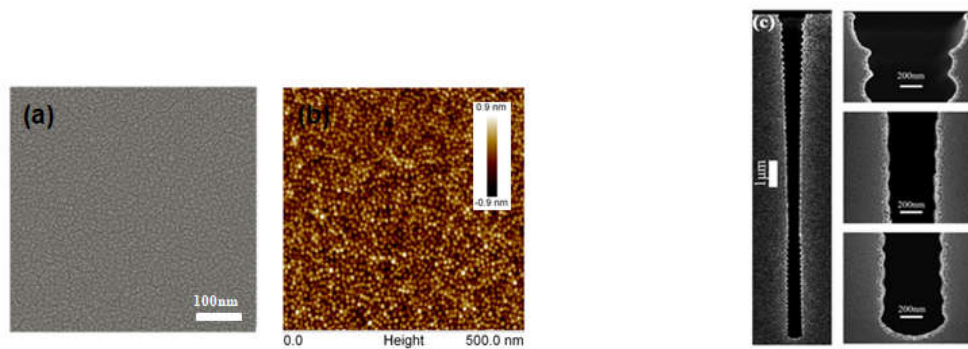


FIGURE 2. Representative (a) SEM and (b) AFM images for a ~ 12 nm Fe_3C_x film deposited at 90°C with 300 ALD. (c) Cross-sectional SEM image showing that the Fe_3C_x film was conformally deposited inside a deep narrow trench with a high aspect ratio of 20:1.

TABLE 1. XPS results-elemental composition of the ALD Fe_3C_x films deposited at 90°C using H_2 plasma pulse lengths of 10s.

Pulse length of H_2 plasma (s)	Fe (at.%)	C (at.%)	N (at.%)	O (at.%)
10	73.57	23.80	0.65	1.98

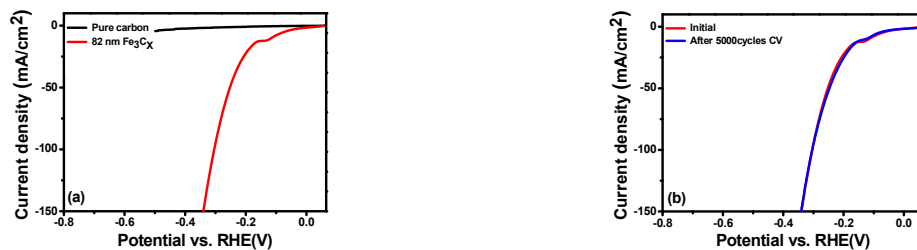


FIGURE 3. (a) LSV curves of the ALD $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}_x/\text{CC}$ and bare CC. (b) Comparison of the LSV curves of the ALD $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}_x/\text{CC}$ before and after 5000 cycles CV measurement.