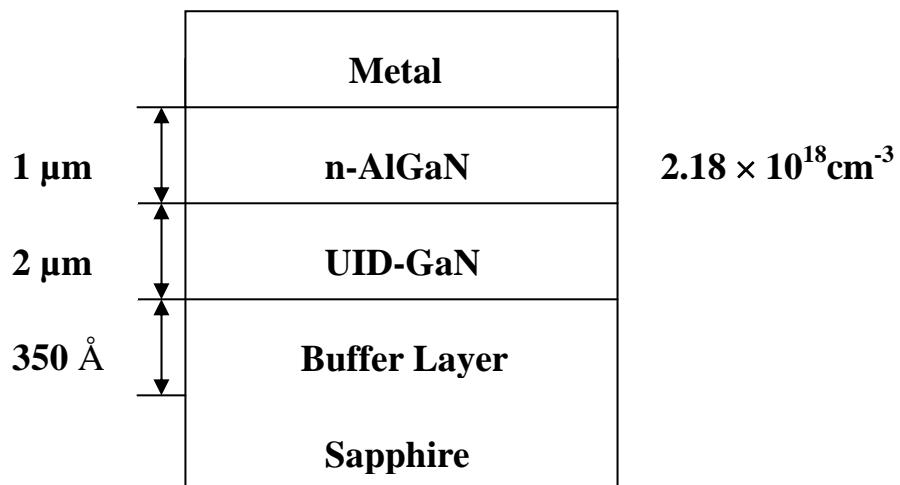
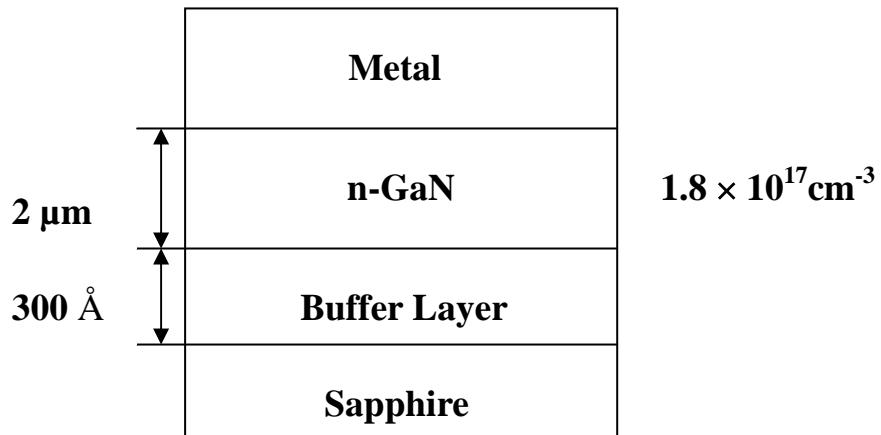


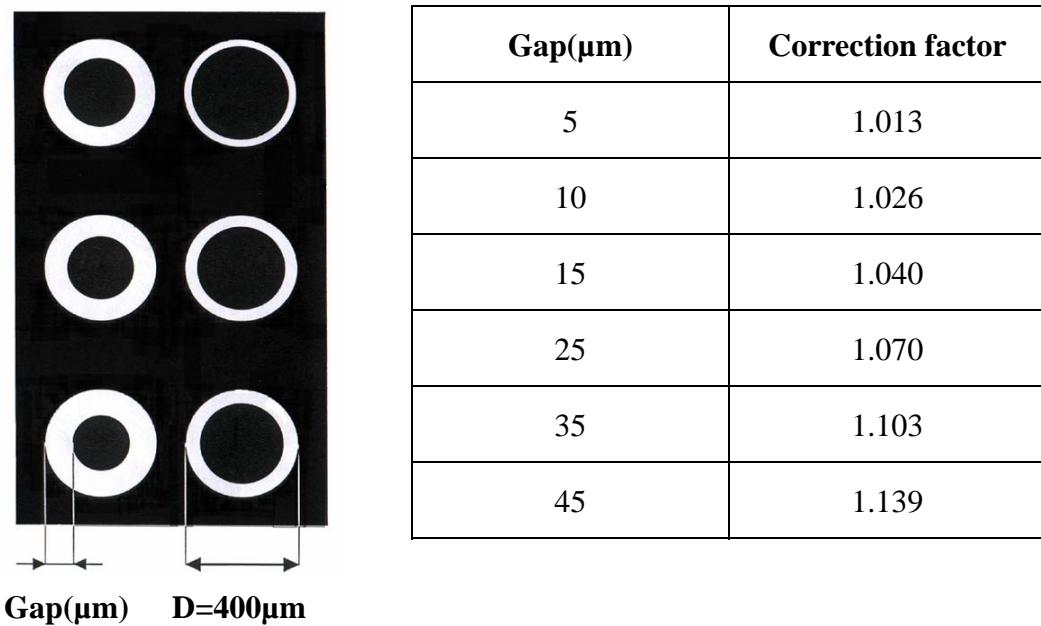
(a) Structure of metal/n-GaN contact.



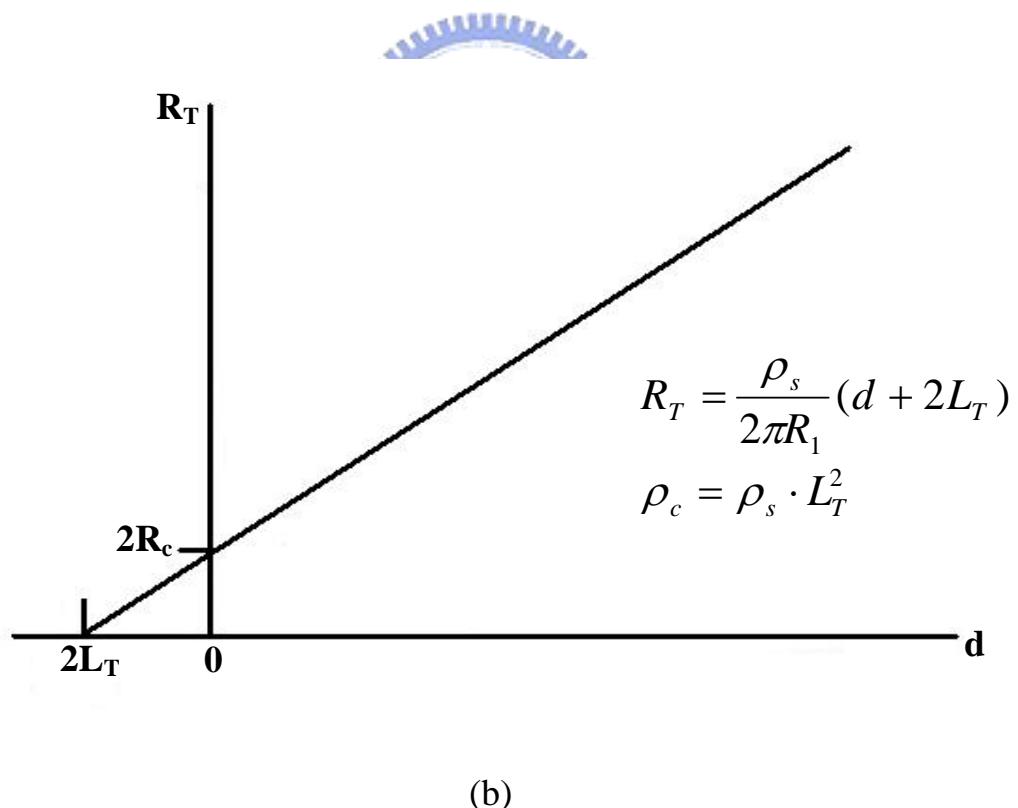
(b) Structure of metal/n-AlGaN contact.



(c) Structure of metal/n-GaN contact.



(a)



(b)

Figure 4-2. (a) CTLM pad structure and correction factor; (b) The plotting of total resistance against gap distance.

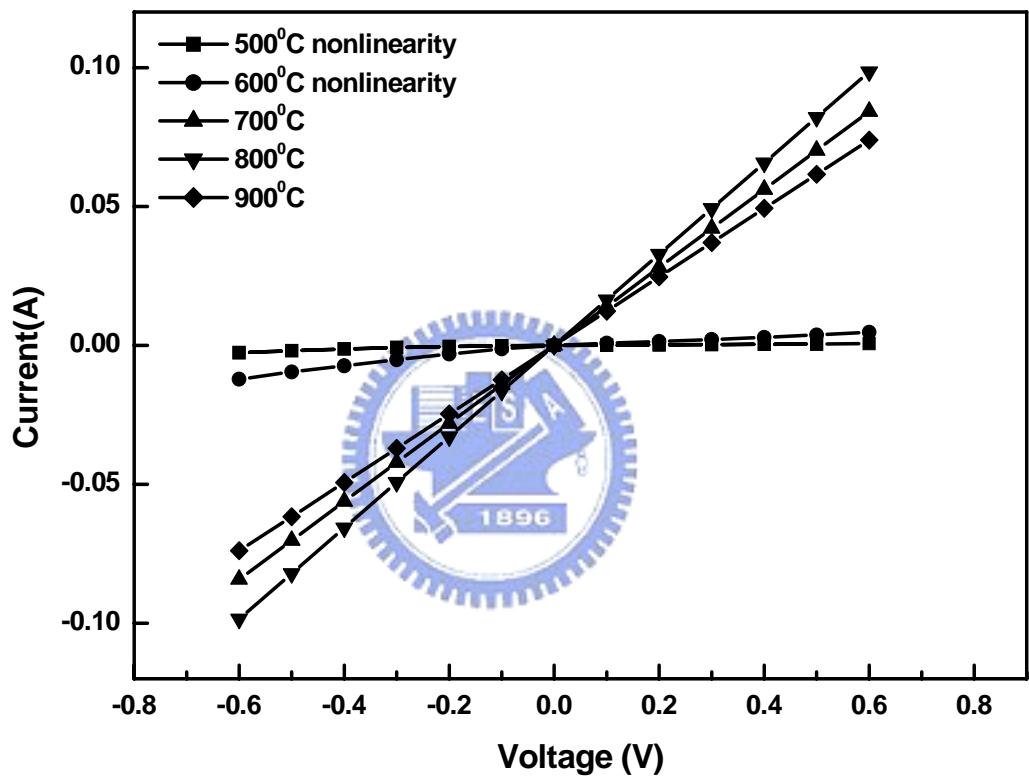


Figure 4-3. The I-V curves measured for Ti/Al/Ni/Au contact on n-GaN annealed at different conditions (Diode gap 10  $\mu\text{m}$ ).

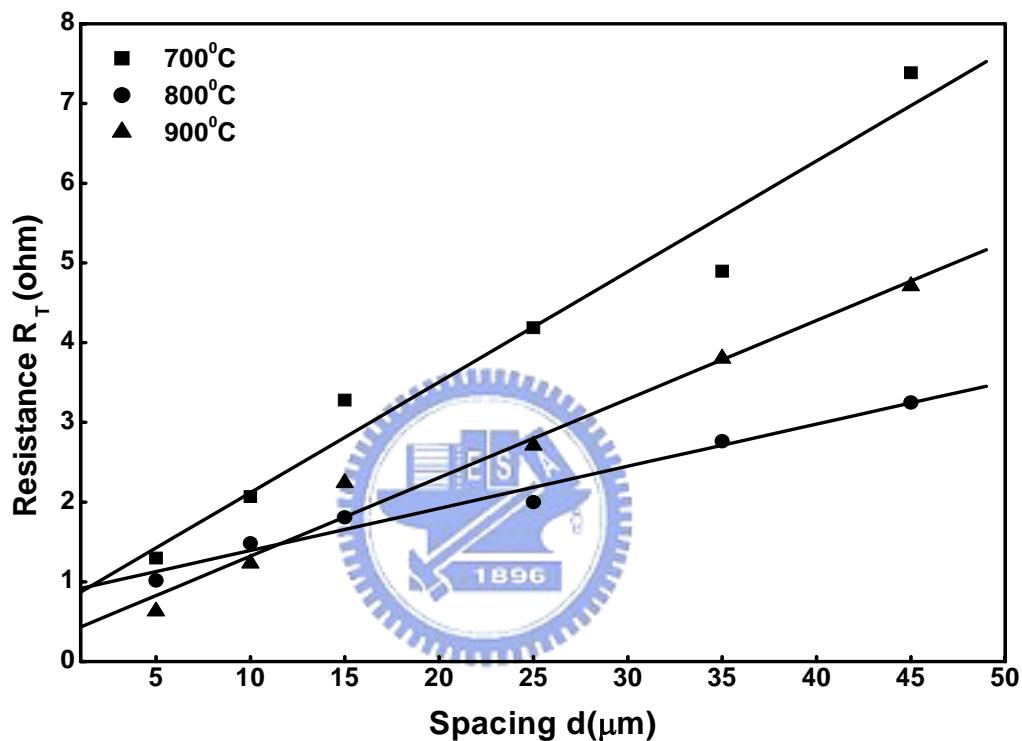


Figure 4-4. Total resistance ( $R_T$ ) v.s. gap spacing at different annealing temperatures for Ti/Al/Ni/Au contact on n-GaN.

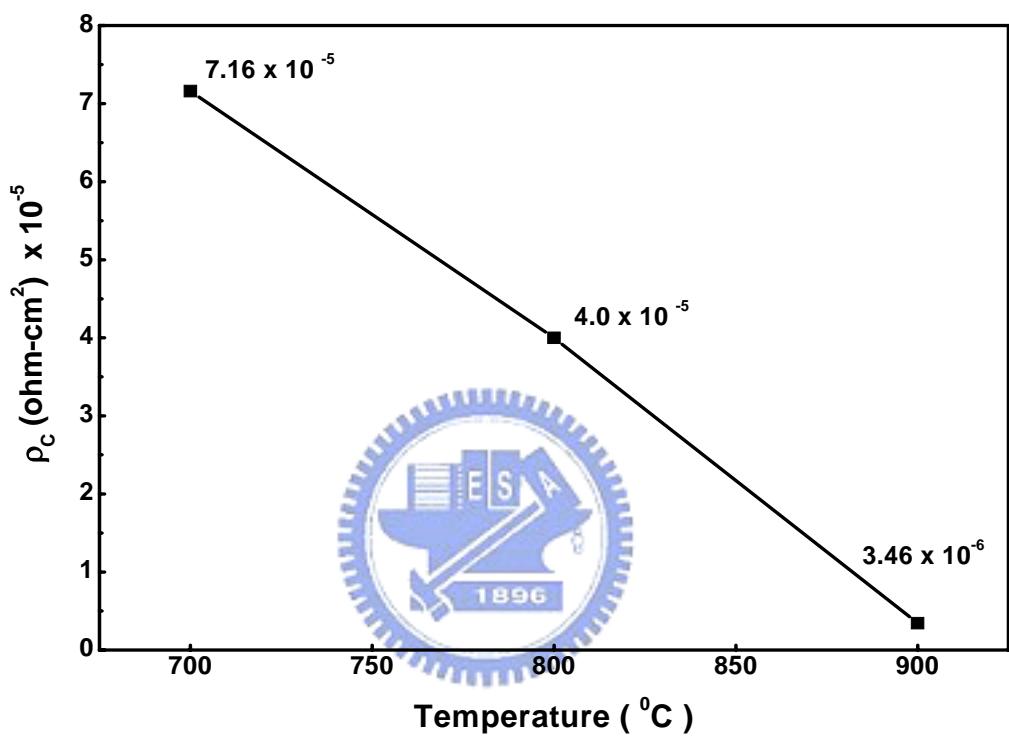


Figure 4-5. Specific contact resistivity as a function of annealing temperature for Ti/Al/Ni/Au contact on n-GaN.

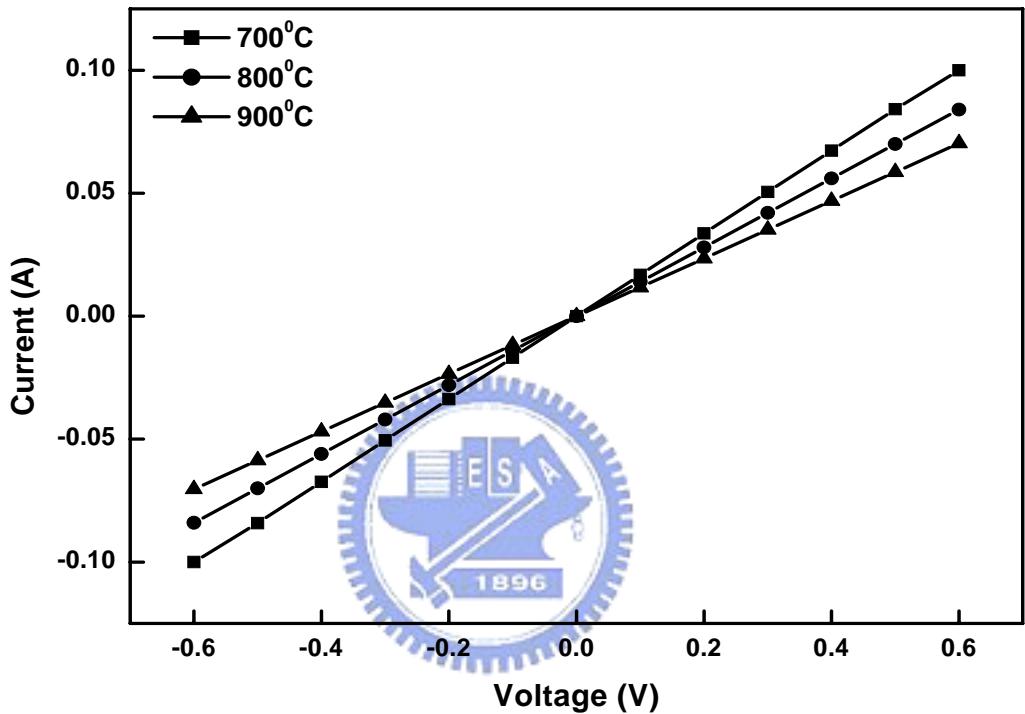


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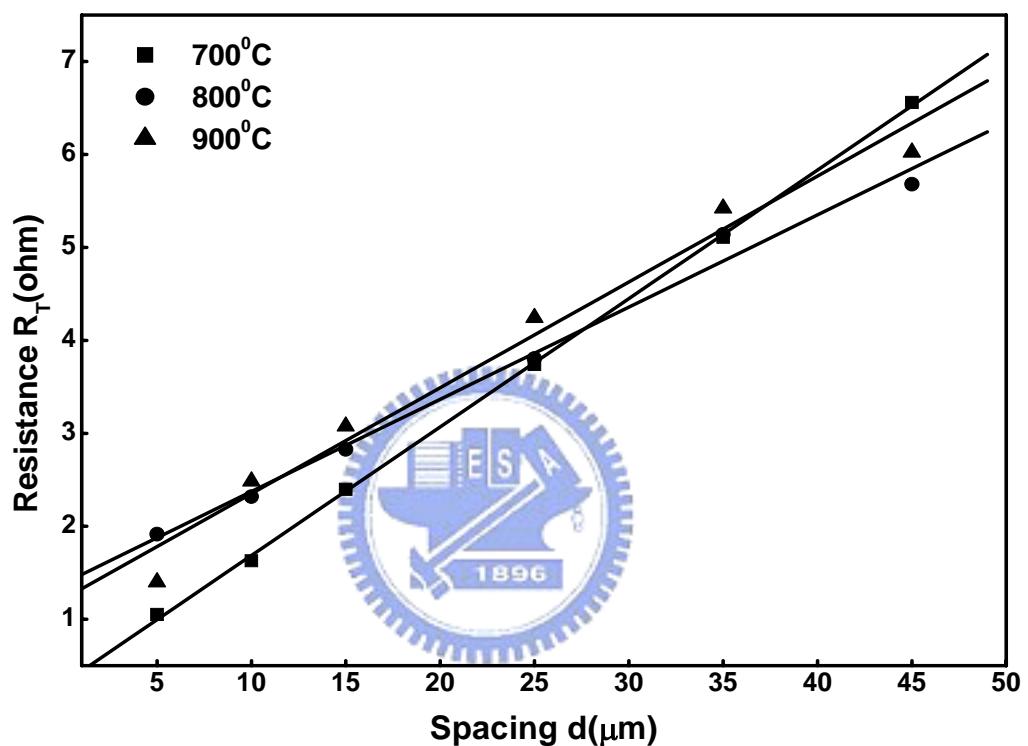


Figure 4-7. Total resistance *v.s.* gap spacing at different annealing temperatures for Ti/Al/Ni/Au contact on n-AlGaN.

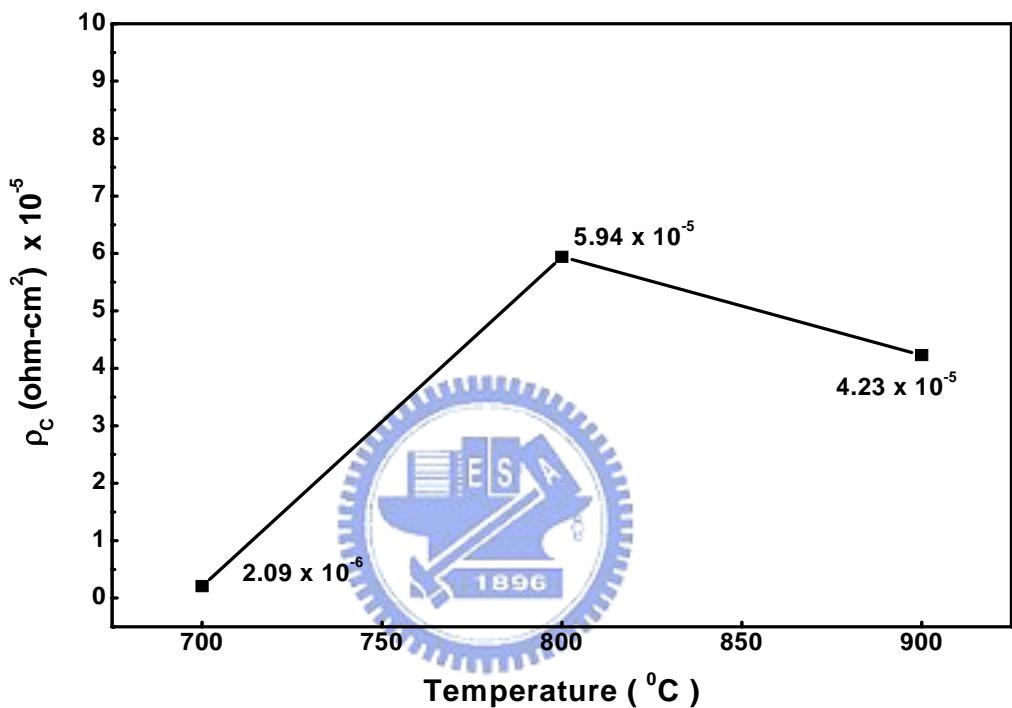


Figure 4-8. Specific contact resistivity as a function of annealing temperature for Ti/Al/Ni/Au contact on n-AlGaN.

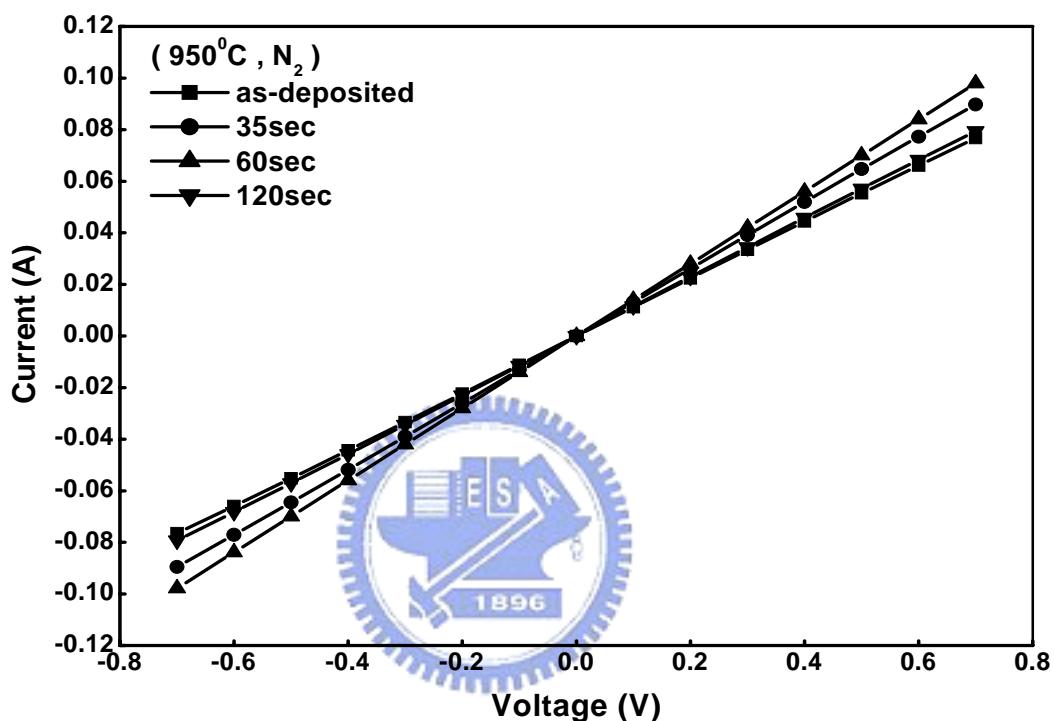


Figure 4-9. The I-V curves measured for Ti/Al/Pt/Au contact on n-AlGaN annealed at different conditions (Diode gap 10  $\mu\text{m}$ ).

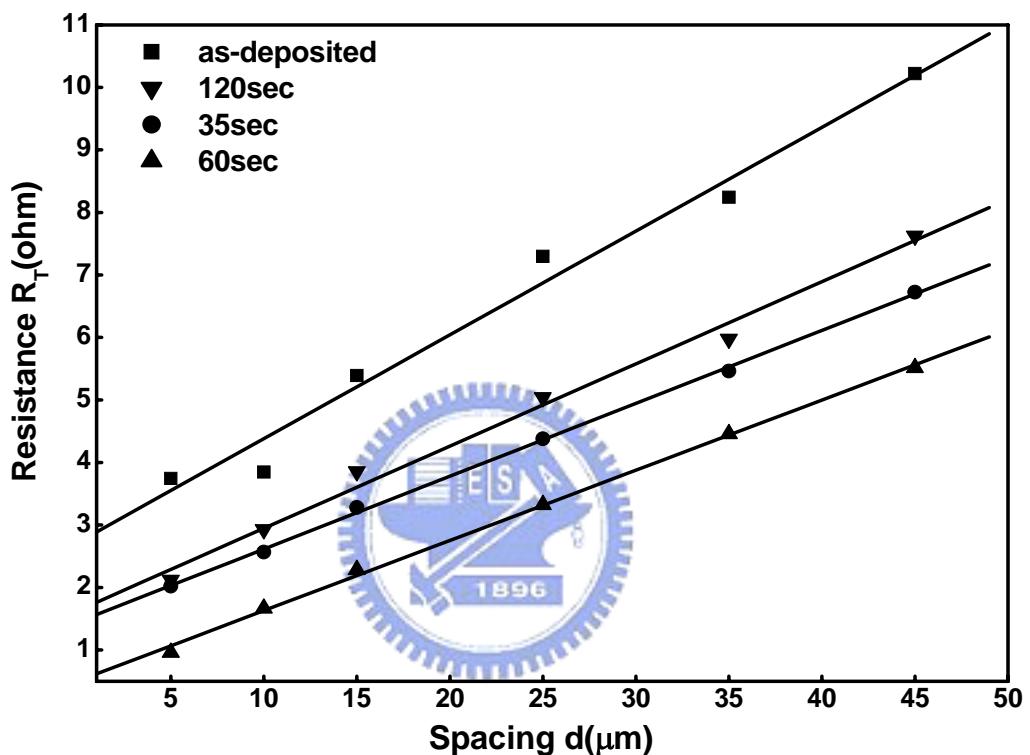


Figure 4-10. Total resistance *v.s.* gap spacing at different annealing times for Ti/Al/Pt/Au contact on n-AlGaN

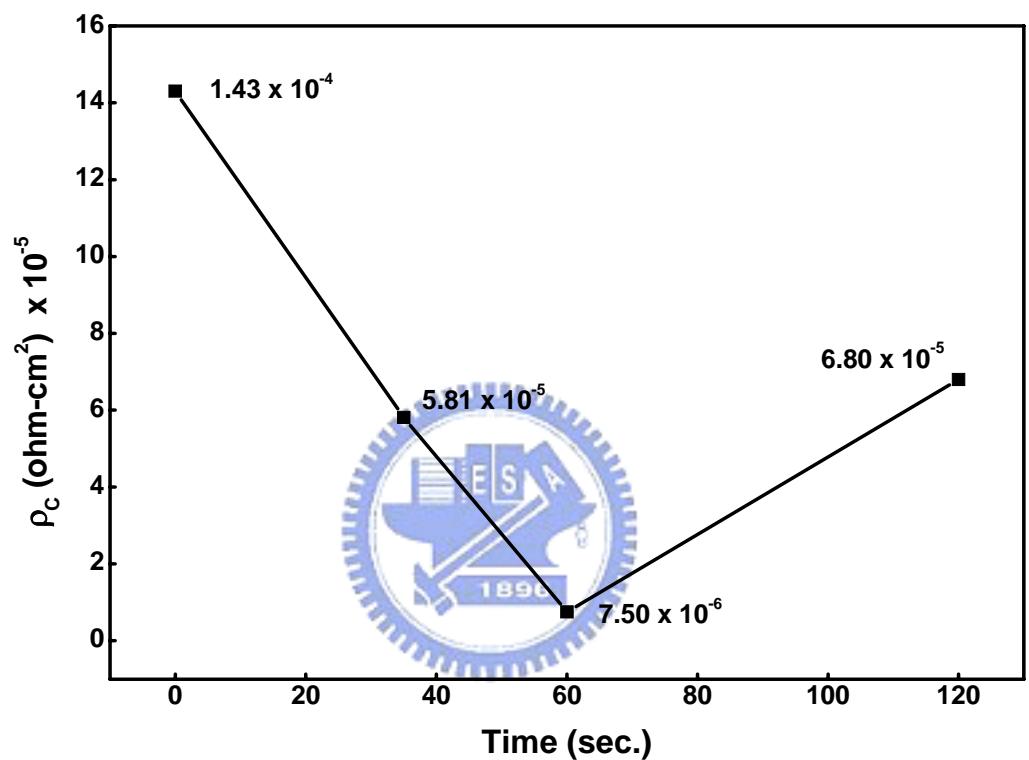


Figure 4-11. Specific contact resistivity as a function of annealing time for Ti/Al/Pt/Au contact on n-AlGaN.

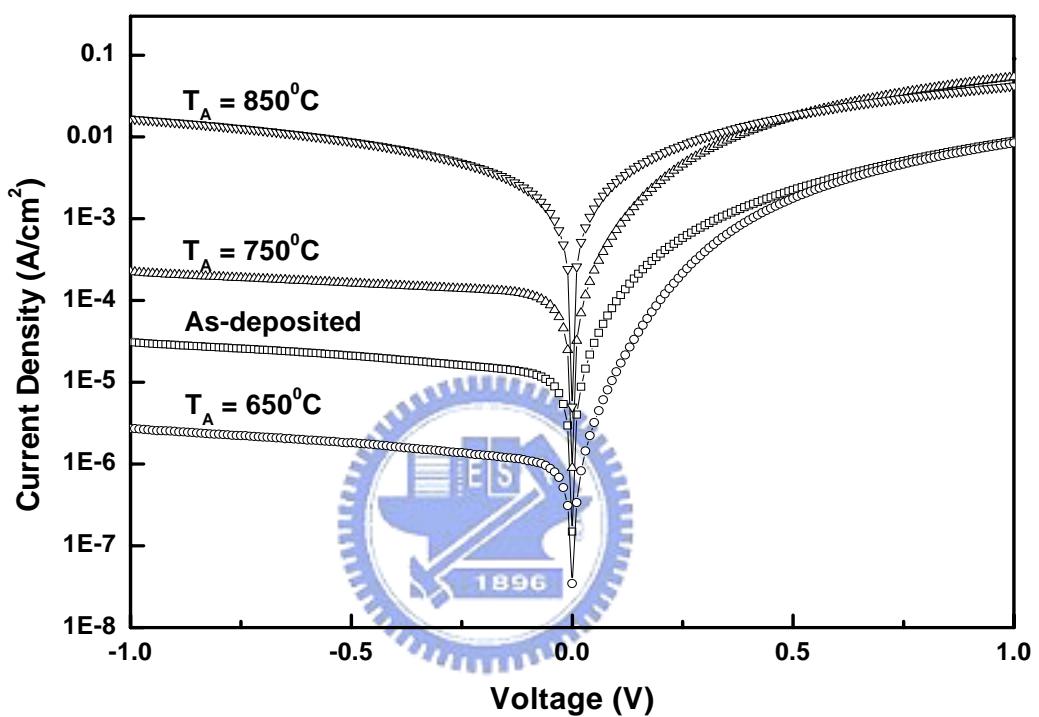


Figure 4-12. Current v.s. applied voltage for  $\text{TiWN}_x/\text{n-GaN}$ ; (b)  $\text{WN}_x/\text{n-GaN}$ .

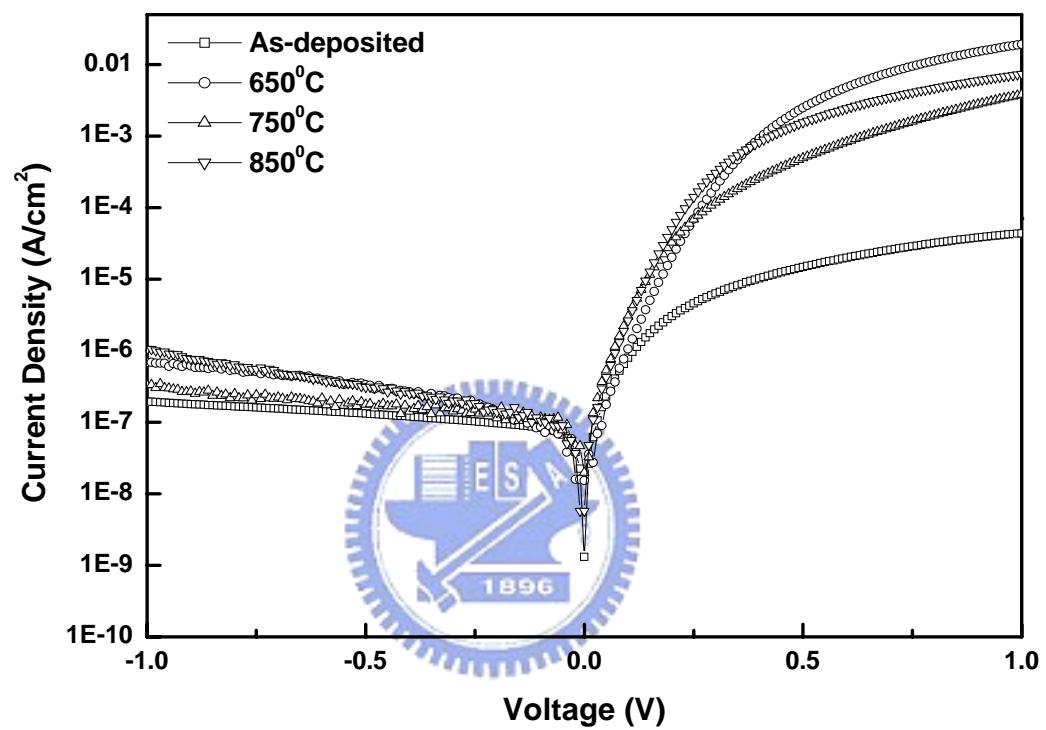


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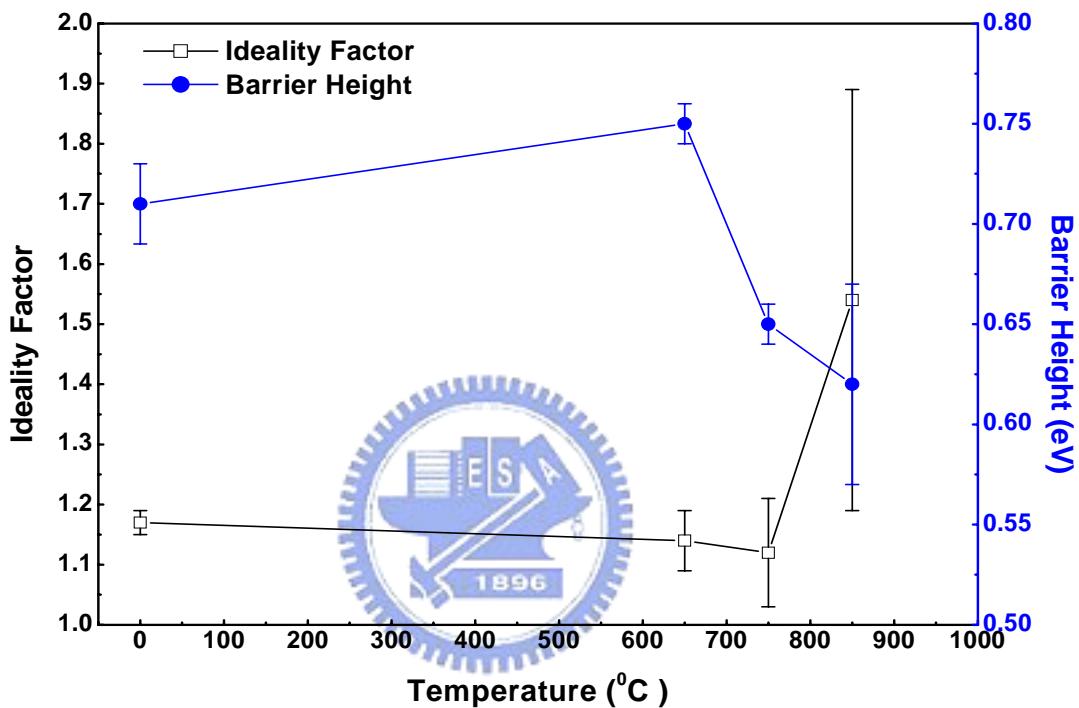


Figure 4-14. Schottky barrier height and ideality factor *v.s.* annealing temperature for  $\text{TiWN}_x/\text{n-GaN}$

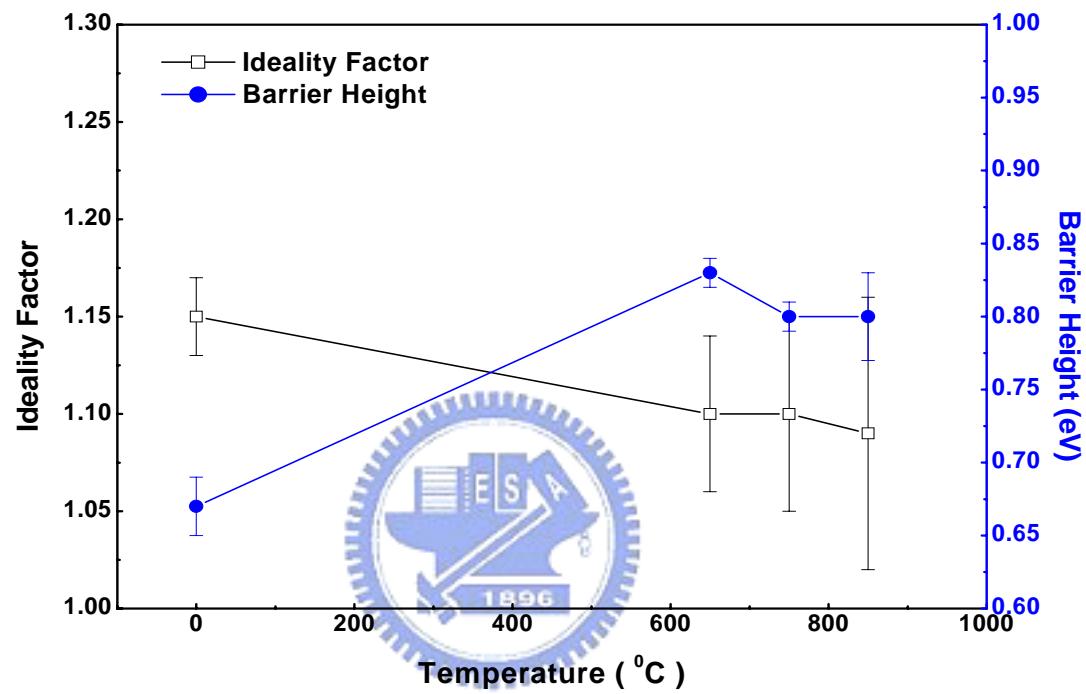


Figure 4-15. Schottky barrier height and ideality factor *v.s.* annealing temperature for  $\text{WN}_x/\text{n-GaN}$ .

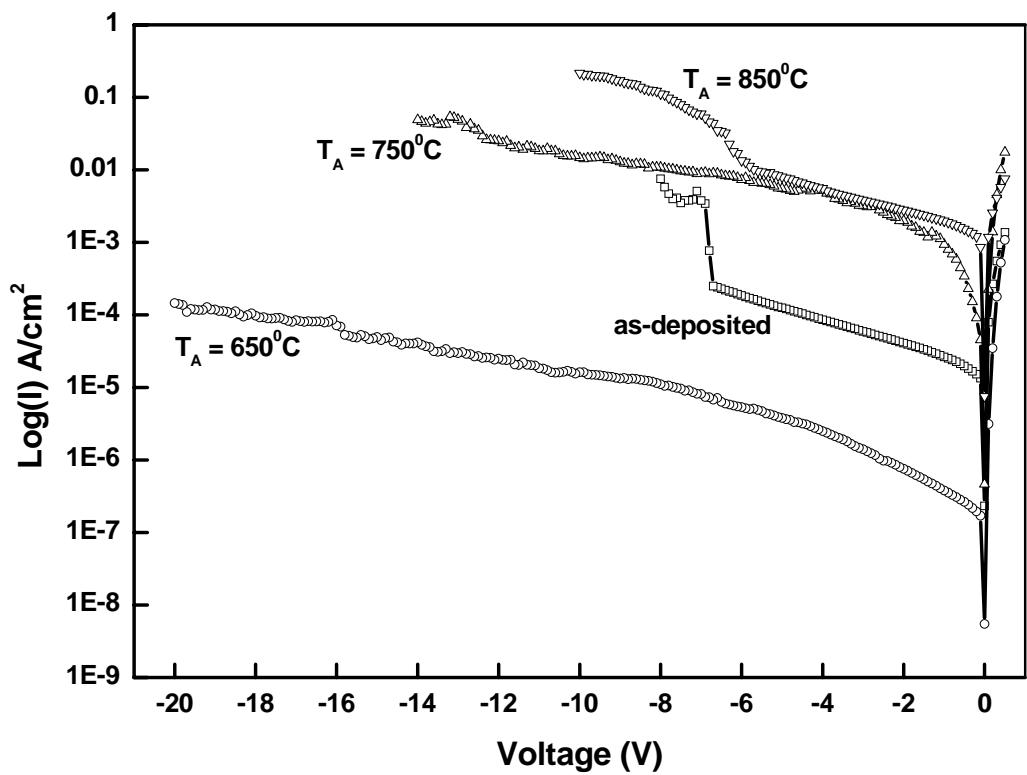


Figure 4-16. Leakage current density v.s. applied voltage of  $\text{TiWN}_x/\text{n-GaN}$ .

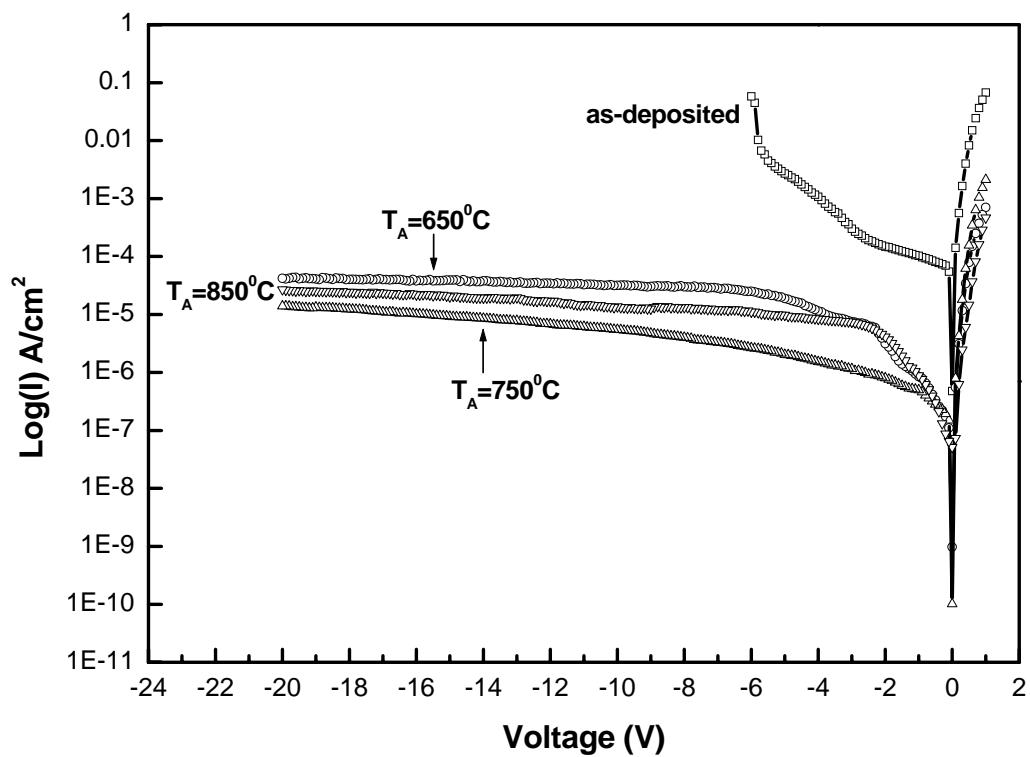


Figure 4-17. Leakage current density *v.s.* applied voltage of  $\text{WN}_x/\text{n-GaN}$ .

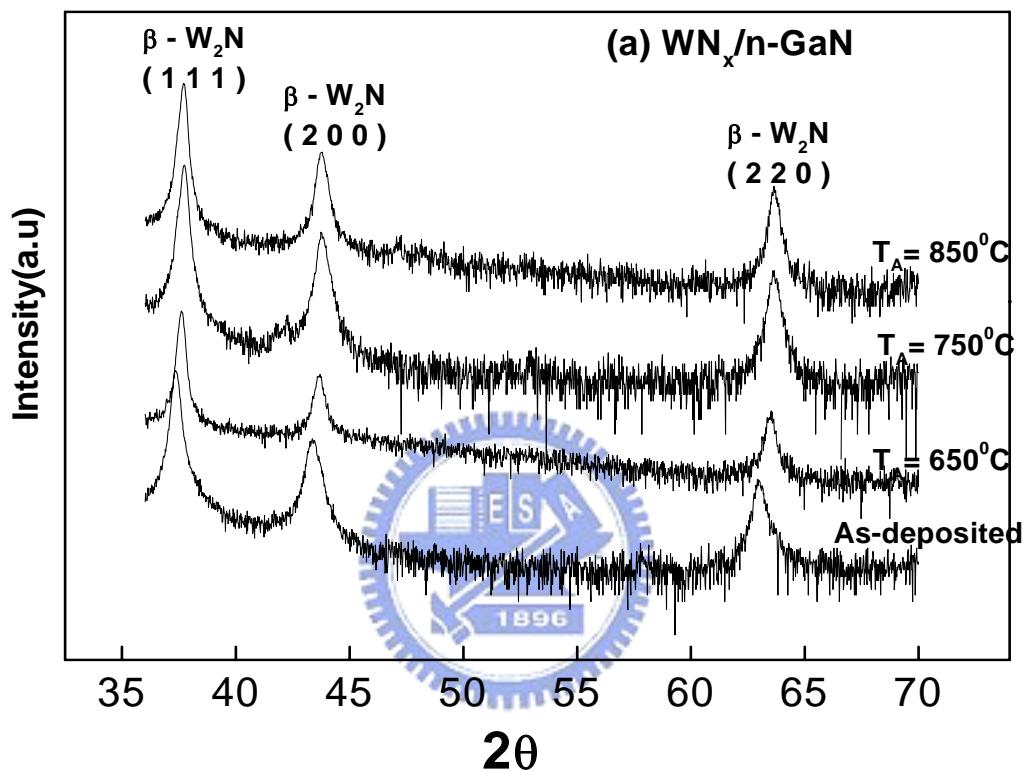


Figure 4-18. The XRD spectra of  $\text{WN}_x/\text{n-GaN}$  contacts at different annealing temperatures.

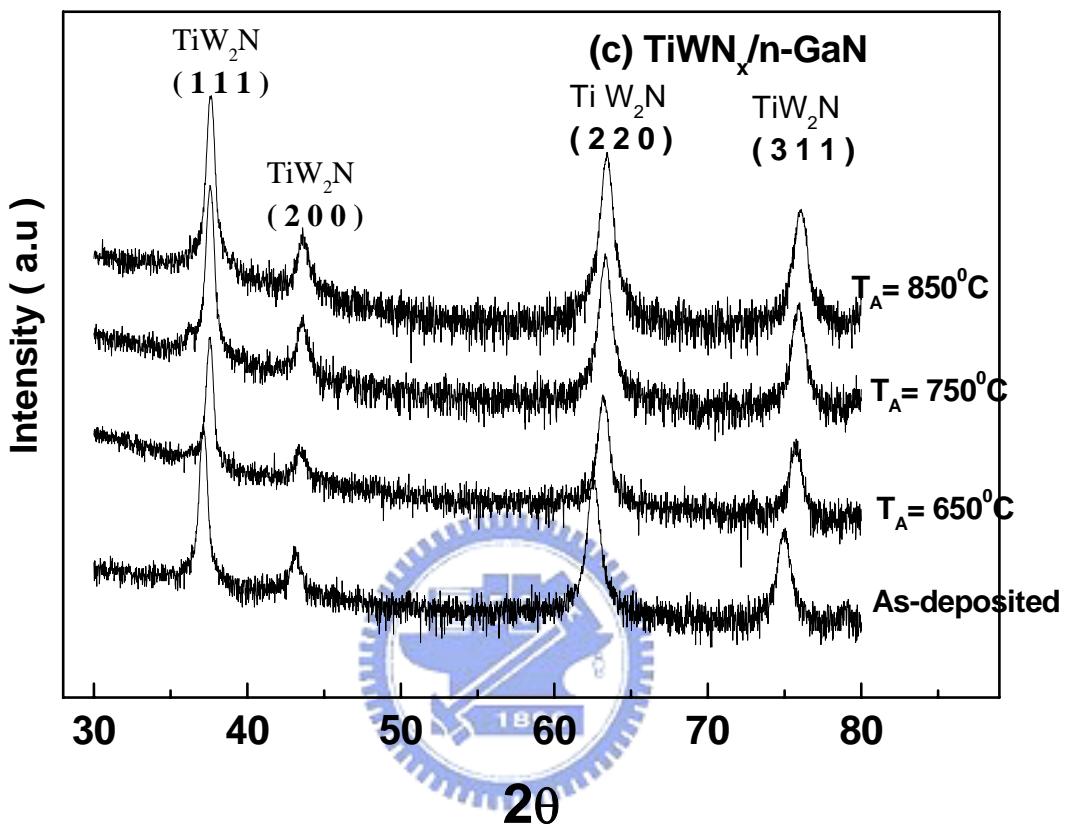


Figure 4-19. The XRD spectra of the  $\text{TiWN}_x/\text{n-GaN}$  contacts after different annealing temperatures.

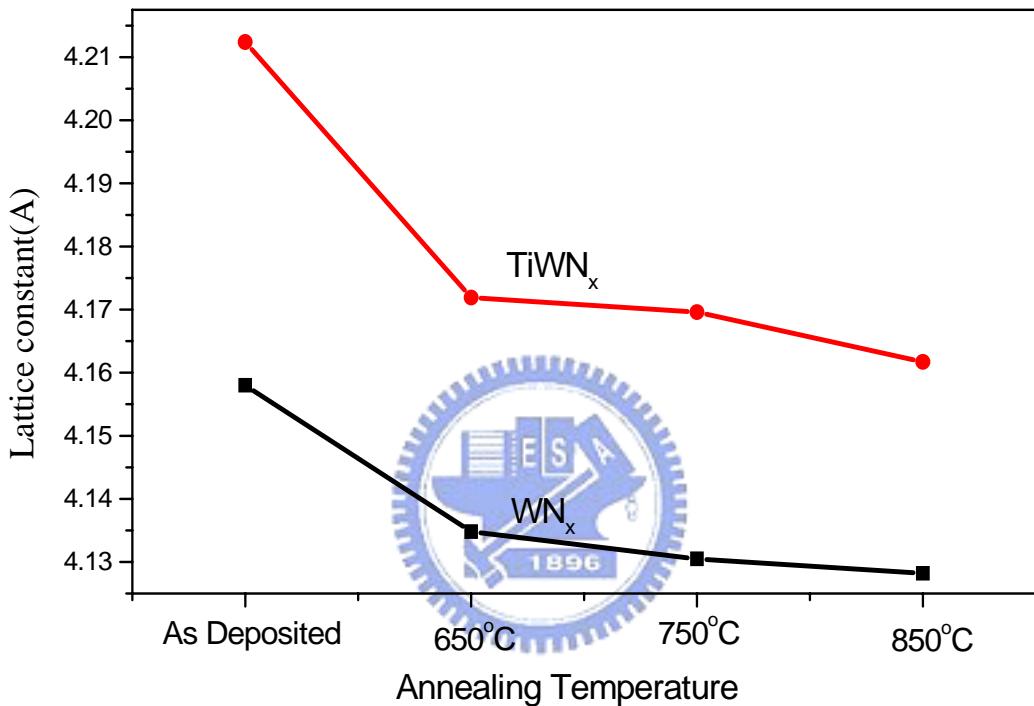


Figure 4-20. Lattice constant of WN<sub>x</sub> and TiWN<sub>x</sub> before and after annealing.

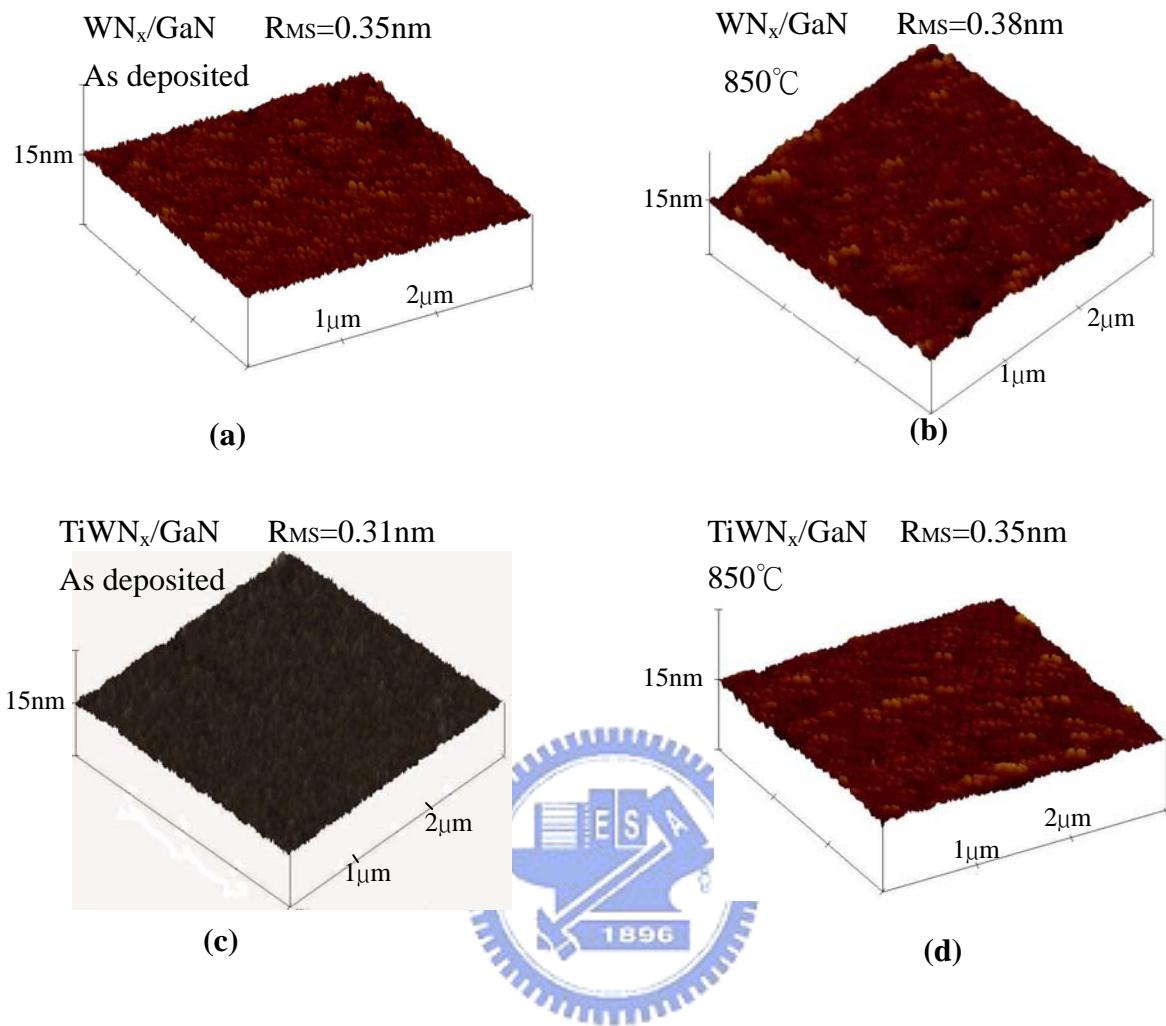


Figure 4-21. Surface morphology analysis by AFM for (a) As-deposited  $\text{WN}_x$  film. (b)  $\text{WN}_x$  film after annealing at  $850^\circ\text{C}$ . (c) As-deposited  $\text{TiWN}_x$  film. (c)  $\text{TiWN}_x$  film after annealing at  $850^\circ\text{C}$ .

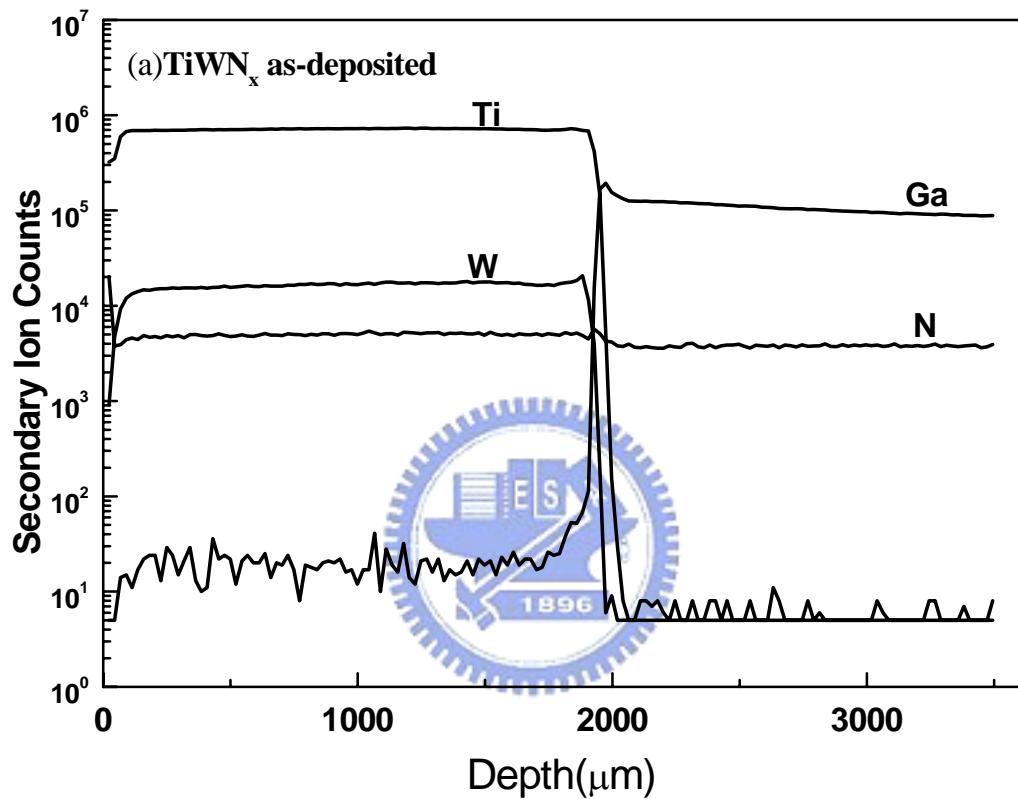
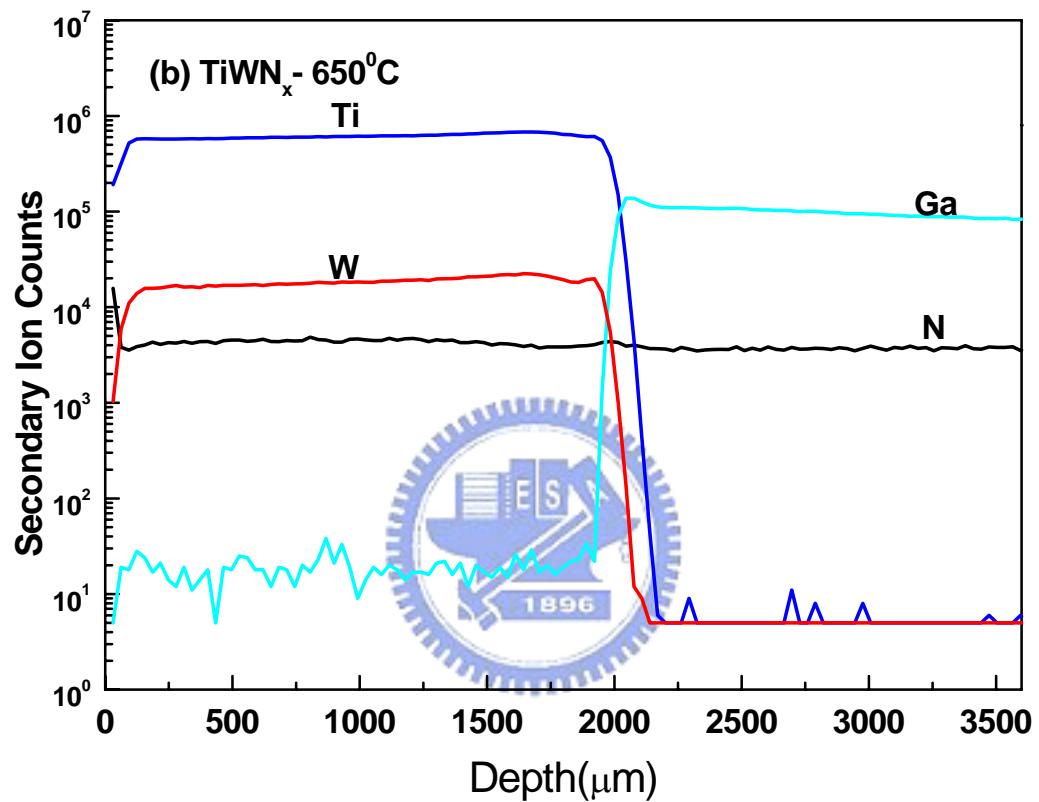
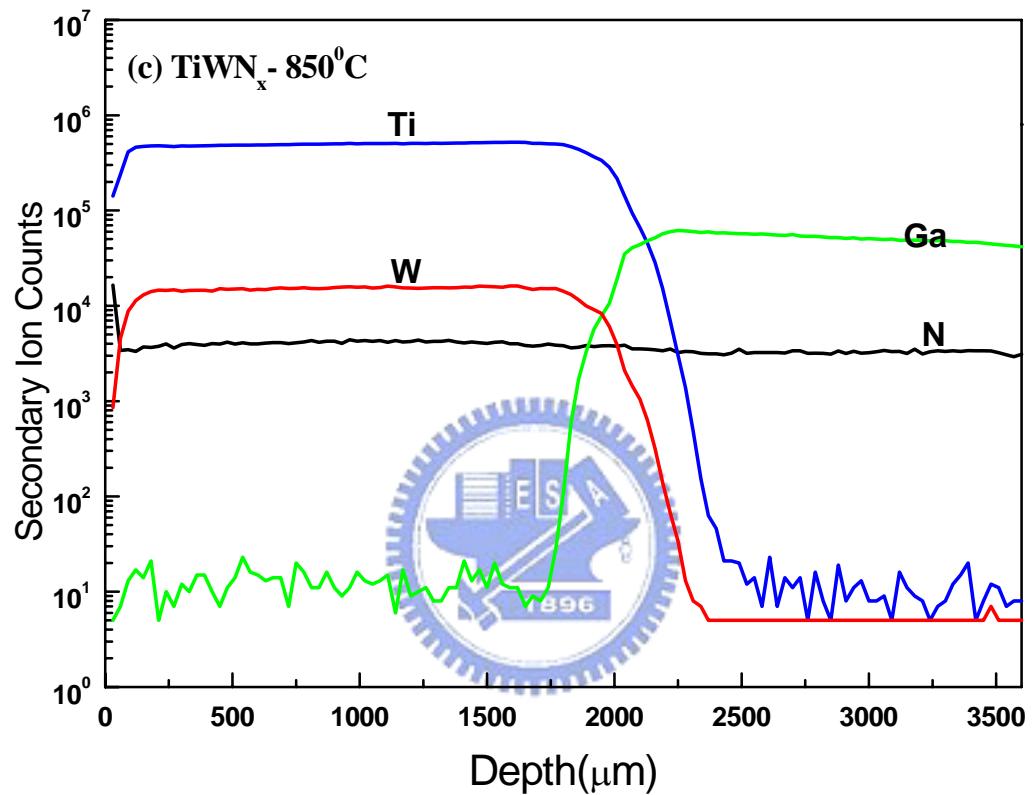


Figure 4-22. SIMS depth profiles of the  $\text{TiWN}_x/\text{n-GaN}$  contacts after thermal treatments (a)As-deposited; (b)After  $650^\circ\text{C}$  annealing; and (c) After  $850^\circ\text{C}$  annealing.





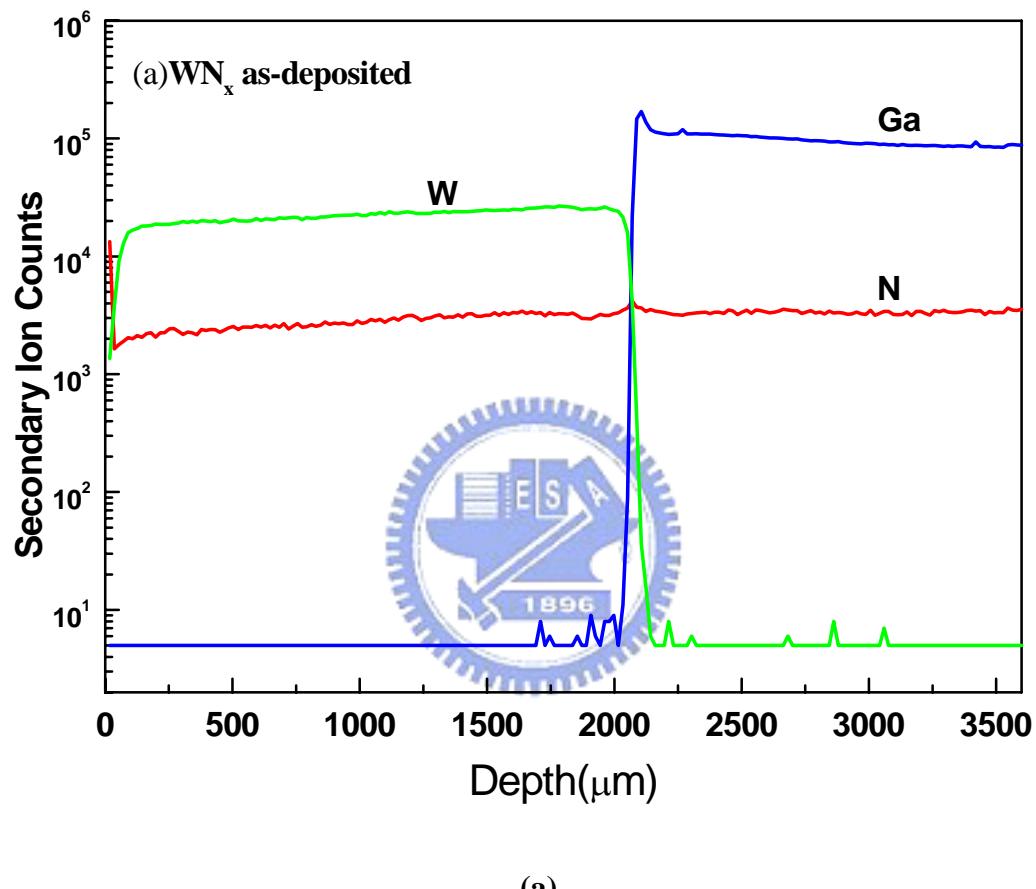
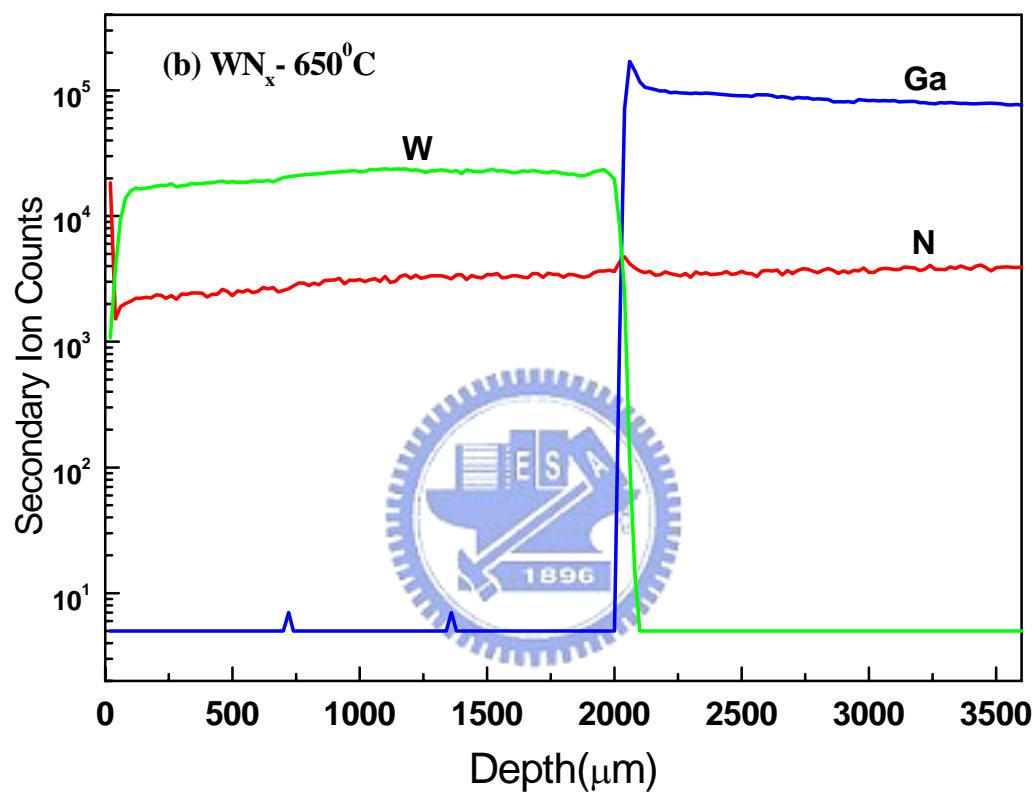
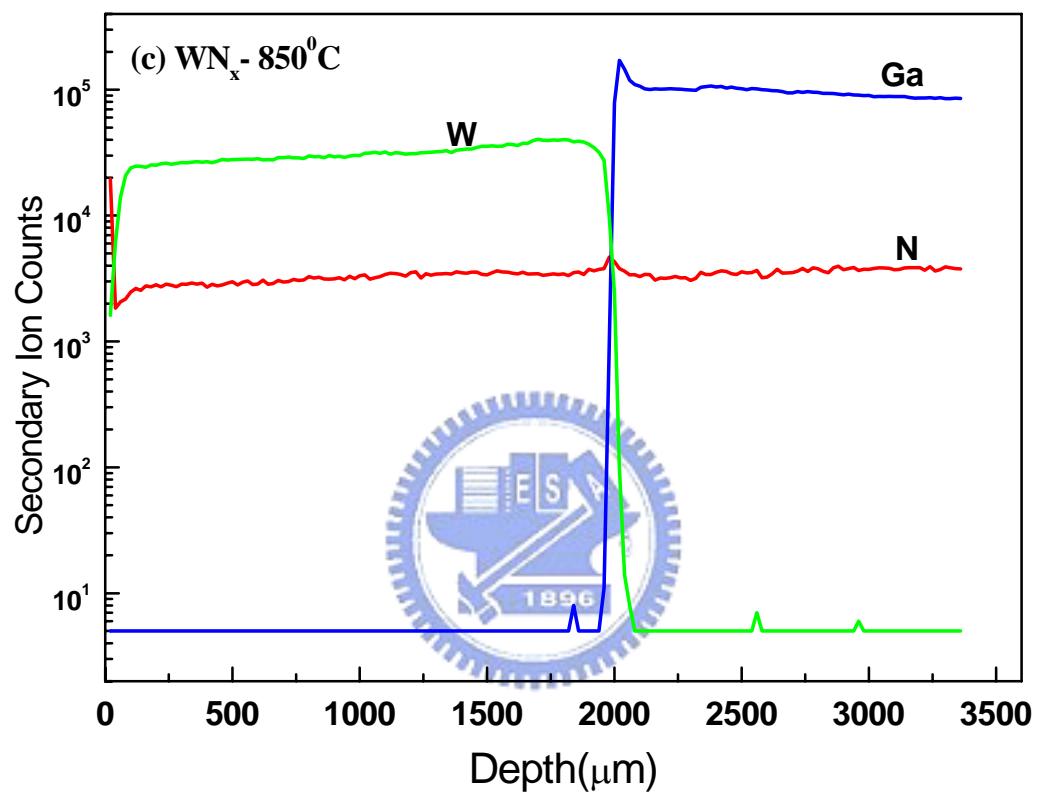


Figure 4-23. SIMS depth profiles of the  $\text{WN}_x/\text{n-GaN}$  contacts after thermal treatments

(a) As-deposited ; (b) After  $650^\circ\text{C}$  annealing; (c) After  $850^\circ\text{C}$  annealing.



(b)



(c)