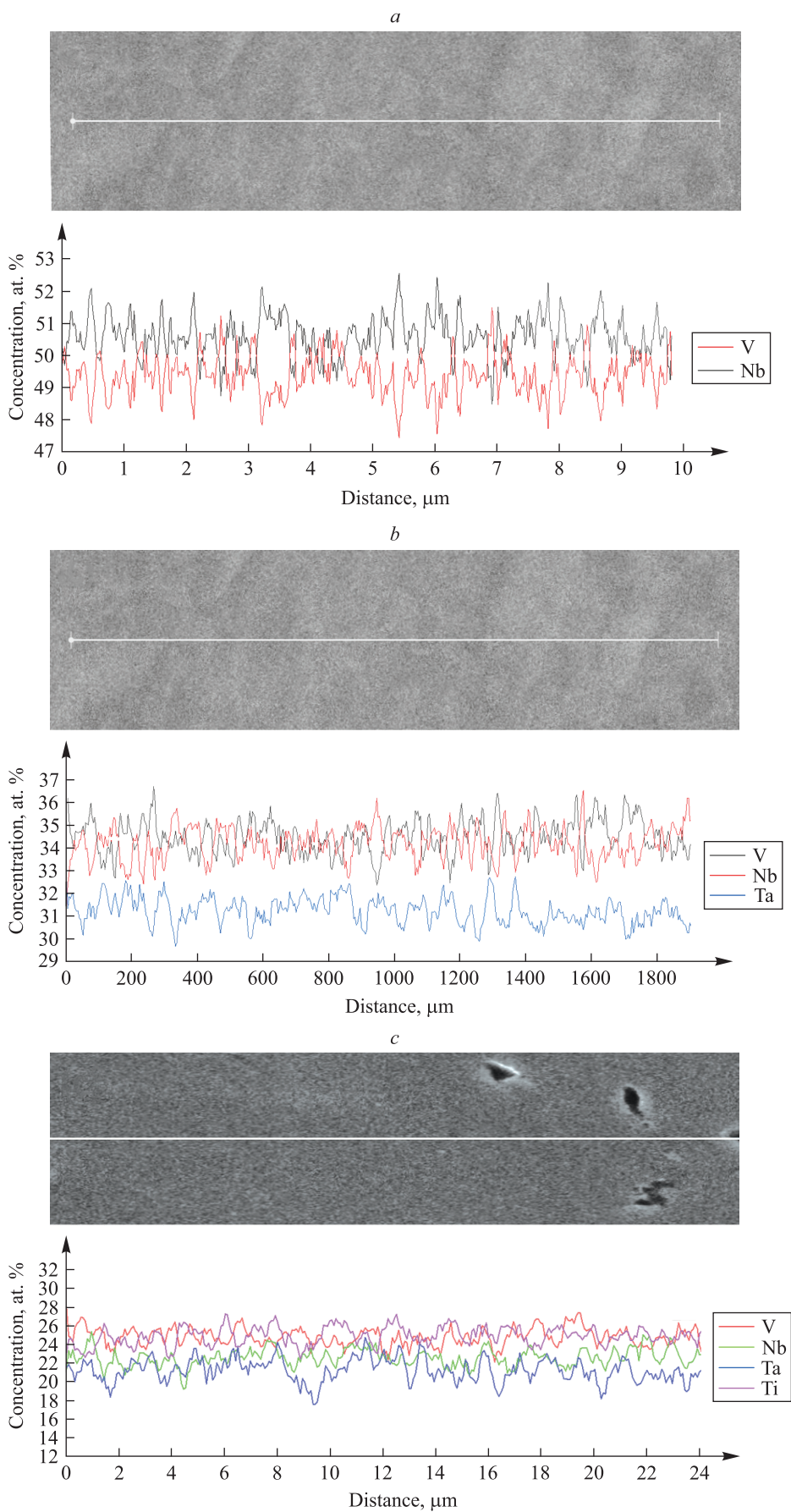




*Fig. 3.* Distribution profiles of elements in the initial samples VNb (*a*), VNbTa (*b*), VNbTaTi (*c*)