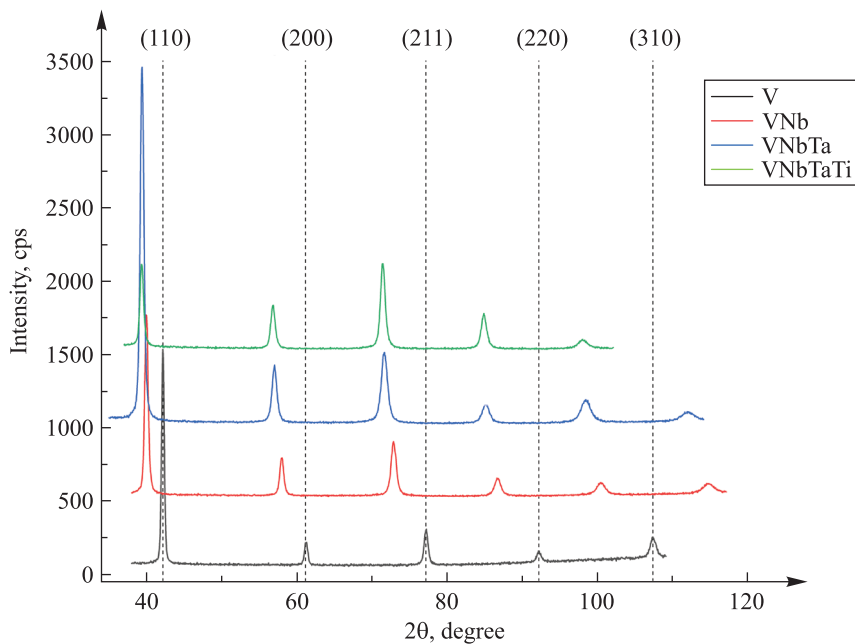




*Fig. 4.* X-ray diffraction pattern of the initial samples of the V – Nb – Ta – Ti system