

Figure 1: (a) Wide angle x-ray diffraction scan of ~200nm thick NiO thin film grown by pulsed laser deposition on Sn-doped  $Ga_2O_3(100)$  substrate, showing a polycrystalline layer with a preferential (100) orientation. (b) Room temperature I-V characteristics of NiO/ $\beta$ - $Ga_2O_3$  p-n diode on a 100  $\mu$ m pad before(red) and after (black) NiO mesa isolation. The mesa etch is effective at reducing current spreading leading to improved leakage current. Inset shows a schematic of the device structure.

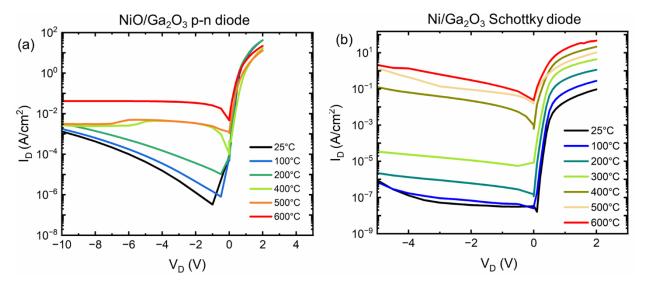


Figure 2: High temperature rectification characteristics of (a) NiO/ $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> p-n diode and (b) Ni/ $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Schottky diode. The reverse leakage current of the p-n diode increases approximately 2 orders of magnitude from 300 °C to 600 °C, compared to about 5 orders of magnitude for the Schottky diode over the same temperature range.