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Abstract:High frequency pN heterojunction diodes with cutoff frequencies over 1 THz have been fabricated using narrow bandgap high-mobility semiconductors. The pN heterojunction is composed of a 30 nm thick p -type In_{0.27} Ga_{0.73} Sb alloy and a 130 nm thick In_{0.69} Al_{0.31} As_{0.41} Sb_{0.59} n -layer. A high-mobility n -type InAs_{0.66} Sb_{0.34} contact layer is used to connect the mesa diode to a metal Ohmic contact. These alloys have a lattice constant $a_0 = 6.2 \text{ \AA}$; and are grown on semi-insulating GaAs, $a_0 = 5.65 \text{ \AA}$; using a buffer consisting of 1 μm of In_{0.21} Ga_{0.19} Al_{0.6} Sb with $a_0 = 6.2 \text{ \AA}$; and 0.5 μm of Ga_{0.35} Al_{0.65} Sb with $a_0 = 6.12 \text{ \AA}$;