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ABSTRACT: κ -In₂Se₃, a rarely reported phase of indium selenide, is synthesized here using a hot-injection method. The hexagonal nanoplates show photoresponses at positive bias, thus is considered as a potential material for photoanode utilization. In order to further improve the photoelectrocatalytic performance of κ -In₂Se₃, MoS₂ nanopetals are introduced by a solution-based ultrasonic method. The In₂Se₃/MoS₂ heterojunction exhibits a significantly higher photocurrent density and higher PEC O₂ evolution amount than those of pristine In₂Se₃. PL test shows that the charge separation is promoted, due to numerous p-n junctions formed at the interfaces of In₂Se₃/MoS₂. This led to more efficient utilization of photogenerated electron-hole pairs. Moreover, the charge transfer resistance is greatly reduced by the cooperative

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