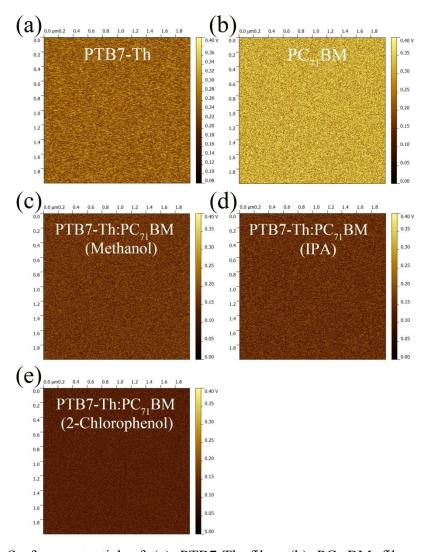
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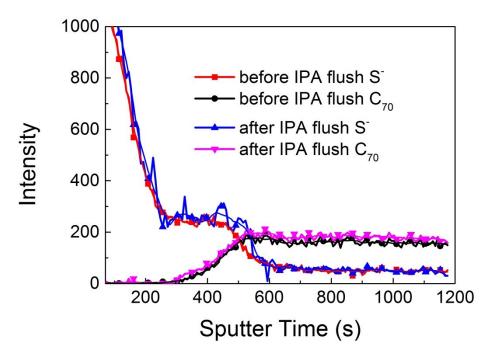
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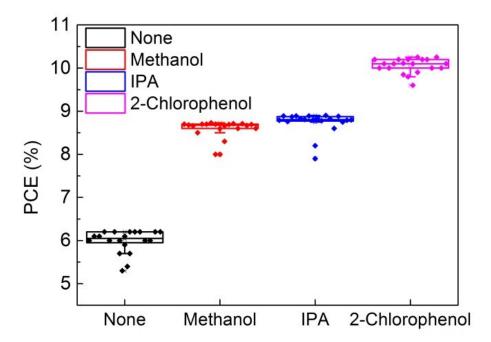
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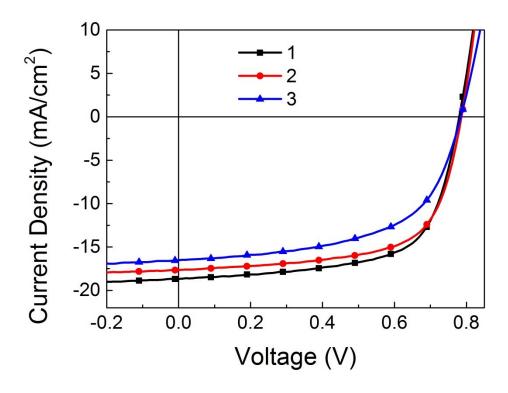
**Fig. S1.** Surface potential of (a) PTB7-Th film, (b)  $PC_{71}BM$  film, and PTB7-Th: $PC_{71}BM$  film with (c) methanol, (d) IPA and (e) 2-Chlorophenol (IPA) flush treatment.



**Fig. S2.** TOF·SIMS curve of PTB7-Th:PC<sub>71</sub>BM film before and after IPA flush treatment.



**Fig. S3.** Statistical PCE of 20 individual devices with none, methanol, IPA and 2-Chlorophenol (IPA) flush treatment.



**Fig. S4.** *J-V* curves of devices flushed with the best concentration (0.2%) of 2-Chlorophenol for different times

**Table S1.** Summary of performance parameters of devices flushed with the best concentration (0.2%) of 2-Chlorophenol for different times

Flush times	$J_{\rm sc}$ (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	$V_{\rm oc}\left({ m V} ight)$	FF (%)	PCE (%)
1	18.50	0.786	69.80	10.15
2	18.15	0.780	66.25	9.51
3	17.66	0.786	65.26	9.06