

## Supporting Information

### "Nanometer-Scale Distribution of Lubricant Modifier on Iron Films: A Frequency-Modulation Atomic Force Microscopy Study Combined with a Friction Test"

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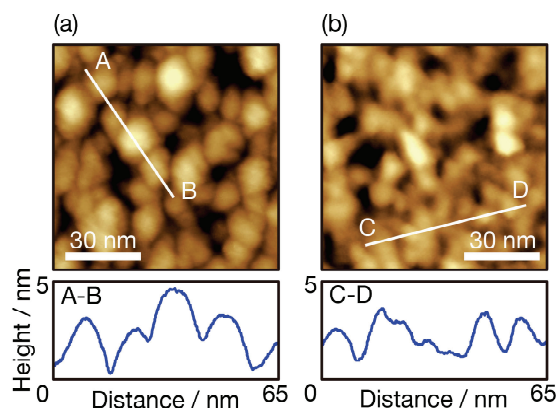
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#### 1. Iron film topography in lubricants.



**Figure S1.** The topography of iron films observed in lubricants. The concentration of C18AP was (a) 0 and (b) 200 ppm. Image size: 90 nm square. Peak-to-peak amplitude of cantilever oscillation ( $A$ ): 2.0 nm. Frequency-shift ( $\Delta f$ ) setpoint: +83 Hz. Cross sections determined along the lines are shown in the lower panels. Image (a) was observed with the cantilever that was used for determining the topographic image shown in Figure 3(a) of the main text. Image (b) was determined with another cantilever.

## 2. Friction test results.

**Table S1. Pendulum amplitudes in pure PAO.**

|        | $A_0$ | $A_1$ | $A_2$ | $A_3$ | $A_4$ | $A_5$ | $A_6$ | $A_7$ | $A_8$ | $A_9$ | $A_{10}$ | $A_{11}$ | $n$ |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------|-----|
| run 1  | 0.500 | 0.460 | 0.425 | 0.390 | 0.355 | 0.320 | 0.285 | 0.250 | 0.220 | 0.185 | 0.150    | 0.115    | 11  |
| run 2  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.425 | 0.390 | 0.355 | 0.315 | 0.280 | 0.240 | 0.205 | 0.170 | 0.130    |          | 10  |
| run 3  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.430 | 0.390 | 0.350 | 0.310 | 0.270 | 0.225 | 0.180 | 0.135 |          |          | 9   |
| run 4  | 0.500 | 0.460 | 0.420 | 0.380 | 0.340 | 0.300 | 0.255 | 0.205 | 0.155 |       |          |          | 8   |
| run 5  | 0.500 | 0.455 | 0.415 | 0.370 | 0.325 | 0.270 | 0.215 | 0.150 |       |       |          |          | 7   |
| run 6  | 0.500 | 0.450 | 0.400 | 0.340 | 0.280 | 0.210 | 0.130 |       |       |       |          |          | 6   |
| run 7  | 0.500 | 0.440 | 0.380 | 0.310 | 0.230 | 0.140 |       |       |       |       |          |          | 5   |
| run 8  | 0.500 | 0.430 | 0.360 | 0.280 | 0.190 |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 4   |
| run 9  | 0.500 | 0.425 | 0.345 | 0.255 | 0.160 |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 4   |
| run 10 | 0.500 | 0.415 | 0.330 | 0.235 | 0.130 |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 4   |
| run 11 | 0.500 | 0.410 | 0.315 | 0.215 | 0.105 |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 4   |
| run 12 | 0.500 | 0.405 | 0.305 | 0.195 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 3   |
| run 13 | 0.500 | 0.395 | 0.290 | 0.180 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 3   |
| run 14 | 0.500 | 0.395 | 0.285 | 0.165 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 3   |
| run 15 | 0.500 | 0.390 | 0.275 | 0.155 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 3   |
| run 16 | 0.500 | 0.385 | 0.270 | 0.150 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 3   |
| run 17 | 0.500 | 0.385 | 0.265 | 0.140 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 3   |
| run 18 | 0.500 | 0.380 | 0.260 | 0.135 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 3   |
| run 19 | 0.500 | 0.380 | 0.255 | 0.130 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 3   |
| run 20 | 0.500 | 0.375 | 0.250 | 0.120 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          |          | 3   |

**Table S2. Pendulum amplitudes in PAO containing C18AP of 2 ppm.**

|        | $A_0$ | $A_1$ | $A_2$ | $A_3$ | $A_4$ | $A_5$ | $A_6$ | $A_7$ | $A_8$ | $A_9$ | $A_{10}$ | $n$ |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-----|
| run 1  | 0.500 | 0.455 | 0.415 | 0.380 | 0.340 | 0.300 | 0.265 | 0.225 | 0.190 | 0.150 | 0.115    | 10  |
| run 2  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.420 | 0.380 | 0.340 | 0.305 | 0.265 | 0.225 | 0.185 | 0.145 | 0.110    | 10  |
| run 3  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.420 | 0.385 | 0.345 | 0.305 | 0.265 | 0.225 | 0.180 | 0.140 |          | 9   |
| run 4  | 0.500 | 0.460 | 0.420 | 0.380 | 0.335 | 0.290 | 0.240 | 0.190 | 0.135 |       |          | 8   |
| run 5  | 0.500 | 0.455 | 0.410 | 0.255 | 0.300 | 0.235 | 0.170 | 0.100 |       |       |          | 7   |
| run 6  | 0.500 | 0.450 | 0.390 | 0.330 | 0.260 | 0.185 | 0.110 |       |       |       |          | 6   |
| run 7  | 0.500 | 0.440 | 0.375 | 0.305 | 0.225 | 0.145 |       |       |       |       |          | 5   |
| run 8  | 0.500 | 0.435 | 0.365 | 0.285 | 0.205 | 0.120 |       |       |       |       |          | 5   |
| run 9  | 0.500 | 0.430 | 0.350 | 0.265 | 0.180 |       |       |       |       |       |          | 4   |
| run 10 | 0.500 | 0.420 | 0.335 | 0.245 | 0.145 |       |       |       |       |       |          | 4   |
| run 11 | 0.500 | 0.415 | 0.320 | 0.225 | 0.125 |       |       |       |       |       |          | 4   |
| run 12 | 0.500 | 0.410 | 0.310 | 0.205 | 0.100 |       |       |       |       |       |          | 4   |
| run 13 | 0.500 | 0.405 | 0.295 | 0.185 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          | 3   |
| run 14 | 0.500 | 0.400 | 0.290 | 0.185 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          | 3   |
| run 15 | 0.500 | 0.400 | 0.290 | 0.185 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          | 3   |
| run 16 | 0.500 | 0.395 | 0.290 | 0.180 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          | 3   |
| run 17 | 0.500 | 0.395 | 0.290 | 0.180 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          | 3   |
| run 18 | 0.500 | 0.395 | 0.285 | 0.180 |       |       |       |       |       |       |          | 3   |

**Table S3. Pendulum amplitudes in PAO containing C18AP of 20 ppm.**

|        | $A_0$ | $A_1$ | $A_2$ | $A_3$ | $A_4$ | $A_5$ | $A_6$ | $A_7$ | $A_8$ | $A_9$ | $A_{10}$ | $n$ |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-----|
| run 1  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.425 | 0.390 | 0.355 | 0.320 | 0.280 | 0.245 | 0.210 | 0.170 | 0.135    | 10  |
| run 2  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.425 | 0.390 | 0.355 | 0.320 | 0.280 | 0.245 | 0.210 | 0.170 | 0.135    | 10  |
| run 3  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.430 | 0.390 | 0.355 | 0.320 | 0.285 | 0.245 | 0.210 | 0.170 | 0.125    | 10  |
| run 4  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.430 | 0.390 | 0.355 | 0.315 | 0.280 | 0.240 | 0.195 | 0.150 | 0.105    | 10  |
| run 5  | 0.500 | 0.470 | 0.430 | 0.390 | 0.350 | 0.310 | 0.270 | 0.230 | 0.180 | 0.135 |          | 9   |
| run 6  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.425 | 0.385 | 0.345 | 0.305 | 0.260 | 0.215 | 0.170 | 0.120 |          | 9   |
| run 7  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.425 | 0.385 | 0.340 | 0.300 | 0.250 | 0.205 | 0.155 | 0.110 |          | 9   |
| run 8  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.420 | 0.380 | 0.335 | 0.290 | 0.240 | 0.190 | 0.140 |       |          | 8   |
| run 9  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.420 | 0.375 | 0.330 | 0.280 | 0.235 | 0.175 | 0.120 |       |          | 8   |
| run 10 | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.415 | 0.370 | 0.320 | 0.270 | 0.215 | 0.155 |       |       |          | 7   |
| run 11 | 0.500 | 0.455 | 0.410 | 0.360 | 0.305 | 0.250 | 0.190 | 0.125 |       |       |          | 7   |
| run 12 | 0.500 | 0.455 | 0.405 | 0.350 | 0.290 | 0.225 | 0.160 |       |       |       |          | 6   |
| run 13 | 0.500 | 0.450 | 0.395 | 0.330 | 0.265 | 0.185 | 0.110 |       |       |       |          | 6   |
| run 14 | 0.500 | 0.440 | 0.375 | 0.305 | 0.225 | 0.145 |       |       |       |       |          | 5   |
| run 15 | 0.500 | 0.440 | 0.365 | 0.285 | 0.200 | 0.115 |       |       |       |       |          | 5   |
| run 16 | 0.500 | 0.435 | 0.355 | 0.265 | 0.175 |       |       |       |       |       |          | 4   |
| run 17 | 0.500 | 0.430 | 0.345 | 0.255 | 0.155 |       |       |       |       |       |          | 4   |
| run 18 | 0.500 | 0.430 | 0.345 | 0.250 | 0.155 |       |       |       |       |       |          | 4   |
| run 19 | 0.500 | 0.430 | 0.340 | 0.245 | 0.150 |       |       |       |       |       |          | 4   |
| run 20 | 0.500 | 0.425 | 0.335 | 0.240 | 0.140 |       |       |       |       |       |          | 4   |

**Table S4. Pendulum amplitudes in PAO containing C18AP of 200 ppm.**

|        | $A_0$ | $A_1$ | $A_2$ | $A_3$ | $A_4$ | $A_5$ | $A_6$ | $A_7$ | $A_8$ | $A_9$ | $A_{10}$ | $A_{11}$ |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------|
| run 1  | 0.500 | 0.470 | 0.435 | 0.405 | 0.370 | 0.335 | 0.300 | 0.270 | 0.235 | 0.200 | 0.165    | 0.135    |
| run 2  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.435 | 0.400 | 0.370 | 0.340 | 0.310 | 0.275 | 0.245 | 0.215 | 0.180    | 0.150    |
| run 3  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.430 | 0.400 | 0.370 | 0.340 | 0.310 | 0.280 | 0.250 | 0.220 | 0.190    | 0.160    |
| run 4  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.430 | 0.400 | 0.370 | 0.340 | 0.310 | 0.280 | 0.250 | 0.225 | 0.195    | 0.165    |
| run 5  | 0.500 | 0.470 | 0.440 | 0.405 | 0.375 | 0.345 | 0.315 | 0.285 | 0.255 | 0.225 | 0.195    | 0.170    |
| run 6  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.430 | 0.400 | 0.370 | 0.340 | 0.310 | 0.280 | 0.250 | 0.225 | 0.195    | 0.165    |
| run 7  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.435 | 0.405 | 0.375 | 0.345 | 0.315 | 0.285 | 0.255 | 0.225 | 0.195    | 0.165    |
| run 8  | 0.500 | 0.460 | 0.430 | 0.400 | 0.370 | 0.340 | 0.310 | 0.280 | 0.250 | 0.225 | 0.195    | 0.165    |
| run 9  | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.435 | 0.405 | 0.375 | 0.345 | 0.315 | 0.285 | 0.255 | 0.225 | 0.195    | 0.170    |
| run 10 | 0.500 | 0.465 | 0.435 | 0.405 | 0.375 | 0.345 | 0.315 | 0.285 | 0.255 | 0.225 | 0.195    | 0.170    |

|        | $A_{12}$ | $A_{13}$ | $n$ |
|--------|----------|----------|-----|
| run 1  | 0.100    |          | 12  |
| run 2  | 0.115    |          | 12  |
| run 3  | 0.130    |          | 12  |
| run 4  | 0.135    | 0.105    | 13  |
| run 5  | 0.140    | 0.110    | 13  |
| run 6  | 0.140    | 0.110    | 13  |
| run 7  | 0.140    | 0.110    | 13  |
| run 8  | 0.135    | 0.110    | 13  |
| run 9  | 0.140    | 0.110    | 13  |
| run 10 | 0.140    | 0.110    | 13  |