

# Supporting Information

## Tailoring the Nanostructure of Graphene as an Oil-Based Additive: toward Synergistic Lubrication with an Amorphous Carbon Film

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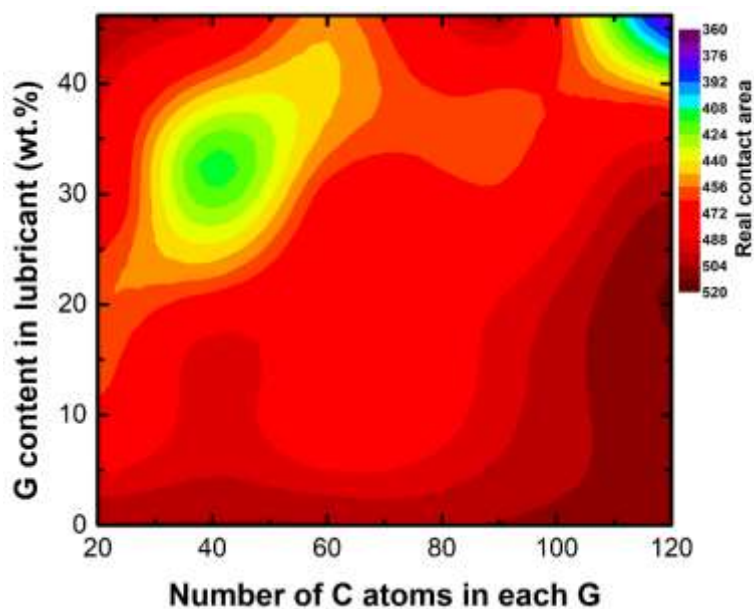
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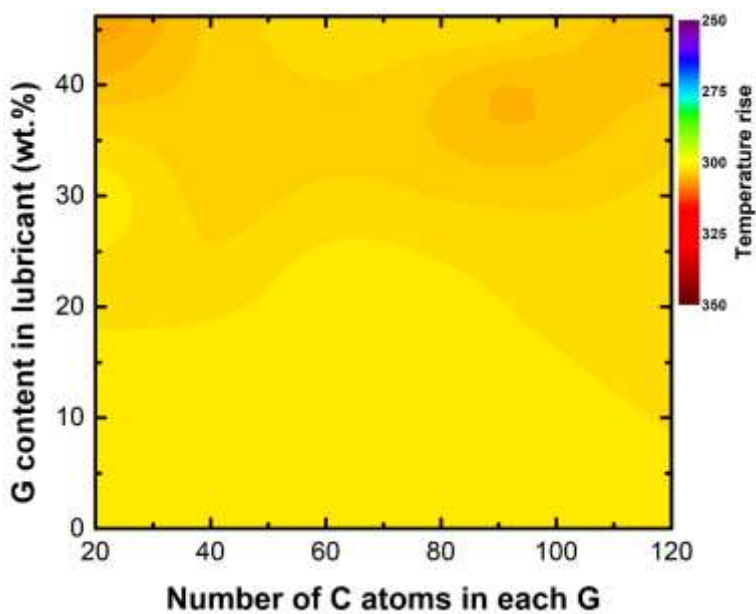
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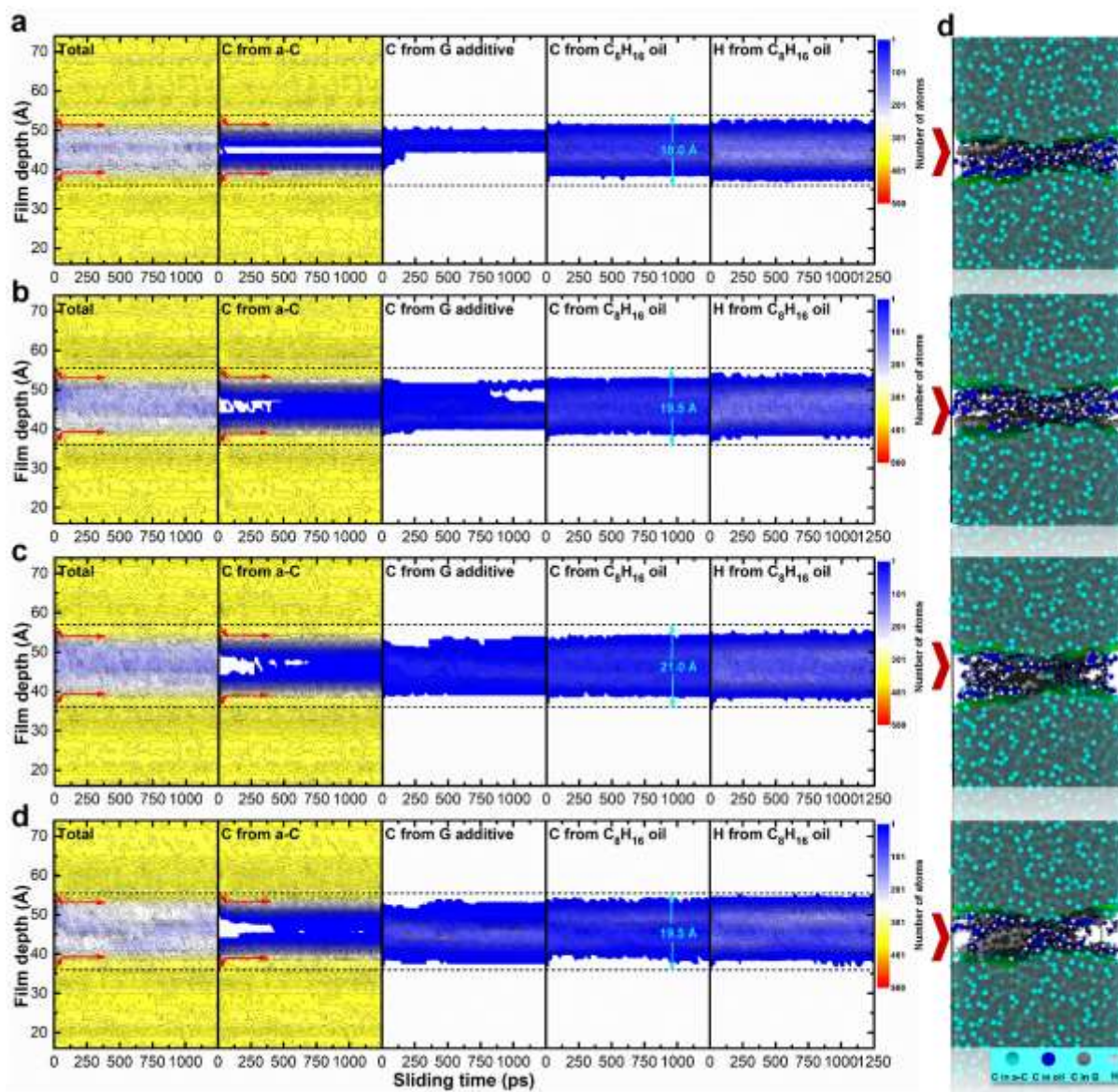
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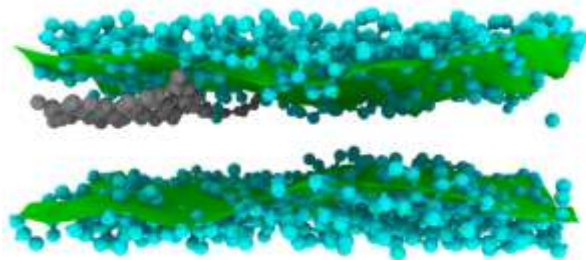
**Figure S1.** Changes of real contact area with size and content of G additive (unit: Å<sup>2</sup>).



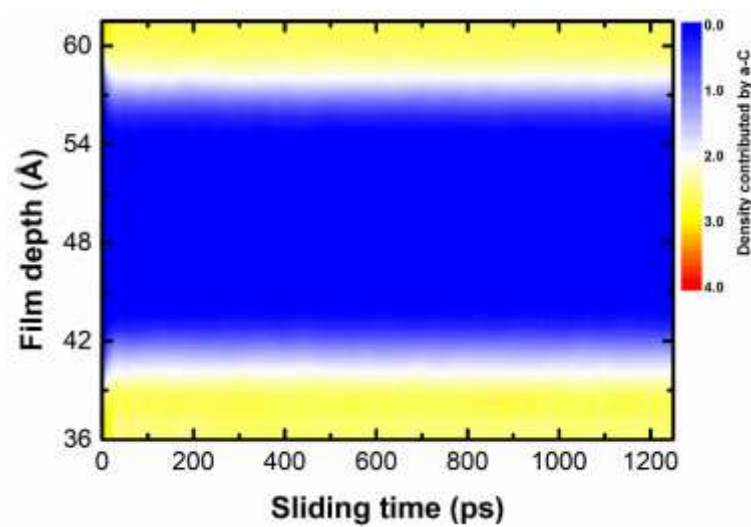
**Figure S2.** Rise of temperature with size and content of G additive during the sliding process.



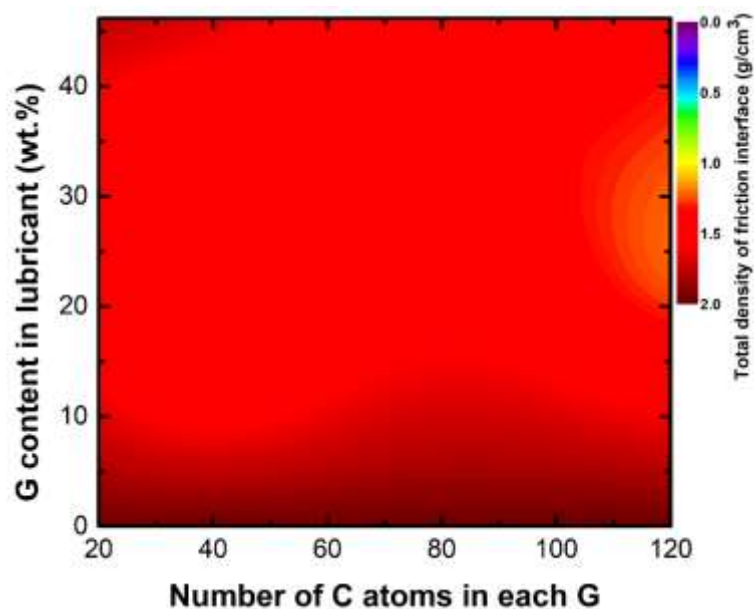
**Figure S3. Depth profiles of atomic distribution in the system.** (a), (b), (c), and (d) are the atomic distributions of C and H atoms versus sliding time in the system with G20 contents of 12.5 wt.%, 22.2 wt.%, 30.0 wt.%, and 46.2 wt.%, respectively. (d) Corresponding morphology at a sliding time of 1250 ps for each case.



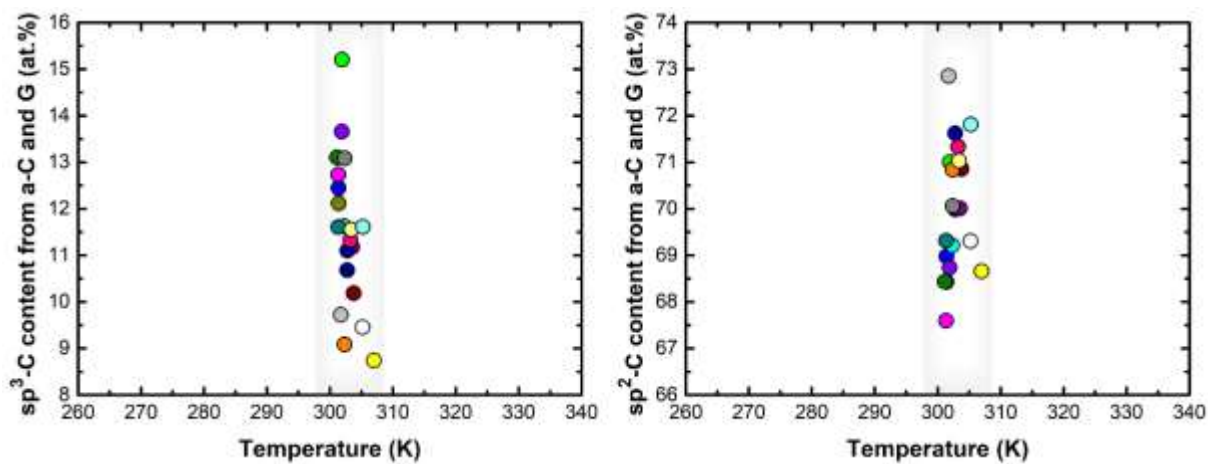
**Figure S4.** Morphology of friction interface for the a-C@C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>16</sub>+G60-12.5 wt.% system after sliding time of 1250 ps, in which the base oil molecules are neglected for view.



**Figure S5.** Density of friction interface, which is contributed by a-C, for a-C@C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>16</sub>+G120-22.2 wt.% system.



**Figure S6.** Total density of friction interface with size and content of G additive.



**Figure S7.** Relationship between the hybridized structure and temperature at the friction interface. Only the contributions of a-C and G to the hybridized structure are considered.