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## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### Rheological properties and salt resistance of a hydrophobically associating polyacrylamide

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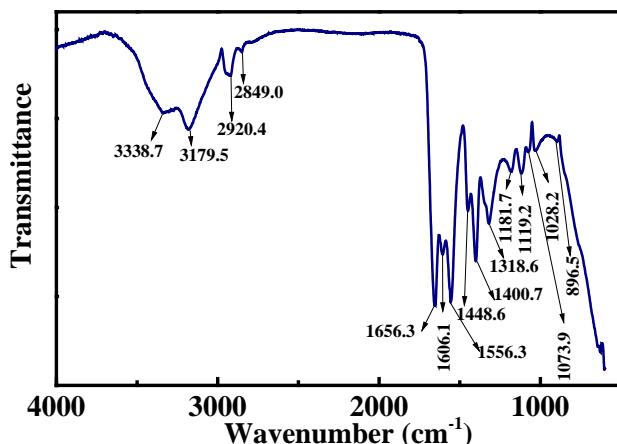


Fig. S1 FT-IR spectrum of HA-PAM.

Wavenumber ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	Vibration	Group
3179.5	N-H stretching	-NH <sub>2</sub> , -NH-
1400.7, 1318.6, 1181.7, 1119.2, 1028.2	S=O stretching	-SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
1556.3, 1606.1, 1656.3	C=O stretching	-CONH <sub>2</sub> , -COO <sup>-</sup>
2920.4, 2849.0	C-H stretching	-CH <sub>3</sub> , -CH <sub>2</sub>
1448.6, 1400.7	C-H bending	-CH <sub>3</sub> , -CH <sub>2</sub>
1181.7, 1119.2	C-N stretching	-CH <sub>2</sub> -N <sup>+</sup>
1400.7	C-N stretching	-CONH <sub>2</sub>
1448.6	C-H stretching	-CH <sub>3</sub> -N <sup>+</sup> , -CH <sub>2</sub> -N <sup>+</sup>
896.5, 1073.9	C-C stretching	-C-C
3338.7, 1606.1	OH stretching and bending	H <sub>2</sub> O

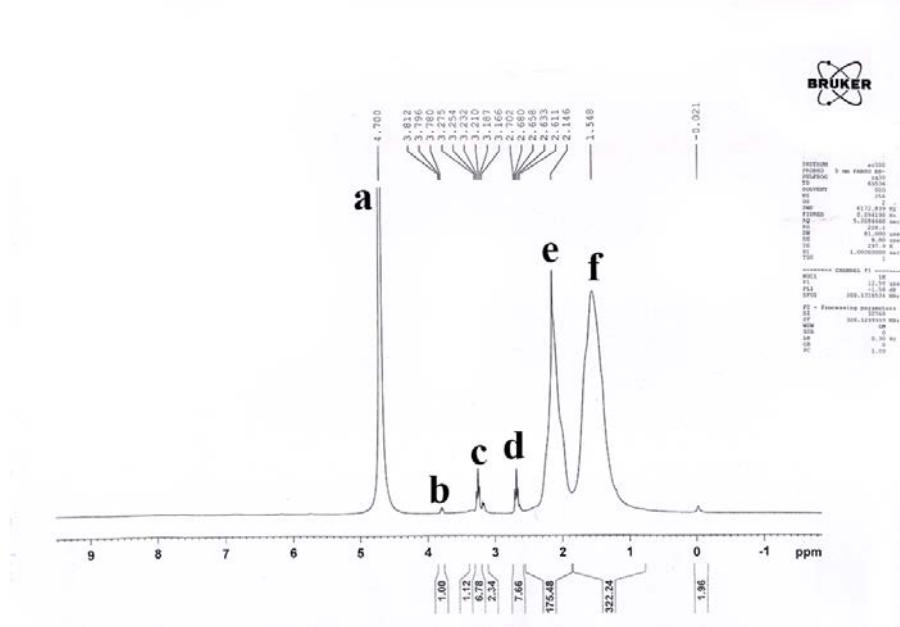


Fig. S2  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum of HA-PAM.

symbol	$\delta$ (ppm)	Group
a	4.7	$\text{D}_2\text{O}$
b	3.812, 3.796, 3.780	2H (-CH <sub>2</sub> connected with N <sup>+</sup> and -(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>14</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> )
c	3.254 3.232	2H (-CH <sub>2</sub> of AMPS side chain) 3H (-CH <sub>3</sub> connected with N <sup>+</sup> )
	3.275, 3.21, 3.187, 3.166	2H/1H (-CH <sub>2</sub> or -CH on hydrophobic monomer main chain)
d	2.702–2.611	1H (-CH of AMPS and sodium acrylate chain)
e	2.146	1H (-CH of AM (acrylamide) chain)
f	1.548	2H (-CH <sub>2</sub> of AM chain), 3H (-CH <sub>3</sub> of AMPS side chain)

The active hydrogen of 2H (NH<sub>2</sub>-CO) of AM and 1H (NH-CO) of AMPS (5.0–9.0)

was exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O. The peak is too low to be detected.

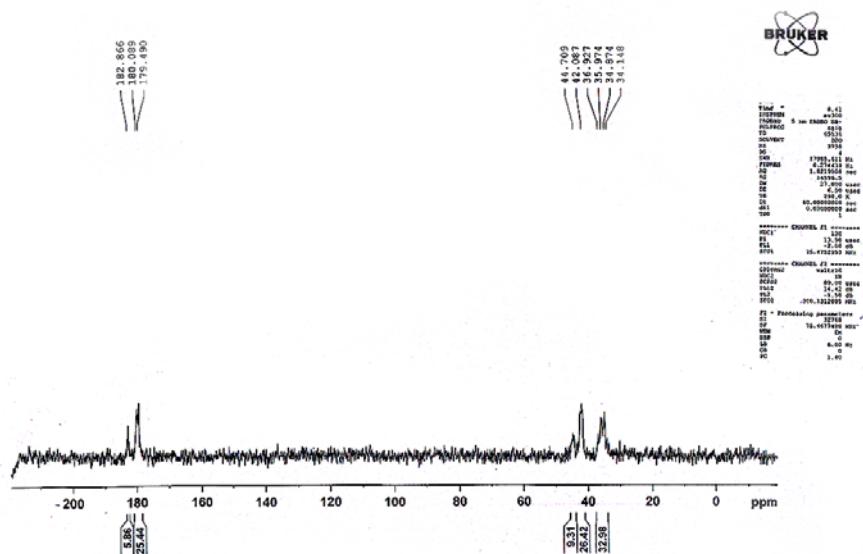


Fig. S3 Schematic molecular structure and  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectrum of HA-PAM.

$\delta$  (ppm) C=O in AM, AMPS and sodium acrylate monomers, 179.49, 180.09, 182.90;  
 $\delta$  (ppm) CH, CH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub> connected with aliphatic carbon, 34.15, 34.87, 35.97,  
36.93, 42.09, 44.71.

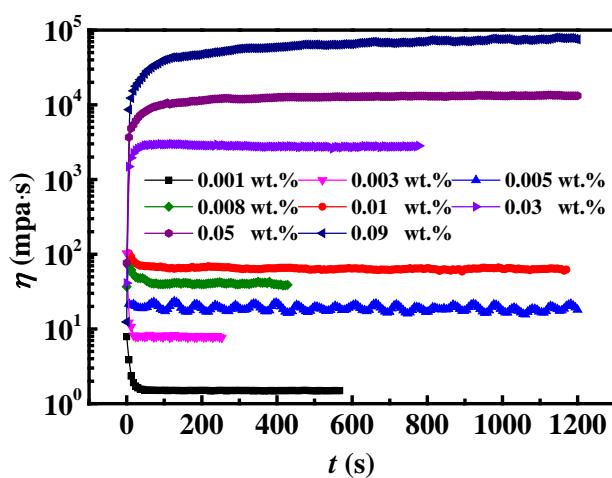


Fig. S4 Change of viscosity with creep time for HA-PAM solutions at various concentrations.

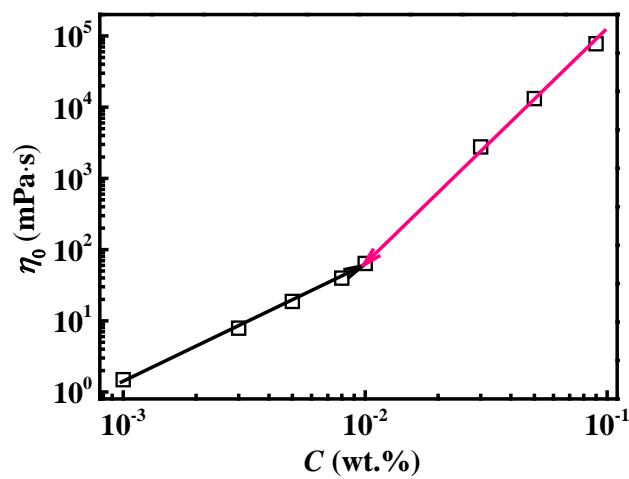


Fig. S5 Zero-shear viscosity of HA-PAM solutions at various concentrations ( $C$ ).

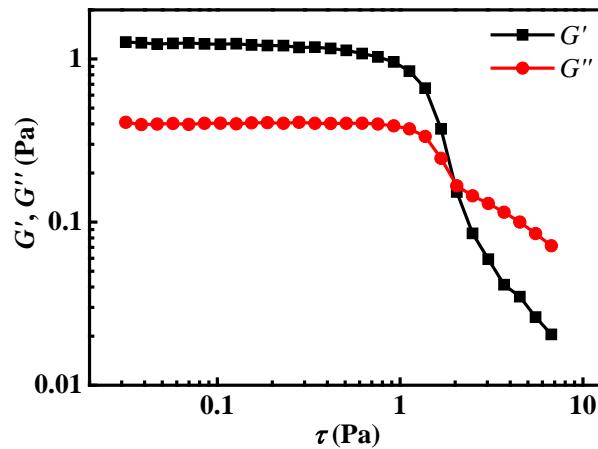


Fig. S6 Dynamic moduli ( $G'$ ,  $G''$ ) as a function of the shear stress ( $\tau$ ) at frequency of 0.5 Hz for 0.1% HA-PAM solution.

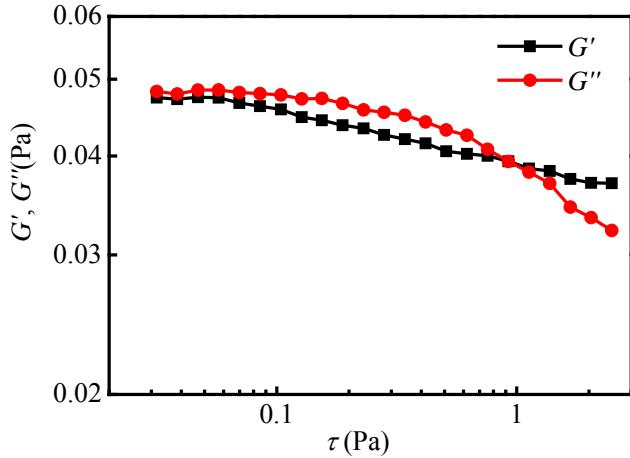


Fig. S7 Dynamic modulus ( $G'$ ,  $G''$ ) as a function of shear stress at frequency of 0.5 Hz for 0.1% HA-PAM solution containing 3% NaCl.

Table S1 Fitting results by a power law model for viscosity curves of 0.1% HA-PAM solutions without NaCl and with NaCl concentration of 0.1%. A, B, C are the three sections of the fitting curve of 0.1 wt.% HA-PAM and 0.1 wt.% NaCl solution.

Equation	$\eta = k\dot{\gamma}^{n-1}$			
Samples	$k$	$n$	Adj. $R^2$	
HA-PAM	0.817	0.208	0.9999	
HA-PAM + 0.1 wt. % NaCl	0.364	0.111	0.9914	A
	0.426	0.298	0.9998	B
	0.429	0.354	0.9998	C

Table S2 Change of root mean square end-to-end distance (RMS) with shear rate.

Shear Rate	0	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.004	0.005
RMS	15.077	16.986	21.107	20.858	27.762	36.7111

Table S3 Comparison of rheological parameters between 0.1% HA-PAM and 0.1% partially hydrolyzed polyacrylamide (HPAM) solutions.

Samples	$C_{\text{NaCl}}$	$C_{\text{CaCl}_2}$	$\eta^{\text{a}}$ (mPa·s)	$G'$ <sup>b</sup> (Pa)	$G''$ <sup>b</sup> (Pa)	$\tan^b(\delta)$	$\eta^c$ retention
0.1% HA-PAM	0	/	132.6	1.17	0.58	0.49	/
	3%	/	63.1	0.077	0.073	0.94	47.37%
	/	0.08%	37.1	0.039	0.068	1.74	27.92%
0.1% HPAM	0	/	114.3	0.42	0.30	0.73	/
	3%	/	6.7	$2.87 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.50 \times 10^{-3}$	520.87	5.88%
	/	0.08%	10.2	$5.42 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.42 \times 10^{-3}$	44.75	8.88%

<sup>a</sup> viscosity at 10 s<sup>-1</sup>;

<sup>b</sup> dynamic modulus at frequency of 1 Hz in the linear viscoelastic region;

<sup>c</sup> viscosity ratio of solution containing electrolyte to that of pure solution.

Table S4 The fitting results of viscosity vs. temperature curves by a Arrhenius-like equation ( $\eta = A \cdot \exp(E_a/RT)$ ) for HA-PAM.

Line	A	$E_a$ (kJ/mol)	Adj. $R^2$
1	1827.54	2.47	0.9767
2	452.01	6.06	0.9907

Table S5 The fitting results of viscosity vs. temperature curves by a Arrhenius-like ( $\eta = A \cdot \exp(E_a/RT)$ ) equation for HA-PAM with 0.2 wt. %NaCl.

Line	$A$	$E_a$ (kJ/mol)	Adj. $R^2$
3	6.29	9.31	0.8166
4	0.04	22.05	0.9987