

*Supporting information for*

## Hydrophobically Associating Polymers Dissolved in Seawater for Enhanced Oil Recovery of Bohai Offshore Oilfields

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**Table S1.** The influence of monomer and initiator dosage on dissolution time and solution viscosity

No.	AM (g)	AA (g)	AMPS (g)	POM (g)	VA-044 (g)	NaHSO <sub>3</sub> (g)	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (g)	Hydrolysis Degree (%)	Dissolution Time <sup>a</sup> (min)	Solution Viscosity <sup>a</sup> (mPa·s)
N1	56	0	15	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	0	20	10.3
N2	184	35	15	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	13	30	21.5
N3	184	70	15	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	25	70	44.5
N4	184	70	30	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	26	65	47.3
N5	184	70	45	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	23	60	54.5
N6	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	25	60	55.2
N7	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.02	25	55	49.1
N8	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.03	25	60	47.5
N9	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.04	25	65	34.2
N10	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.05	26	65	23.2
N11	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.06	25	70	15.6
N12	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0	25	65	10.3
N13	184	70	60	10	0.01	0.01	0.01	25	125	99.1
N14	184	70	60	9	0.01	0.01	0.01	25	105	89.6
N15	184	70	60	8	0.01	0.01	0.01	25	95	73.4
N16	184	70	60	6	0.01	0.01	0.01	25	55	37.6
N17	184	70	60	5	0.01	0.01	0.01	25	50	28.5
N18	184	70	60	4	0.01	0.01	0.01	25	40	21.6
N19	184	70	60	3	0.01	0.01	0.01	25	30	17.7
N20	184	70	60	2	0.01	0.01	0.01	25	25	9.8

<sup>a</sup> Polymer concentration, 0.175%; particle size of polymer powder, 40-120 mesh; salinity, 3.26×10<sup>5</sup> mg/L; shear rate, 7.34 s<sup>-1</sup>

**Table S2.** The influence of reaction condition (the amount of cosolvent and chain transfer agent; pH value) on dissolution time and solution viscosity

No.	AM (g)	AA (g)	AMPS (g)	POM (g)	VA- 044 (g)	NaHSO <sub>3</sub> (g)	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (g)	pH	Hydrolysis Degree (%)	Dissolution Time <sup>a</sup> (min)	Solution Viscosity <sup>a</sup> (mPa·s)
N21	184	70	60	7	0.015	0.01	0.01	8	24	50	57.3
N22	184	70	60	7	0.02	0.01	0.01	8	25	50	55.1
N23	184	70	60	7	0.025	0.01	0.01	8	25	45	52.1
N24	184	70	60	7	0.003	0.01	0.01	8	25	40	49.0
N25	184	70	60	7	0.035	0.01	0.01	8	24	35	46.3
N26	184	70	60	7	0.04	0.01	0.01	8	25	35	42.1
N27	184	70	60	7	0.045	0.01	0.01	8	23	30	39.2
N28	184	70	60	7	0.05	0.02	0.01	8	24	25	35.1
N29	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.03	0.01	8	25	55	56.2
N30	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.05	0.01	8	24	50	61.5
N31	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.06	0.01	8	25	45	58.7
N32	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	8	23	35	56.5
N33	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.02	0.01	8	24	35	54.2
N34	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.03	0.01	8	25	30	49.1
N35	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.10	0.01	8	25	25	41.0
N36	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	2	23	N/A <sup>b</sup>	N/A <sup>b</sup>
N37	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	4	23	N/A <sup>b</sup>	N/A <sup>b</sup>
N38	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	6	23	55	60.0
N39	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	8	23	40	56.5
N40	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	10	23	40	49.2
N41	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	12	23	35	37.1

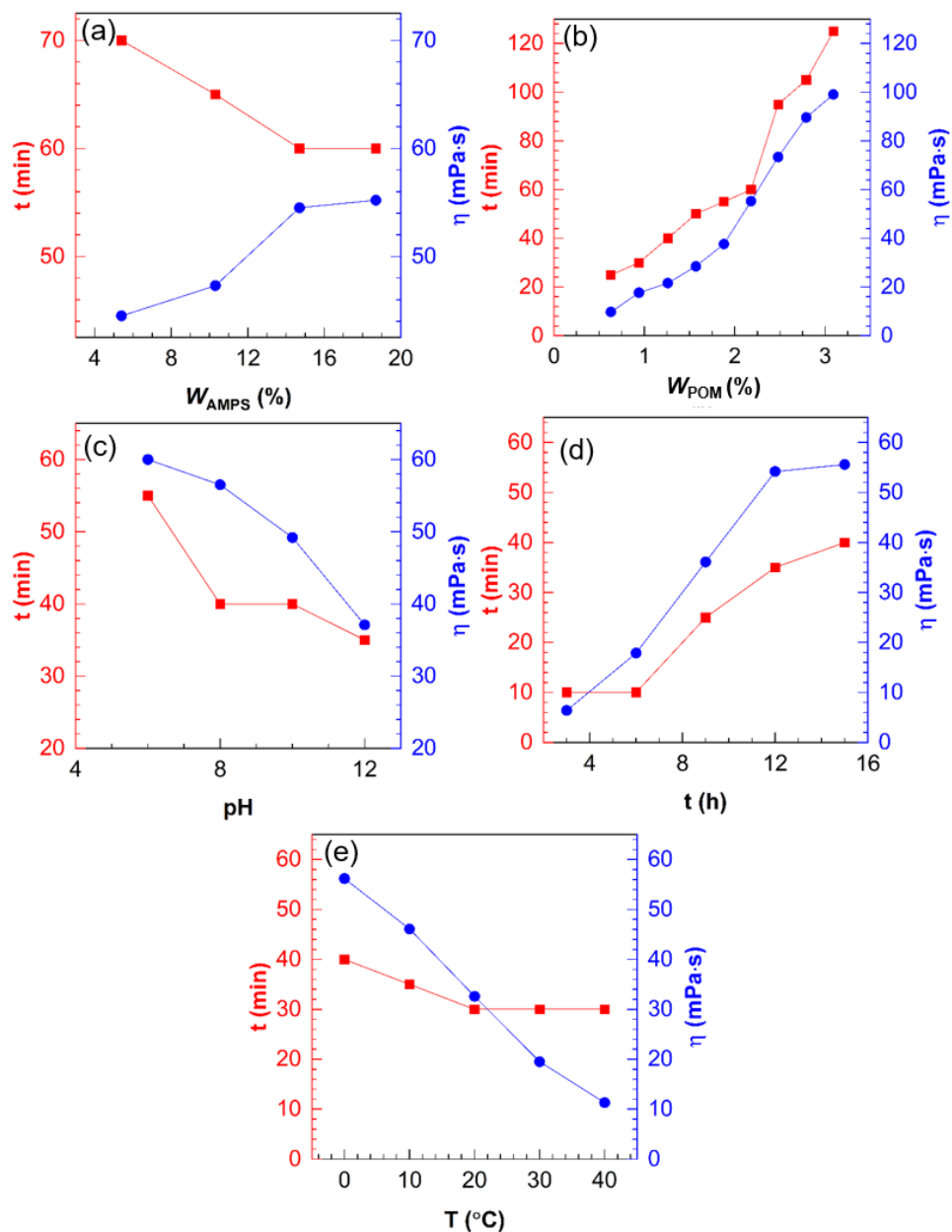
<sup>a</sup> Polymer concentration, 0.175%; particle size of polymer powder, 40-120 mesh; salinity,  $3.26 \times 10^5$  mg/L; shear rate,  $7.34 \text{ s}^{-1}$

<sup>b</sup> The polymers do not dissolve, so their aqueous solution viscosity and dissolution time cannot be measured.

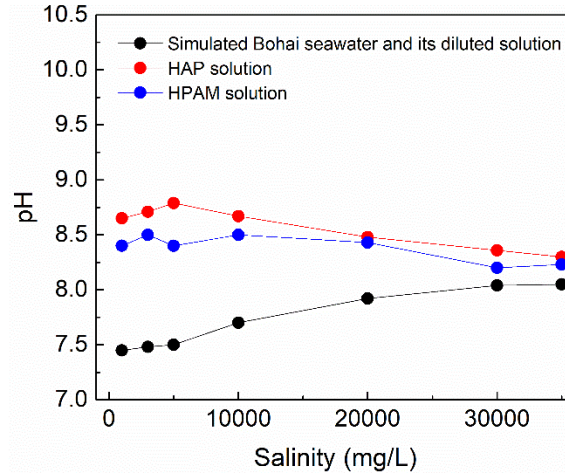
**Table S3.** The effect of reaction time and temperature on dissolution time and solution viscosity

No.	AM (g)	AA (g)	AMPS (g)	POM (g)	VA-044 (g)	NaHSO <sub>3</sub> (g)	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (g)	Reaction Time (h)	Hydrolysis Degree (%)	Reaction Temperature (°C)	Dissolution Time <sup>a</sup> (min)	Solution Viscosity <sup>a</sup> (mPa·s)
N42	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	3	24	0	10	6.4
N43	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	6	25	0	10	17.9
N44	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	9	25	0	25	36.1
N45	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	12	25	0	27	54.2
N46	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	15	24	0	32	55.6
N47	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	12	25	0	40	56.2
N48	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	12	23	10	35	46.1
N49	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	12	24	20	30	32.6
N50	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	12	25	30	30	19.5
N51	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	12	24	40	30	11.3
N52	184	70	60	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	12	25	0	30	55.2

<sup>a</sup> Polymer concentration, 0.175%; particle size of polymer powder, 40-120 mesh; salinity,  $3.26 \times 10^5$  mg/L; shear rate,  $7.34 \text{ s}^{-1}$



**Figure S1.** Effect of components and reaction conditions of polymerization under low temperature on dissolution time and viscosity of HAP polymer. (a) Content of AMPS comonomer and the data from N3-N6 in Table S1; (b) Content of POM comonomer and the data from N6, N13-N20 in Table S1; (c) pH value for solution of reactants prior to polymerization and the data from N36-N41 in Table S2; (d) reaction time of polymerization and the data from N42-N46 in Table S3; (e) Temperature of the reaction system at the beginning of polymerization the data from N48-N52 in Table S3.



**Figure S2.** Variation of pH with salinity in HAP, HPAMM solutions and simulated Bohai seawater as well as dilute solutions at 75°C (Polymer concentration, 0.175%; shear rate, 7.34 s<sup>-1</sup>).

**Table S4.** Basic parameters of the artificial cores used in this work.

Core	$L$ (cm)	$d$ (cm)	PV (mL)	$\phi$ (%)	$K_w$ (mD)
No. 1	10.1	2.5	12.5	15.9	331
No. 2	10.0	2.5	12.4	16.1	333
No. 3	10.1	2.5	13.6	16.2	342
No. 4	10.1	2.5	13.2	16.0	339

**Table S5.** RF and RRF results for solutions of HAP and HPAM (Polymer concentration, 0.175%).

Core	Polymer sample	Permeability	RF	RRF
No. 1	HAP	240 mD	38.7	14.3
No. 2	HPAM	254 mD	25.3	9.5

**Table S6.** Summary of recovery factors for aqueous solutions of HAP and HPAM.

Core	Samples	$E_w$ (%)	$E_p$ (%)	$E_T$ (%)
No. 3	HAP	22.4	19.7	42.1
No. 4	HPAM	22.5	10.9	33.4

$E_w$  denotes the incremental oil recovery after initial water-flooding.

$E_p$  refers to the incremental oil recovery after polymer injection.

$E_T$  represents the total recovery.