

## Supporting Information

### **Enhanced detection of low-surface-charge nanoparticles via pressure regulation in solid-state nanopores**

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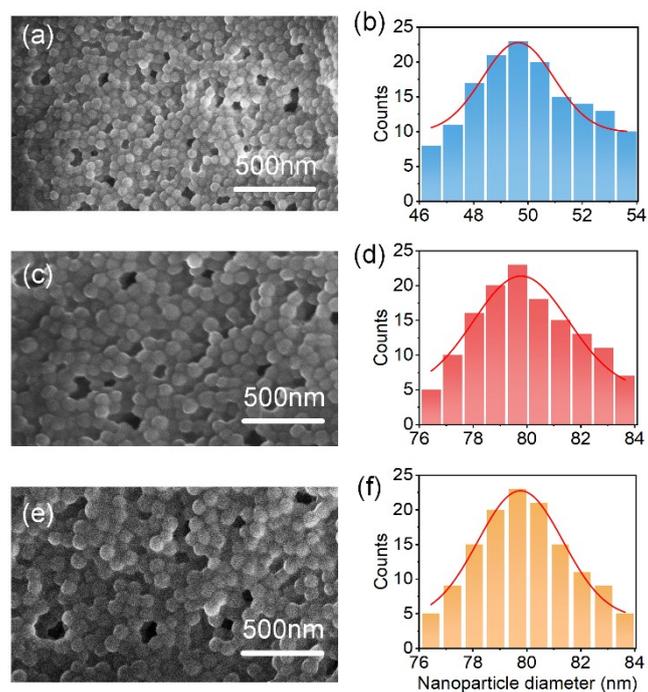


Fig. S1. SEM images of PS<sub>50</sub> (a) and PS<sub>80</sub> (c) and ZnO<sub>80</sub> (e), (b, d, f) Statistical distributions show average diameters of  $49.6 \pm 0.5$  nm,  $79.9 \pm 0.3$  nm, and  $80.1 \pm 0.1$  nm, respectively.

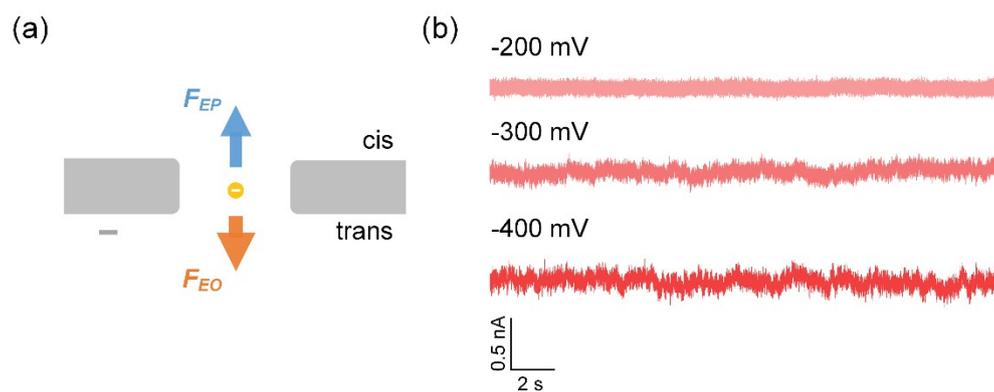


Fig. S2. (a) Schematic diagram of the force analysis of PS<sub>80</sub> nanoparticles under the combined action of electrophoretic and electroosmotic forces. (b) The current-time traces of PS<sub>80</sub> nanoparticles under the action of electroosmotic force at different voltages from -200 to -400 mV.

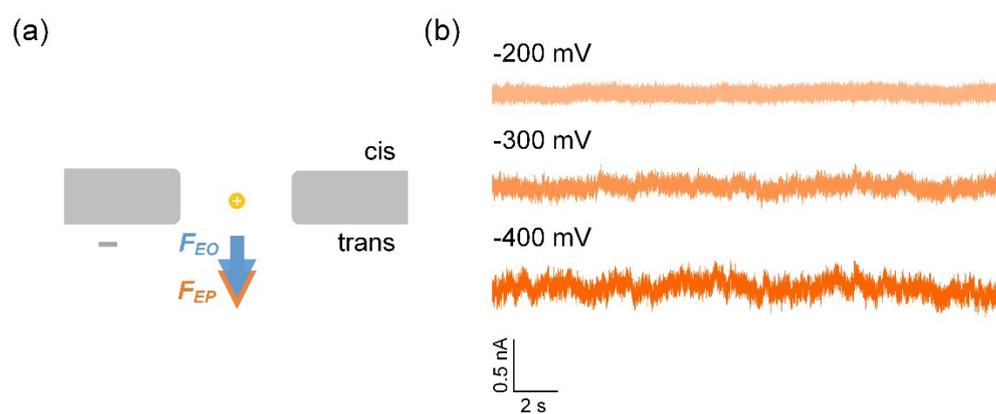


Fig. S3. (a) Schematic diagram of the force analysis of  $\text{ZnO}_{80}$  nanoparticles under the combined action of electrophoretic and electroosmotic forces. (b) The current-time traces of  $\text{ZnO}_{80}$  nanoparticles under the action of electroosmotic force at different voltages from -200 to -400 mV.

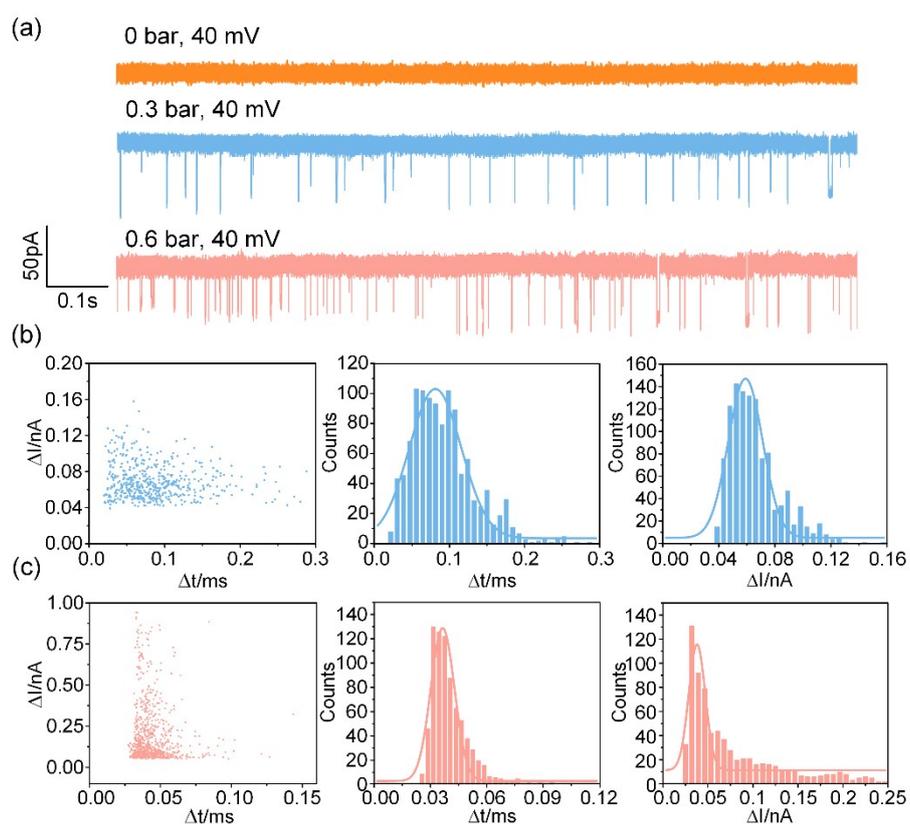


Fig. S4. PS<sub>50</sub> nanoparticles translocation through a nanopore under different pressures using a 220 nm diameter nanopore in a 100 mM KCl buffer (pH 8.0). (a) Current-time traces at 0 bar, 0.3 bar, 0.6 bar (voltage at 40 mV). (b, c) Two-dimensional distribution between the dwell time and current blockade at 0.3 bar and 0.6 bar, respectively. The curved lines in the histograms of the dwell time and current blockade are from Gaussian fitting.

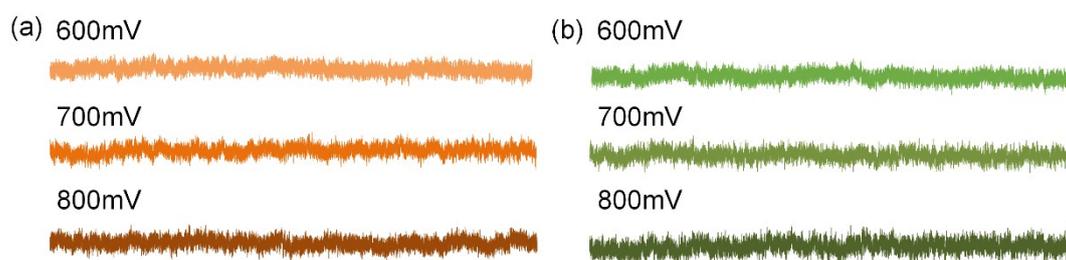


Fig. S5. Current-time traces corresponding to the translocation of nanopores by a single type of nanoparticles at different voltages from 600 to 800 mV in a 100 mM KCl solution. (a) PS<sub>80</sub> nanoparticles. (b) ZnO<sub>80</sub> nanoparticles. The concentrations of both types of nanoparticles were 10 pM.