

### Supplementary information to:

#### *Granular chain escape from a pore in a wall in the presence of particles in one side: Comparison to polymer translocation*

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Simulation results show that the translocation exponent depends on the persistence length ( $P_l$ ) of the polymer (Fig. S1) and smaller exponents will be achieved when the polymer is completely flexible with  $P_l$  of one monomer compared to  $P_l$  of ten monomers. The ratio of the pore to the diameter of a single monomer ( $s/\sigma$ ) is a geometrical parameter that can affect the translocation exponent too. Our simulation results for the translocation exponent as a function of  $s/\sigma$  does not show any explicit dependency since the differences are in the range of error bars. However when we plot the translocation exponent as a function of the ratio of persistence length over the size of pore ( $P_l/s$ ) most of the data points obey an increasing trend for the exponent  $\alpha$  from about 2.6 to 3.1 by increasing the  $P_l/s$  from 0.2 to about 7, although fluctuations in the range of error bars are observed (Fig. S3).

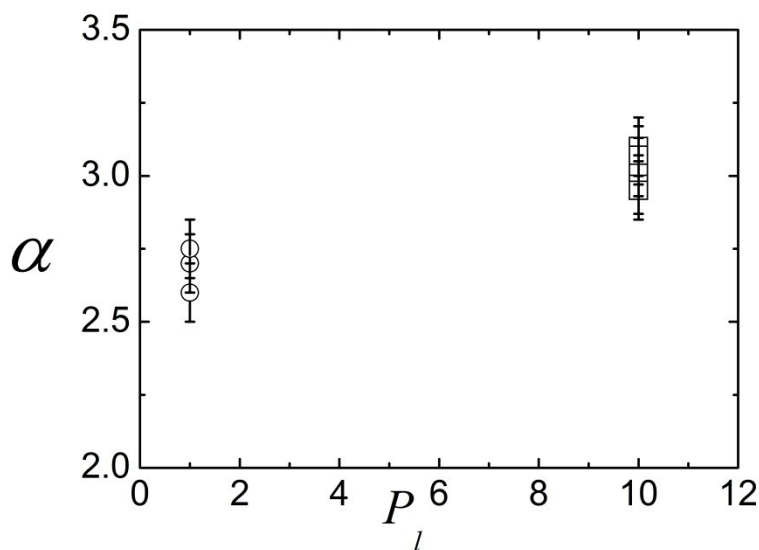


Fig S1: Simulation results for the translocation exponent  $\alpha$  as a function of the persistence length of polymer  $P_l$  for different values of  $s/\sigma$ . The persistence length is shown in terms of the number of monomers.

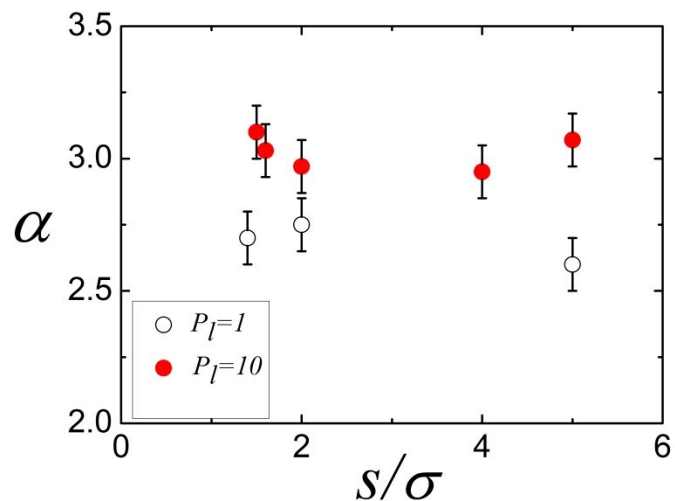


Fig S2: Simulation results for the translocation exponent  $\alpha$  as a function of  $s/\sigma$  for two different persistence lengths ( $P_l$ ) of 1 monomer and 10 monomers.

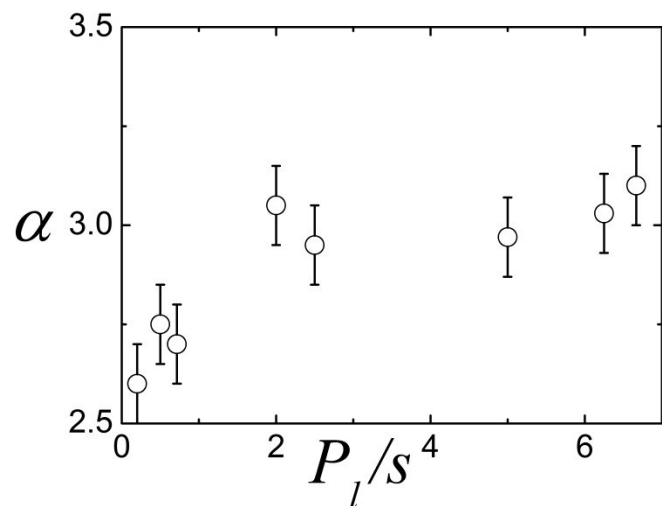


Fig S3: Simulation results for the translocation exponent  $\alpha$  as a function of  $P_l/s$ .