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The authors discuss the heat and mass transfer through a bed of particles with fixed positions when the average velocity through the bed is constant. The problem is handled through an asymptotic analysis. For all values of the Péclet number, the leading effect of the particles at low particle volume fraction is determined on the dispersive behaviour of the bed. Dispersion at low Péclet numbers and mechanical dispersion at high screening-length Péclet numbers are discussed. Results of the theoretical analysis are compared with experimental work reported earlier. The agreement is shown to be remarkably good. Justification of the asymptotic analysis is also given in the appendix.

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