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The popular continuum discretised coupled-channels (CDCC) [1,2] method of nuclear physics, and the successful convergent close-coupling (CCC) [3,4] approach of atomic physics, both consider scattering of composite two- or three-body projectiles unitary or strongly bound targets. In CDCC, projectiles are loosely-bound nuclei and targets are stable, usually heavier, nuclei. In CCC, scattering is studied between hydrogen-like atoms and electrons or protons, as well as their antimatter counterparts. In the systems of interest for both models, not only is a set of discrete states relevant, but also the high-energy continuum. To consider it in calculations, the continuum must be, in some convincing way, 'discretised'.

Indeed, there are similarities between atomic and nuclear problem-solving techniques which are yet to be capitalised upon. The CCC method, having been greatly successful in atomic physics, has much to contribute to nuclear scattering problems, having overcome several mathematical, numerical and physical problems still faced in CDCC. These include a two-centre approach for stripping reactions [5]. Details of the approach will be presented, along with preliminary results.

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