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Barium ion trap cavity QED ADAM STEELE, LAYNE CHURCHILL,
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have constructed a barium ion trap cavity QED system that is designed to reach
the strong coupling regime. Strong coupling between a single atom and an optical
cavity is an important paradigm for quantum optics and an important element for
quantum information processing. We have confined laser cooled chains of barium
ions in a linear Paul trap. These ions will be coupled to a mode in a high finesse
optical cavity resonant with the $S_{1/2} \rightarrow P_{1/2}$ transition at 493 nm. We present our
progress towards this integration of ion trap and cavity QED technologies.

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