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## Supersymmetry Breaking Triggered by Monopoles

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After briefly reviewing the insights of Seiberg and Witten (1994) which provide a low-energy description of  $N = 2$  SUSY theories featuring massless monopoles, we investigate  $N = 1$  supersymmetric gauge theories where monopole condensation triggers supersymmetry breaking in a metastable vacuum. The low-energy effective theory is an O’Raifeartaigh-like model of the kind investigated recently by Shih where the R-symmetry can be spontaneously broken.

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