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Main problem in this talk. For each prime p, describe the set of all possible intersection matrices N that can arise from the desingularization of a wild $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ -quotient singularity.

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Theorem (L.): When the exceptional divisor of π has smooth components with normal crossings, the components C_i/k are smooth projective lines and the graph Γ_N is a tree.

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Wagreich (1970): $|Z \cdot Z| \leq \text{multiplicity of } (B, \mathfrak{m}_B).$

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Problem. Characterize the *p*-suitable intersection matrices which arise from a $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ -quotient singularity.

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Graphs with many nodes

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For each prime p, and for every integer $\delta \geq 2$, exhibit a quotient singularity Spec $A^{\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}}$ whose associated dual graph Γ_N has δ nodes.

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