Preface

During my brief touchdown at Chalmers in early December 1998 I came across an invitation to Oberwolfach in the pile of backup mail addressed to my departemental address. The invitation was the second one I got for the year, and more surprisingly it was not a regular one, but one pertaining to a String theory meeting. The date was in April, and as I have never before been to Oberwolfach. except in late August, early September, the temptation to accept was irresistable, especially as it turned out that it would fit nicely with the end of my teaching obligations at University of Michigan.

So why was I invited? The organsiers were David Morrison and Nahm from Bonn, the latter was unknown to me, while I obviously knew the former quite well. I guess last minute cancellations, as an awareness of my intermittent dealings with the string theorists at Chalmers, had made him think of me.

A cheap flight to Paris, arriving a day late. Combining the trip with a day in Paris, where I had not been for two years, made for a short mini-adventure.

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