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Negative stabilizations and the plastikstufe

According to E. Giroux, the negative stabilization of a contact open book (of arbitrary dimension) should give an "overtwisted" contact structure. Such manifolds contain an object that resembles a plastikstufe. I will try to explain what needs to be done to prove that this degenerate plastikstufe also implies non-fillability of the contact manifold.