

# *Five Graphic Music Analyses*

( F Ü N F U R L I N I E - T A F E L N )

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# *GLOSSARY*

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abwärts (abw.)	descending
Achtel	eighth note
As	A-flat
aufwärts (aufw.)	ascending
Ausfaltung (Ausf.)	unfolding of intervals (horizontalization)
Auswicklung	gradual unfolding of an interval
B	B-flat
Brechung (Brech., Brch., Brechg.)	arpeggiation (of a chord or interval)
5-Brechung	arpeggiation of a fifth
Sextbrechung	arpeggiation of a sixth
3-Brechung	arpeggiation of a third
C-dur	C major
Dehnung	extension
Dezimensatz	motion in tenths
Durchführung	development section
Durchgang (Dg.)	passing tone, or passing motion
Es-dur	E-flat major
F-dur	F major
Fis	F-sharp

## GLOSSARY

Ges	G-flat
grössere Werte	larger note values
H	B-natural
Hintergrund	background, or remote level of musical structure
Höherlegung	transfer of register an octave (or several octaves) higher
Koppelung (Kopp.)	coupling (this implies transfer of register)
Mittelgrund (Mtg., Mittelgrd.)	middleground, or intermediate level of musical structure
Nebennote (Nbn.)	neighboring tone
Nebennotenharmonie (Nbhm., Nbnhm.)	neighboring harmony (or chord)
Oberdezime	tenth above the bass
Reprise	recapitulation
Schicht	structural level
Sept	seventh
Stufe	a harmony of functional significance
Takt (T)	measure, bar
Teiler (Tl.)	divider, or dividing V. Schenker applies this term to V-chords having various functions. It is consistently used to identify the dominant that precedes an "interruption" ( <i>Unterbrechung</i> ) indicated in the graph by   . Often, however, it indicates V-chords which prolong an underlying tonic. Thus Schenker uses the term " <i>Teiler</i> " for V-chords on various structural levels.

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2-teilig	in two parts (sections)
4-teilig	in four parts (sections)
Übergreifstechnik, Übergreifzug (Übergf.)	Technique of shifting tones (often from an inner voice) above the upper voice
Untergreifzug	linear progression rising from a lower voice
Ursatz	fundamental structure, a progression presenting the ultimate structure of a tonal composition. It is the perfect realization of "tonality" expressed through the horizontalization, essentially in two voices, of the tonic. The upper voice ( <i>Urlinie</i> ), the fundamental melodic structure, is a linear progression with intervening passing tones; the bass represents the arpeggiated chord, or interval, without passing tones.
Urlinie Tafel (Url. Tafel)	comprehensive foreground graph. It should be noted that in the last example Schenker drops this term and instead uses simply " <i>Vordergrund</i> " (foreground). As used in the original German edition the term obviously denotes the entire analysis in graphic notation, including background, middle-ground and foreground.
usw.	etc.
vergleiche (vgl.)	compare
Vergrösserung (Vergröss.)	augmentation
Viertel	quarter note
Vorbereitung	preparation
Vordergrund (Vdg., Vordergrd.)	foreground, or immediate level of musical structure
wie	as

## GLOSSARY

zu

Zug (Zg.)

Terzzug, 3-Zug

innen 3-Zug

Quart zug, 4-Zug

Quint zug, 5-Zug

Sext zug, 6-Zug

Octav zug, 8-Zug

to

linear progression

linear progression through a third

inner or subordinate progression through a third

linear progression through a fourth

linear progression through a fifth

linear progression through a sixth

linear progression through an octave

J. S. BACH PRELUDE No. 1 IN C MAJOR

*Ursatz*

The score consists of three main parts:

- Ursatz:** A single melodic line on a treble clef staff.
- 1. Schicht:** A horizontal line above the Ursatz, labeled "1. Schicht" and "(Kopp. abw.)". It features a bracket labeled "I" below it.
- Takttafel:** A detailed analysis of measures 5, 10, and 15. It shows the "Urlinie Tafel" (main line table) with various fingerings (1, 2, 3), dynamic markings (Dehnung, Oberdezimen), and performance techniques like Quartzzug and Quintzug. Measures 5, 10, and 15 are shown with their respective fingering patterns.

**Mtg.** I — (3 — 4 — 4 — 3) — I

**Vdg.** I — II — IV — I

**5 —**

**NB**  
(S.Bach's Notierung des Basses in der Handschrift)

N.B. Bach's original notation of the bass in the autograph.

Takte: 20 21 22 23 24 usw.

(so!)

F. CHOPIN ETUDE IN F MAJOR, OP. 10, NO. 8 Hintergrund und Mittelgrund

*Ursatz*

The musical score illustrates the harmonic structure of Chopin's Etude in F Major, Op. 10, No. 8, through three layers of harmonic progression:

- Hintergrund (Background):** Represented by the top layer of staves, labeled "Ursatz". It shows a continuous progression of chords: I → V → I → V → I.
- Mittelgrund (Midground):** Represented by the middle layer of staves, labeled "1. Schicht" and "2. Schicht". It includes woodwind entries labeled "Nbn" and "(Nbn)".
- Vordergrund (Foreground):** Represented by the bottom layer of staves, labeled "3. Schicht". It features rhythmic patterns and specific markings like "(Ausfaltung)", "(10)", "(10)", "(3 Zug)", and "(2-8)".

**Takte:** (Measures) 13, 15, 23, 40, 55, 61, 71, 75

**Harmonic Progression:** I → III<sup>#</sup> → V<sup>7</sup> → I → V → I → V → I → V → I → V → I

**Annotations:** The score includes various annotations such as "Nbhmm", "Nbh", "3 Zug", and "2-8". The Coda is marked as starting at measure 8-1.

## URLINIE TAFEL

## Takte:

5

10

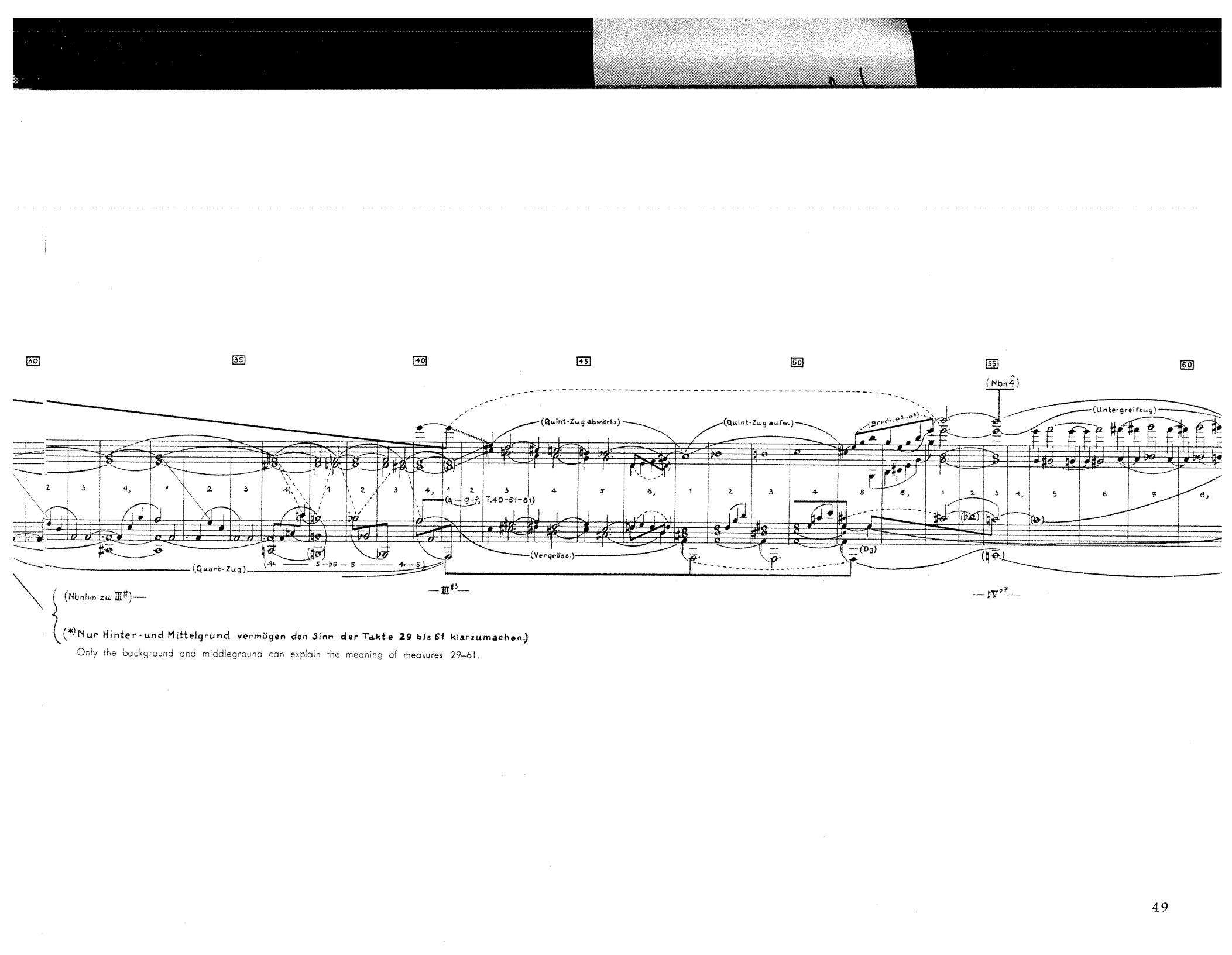
2

15

20

21

30



Takte:

Musical score for piano and orchestra, measures 65-75. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the piano (pianist), showing hands playing chords and bass notes. The bottom staff is for the orchestra (conductor), showing hand signals for dynamics and tempo. Measure 65 starts with a forte dynamic (F) and a piano dynamic (P). The piano part has a bass note (B) and a treble note (A). The conductor's signals include a '2' over a '3' above the staff, a '1' below the staff, and a '2' below the staff. Measure 66 continues with a piano dynamic (P) and a forte dynamic (F). The piano part has a bass note (B) and a treble note (A). The conductor's signals include a '2' over a '3' above the staff, a '1' below the staff, and a '2' below the staff. Measure 67 starts with a forte dynamic (F) and a piano dynamic (P). The piano part has a bass note (B) and a treble note (A). The conductor's signals include a '2' over a '3' above the staff, a '1' below the staff, and a '2' below the staff. Measure 68 starts with a forte dynamic (F) and a piano dynamic (P). The piano part has a bass note (B) and a treble note (A). The conductor's signals include a '2' over a '3' above the staff, a '1' below the staff, and a '2' below the staff. Measure 69 starts with a forte dynamic (F) and a piano dynamic (P). The piano part has a bass note (B) and a treble note (A). The conductor's signals include a '2' over a '3' above the staff, a '1' below the staff, and a '2' below the staff. Measure 70 starts with a forte dynamic (F) and a piano dynamic (P). The piano part has a bass note (B) and a treble note (A). The conductor's signals include a '2' over a '3' above the staff, a '1' below the staff, and a '2' below the staff. Measure 71 starts with a forte dynamic (F) and a piano dynamic (P). The piano part has a bass note (B) and a treble note (A). The conductor's signals include a '2' over a '3' above the staff, a '1' below the staff, and a '2' below the staff. Measure 72 starts with a forte dynamic (F) and a piano dynamic (P). The piano part has a bass note (B) and a treble note (A). The conductor's signals include a '2' over a '3' above the staff, a '1' below the staff, and a '2' below the staff. Measure 73 starts with a forte dynamic (F) and a piano dynamic (P). The piano part has a bass note (B) and a treble note (A). The conductor's signals include a '2' over a '3' above the staff, a '1' below the staff, and a '2' below the staff. Measure 74 starts with a forte dynamic (F) and a piano dynamic (P). The piano part has a bass note (B) and a treble note (A). The conductor's signals include a '2' over a '3' above the staff, a '1' below the staff, and a '2' below the staff. Measure 75 starts with a forte dynamic (F) and a piano dynamic (P). The piano part has a bass note (B) and a treble note (A). The conductor's signals include a '2' over a '3' above the staff, a '1' below the staff, and a '2' below the staff.

65

66

67

68

69

70

71

72

73

74

75

Coda: Octavzug  $f^4-f^3 (=8-1)$ ,  $-5,$

(Vgl. T. 2)

Mtg. I —

Vdg. I —

II $\frac{5}{3}$  — V — I —

II $\frac{5}{3}$  — V — I —

(=I $\frac{5}{3}$ ) IV — (!) II $\frac{5}{3}$  — V — I —

-1) 80  
 8- $\flat$ 7 - 6 - 5, 5 - 85  
90  
 4 - 3 - 95  
 2 1 )

1 2 3 4, 1 2 3 4, 5, 6, 1 2 3 4 5, 6, 1

(Vgl. T. 2)

Brechungen:  
 in Achteln, --- in Vierteln  
 und größeren Werten.

Sprech. f-a'-c-d'-f

I IV (!) II V-I,  
 I V I, V I)  
 I

F. CHOPIN ETUDE IN C MINOR, OP. 10, NO. 12 Hintergrund und Mittelgrund

## Ursatz

**Studie**

**1. Schicht** Takte: 11, 18, 21, 27, 28, 40, 41  
(2 Teilig) (Teiler)

**2. Schicht** (4 Teilig)  
(Nbhmm.) (1. Quartzug) (2. Quartzug) (Terzzg. abw.) (Terzzug aufw.) (Teiler)

Takte: 11, 18, 21, 27, 28, 37, 40, 41  
(Teiler)

**3. Schicht**  
(Bprech) (1. Quartzug) (2. Quartzug) (Terzzg. abw.) (Terzzug aufw.) (Sext-Bchg. abw.) (Sext-Bchg. aufw.) (Bprech)

(Nbhmm.) (1. Quartzug) (2. Quartzug) (Teiler)

**Stufen:** I — (Teiler)

^ 2                    ^ 1

51                    58                    61                    72 73                    75                    77

I                    ^ 3                    I                    II                    V                    I

II                    ^ 3                    ^ 2,                    ^ 3                    (b2)                    ^ 2                    ^ 1

(Nblm)

(3. Quartzug)

I                    (Teiler)                    I                    bII                    V                    I

51,                    57,                    58,                    61,                    65,                    69,                    70,                    74,                    72,                    73,                    75,                    77

3                    (3)                    2,                    3                    (3)                    (b2)                    ^ 2                    ^ 1

(b- -b)

(3. Quartzug)

(fis)

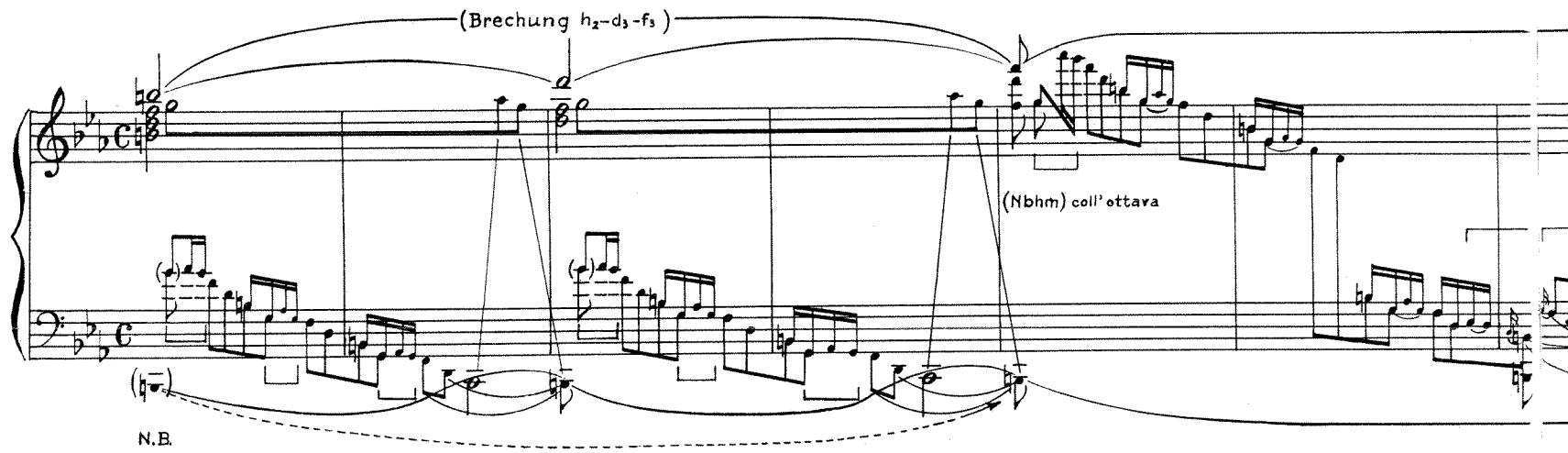
(ges)

I                    (Teiler)                    I                    bII                    V                    I

## Vordergrund

## Takte:

5



### Mittelgrund:

(Nbhm.)—

### Vordergrund:

(Nbhm) —

10

$\hat{3}$

15

$\hat{(3)}$   $\hat{2}$ ,

(Brechung H<sub>1</sub>-D-F)

(1. Quartzug C-B<sub>1</sub>-As<sub>1</sub>-G<sub>1</sub>)

$(\sharp 6 - 4 - \flat 6 - 5)$

-(Teiler)-

-I-

-I-

-IV — V —

(Foreground)

Takte: 20 25 30 35 40

Mittelgrund: I—

Vordergrund: I—

(\*) Alle Behelfe zur Erklärung eines Vordergrundes, Begriffe wie Stufe, Modulation u.s.w. versagen bei den Takten 21 bis 41 — falsch wäre hier also Modulationen ) IV

All conventional concepts, such as functional harmony, modulation, etc., fail in regard to measures 21-41. It would be wrong for instance, to speak of modulation to B-flat major, a-flat minor, f minor, etc. The voice leading of the middleground alone offers the correct solution to the problem!

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45

Musical score page 40-45 featuring five staves of complex rhythmic patterns. The score includes dynamic markings such as  $\hat{2}$ ,  $\hat{3}$ ,  $\hat{5}$ ,  $\hat{6}$ ,  $\hat{8}$ , and  $\hat{10}$ . Textual markings include *(Brech. h<sub>2</sub>-d<sub>3</sub>-f<sub>3</sub>)*, *coll'ottava*, *(zu es T. 61)*, *(!)*, *usw. wie Takt 9-18*, *(Brechung H.-D-F)*, *(Dg) — (Teiler) —*, *-I-*, and *-II-*. Measure numbers 40 and 45 are indicated above the staves.

(Foreground)

Takte:

[60]

[65]

[70]

[75]

(zum  $\hat{2}$  Takt 75)

$\hat{2}$

[6 —  $\frac{1}{4}$  6 —  $\frac{1}{4}$ ] [6 —  $\frac{1}{4}$  6 —  $\frac{1}{2}$ ]

Mittelgrd: I —

Vordergrd: I —

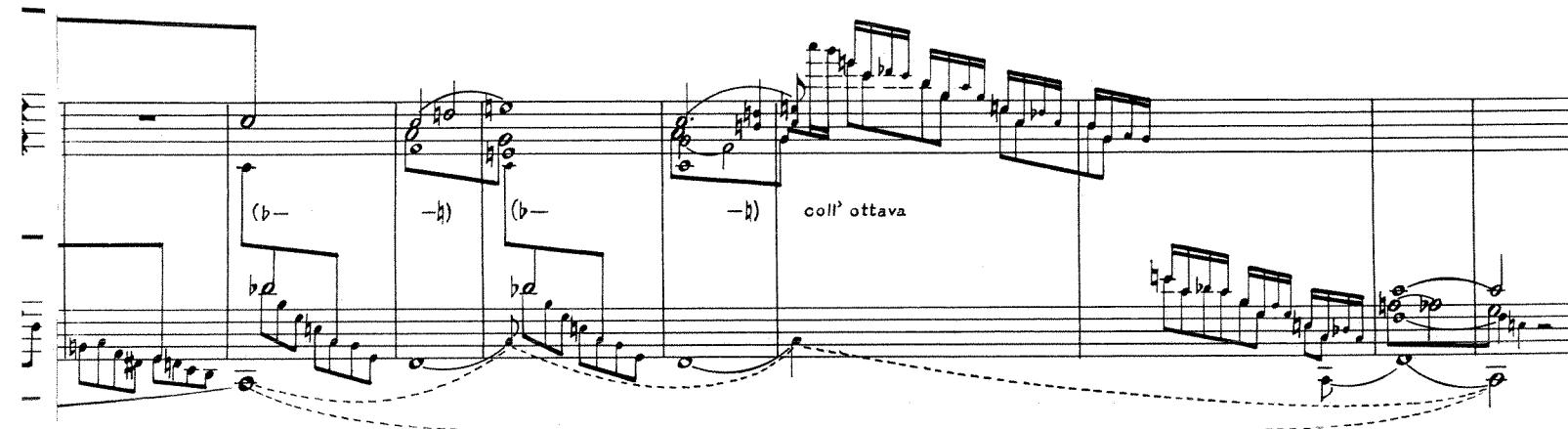
(\* Die Takte 61 bis 71 sind nur durch den Mittelgrund zu verstehen, vergleiche Fußnote zu Takt 21 bis 41.) (Nbn) — I —

-bII  $\overline{\text{V} \frac{6}{4}}$

$\frac{5}{3}$   
 $\frac{5}{3}$

[80]

1



-I-  
-I-

43  
43