



August Otto Föppl (1854 – 1924)

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August Otto Föppl (25 January 1854, Groß-Umstadt, Hessen - 12 October 1924, Ammerland) was a professor of Technical Mechanics and Graphical Statics at the Technical University of Munich, Germany. He is credited with introducing the Föppl–Klammer theory and the Föppl–von Kármán equations (large deflection of elastic plates).

Doctoral advisor: Christian Otto Mohr

Notable student: Ludwig Prandtl

In 1894, Föppl wrote a widely read introductory book on Maxwell's theory of electricity, titled "Theorie der Elektrizität". Gerald Holton argues, that some arguments of Föppl concerning electromagnetic induction, had some influence on Albert Einstein's first paper on special relativity.

Familie:

Er heiratete Emilie Schenck (1856–1924). Ihre Kinder waren Gertrud (∞ Ludwig Prandtl), Otto Föppl (1885–1963; Professor für technische Mechanik an der TH Braunschweig), Else (∞ Hans Thoma, 1887–1973, Prof. für Elektrotechnik in Karlsruhe) und Ludwig Föppl (1887-1976).