

"Relative Roughness"

The relation of channel bed-particle size to hydraulic resistance, with river data from a variety of eastern and western streams.

Resistance Factors,  $u/u^*$  and  $1/\sqrt{f}$  are shown as a function Relative Roughness, i.e., a Ratio of mean water depth (d) to a bed material size index (D84) taken from field measurements.

Figure 103. Computation of velocity from a resistance factor and relative roughness (*Leopold et al, 2000*)