3.4 Qualitative treatment of slip power recovery drives:

Kramer System:

- > It consists of main induction motor M, the speed of which is to be controlled.
- > The two additional equipments are, d.c. motor and rotary converter.
- The d.c. side of rotary converter feeds a d.c. shunt motor commutator, which is directly connected to the shaft of the main motor.
- A separate d.c. supply is required to excite the field winding of d.c. motor and exciting winding of a rotary converter.
- The variable resistance is introduced in the field circuit of a d.c. motor Which acts as s field regulator.
- The speed of the set is controlled by varying the field of the d.c. motor with the rheostat R.When the field resistance is changed, the back e.m.f. of motor changes.
- > Thus the d.c. voltage at the commutator changes.



Figure 3.4.1 Static Kramer System

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- > This changes the d.c. voltage on the d.c. side of a rotary converter.
- Now rotary converter has a fixed ratio between its a.c. side and d.c. side voltages.
- Thus voltage on its a.c. side also changes. This a.c. voltage is given to the slip Rings of the main motor.
- So the voltage injected in the rotor of main motor changes which produces the required speed control.
- Very large motors above 4000 kW such as steel rolling mills use such type of Speed control.
- The main advantage of this method is that a smooth speed control is possible.
 Similarly wide range of speed control is possible.
- Another advantage of the system is that the design of a rotary converter is practically independent of the speed control required.
- Similarly if rotary converter is overexcited, it draws leading current and thus power factor improvement is also possible along with the necessary speed control.

Scherbius System:





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- □ This method requires an auxiliary 3 phase or 6 phase a.c. commutator machine which is called Scherbius machine.
- □ The difference between Kramer system and this system is that the Scherbius machine is not directly connected to the main motor, whose speed is to be controlled.
- □ The Scherbius machine is is excited at a slip frequency from the rotor of a main motor through a regulation transformer.
- The taps on the regulating transformer can be varied, this changes the voltage developed in the rotor Scherbius machine, which is injected into the rotor of main motor.
- □ This control the speed of the main motor, the scherbius machine is connected directly to the induction motor supplied from main line so that its speed deviates from a fixed value only to the extent of the slip of the auxiliary induction motor.
- □ For any given setting of regulating transformer, the speed of the main motor remains substantially constant irrespective of the load variations.
- Similar to the Kramer system, this method is also used to control speed of Large induction motors.
- The only disadvantage is that these methods can be used only for slip ring induction motors.