PV Cleaning



①Adverse effects of dust on modules







Shade effect: the dust on the surface of the panel could reflect, scatter and absorb the solar radiation, could reduce the transmittance of the sun, which resulting in a decrease of solar radiation by the panel; accordingly, the output power is also less, which reduces the efficiency of 10%-30%. The effect of shade is proportional to the thickness of dust accumulation.

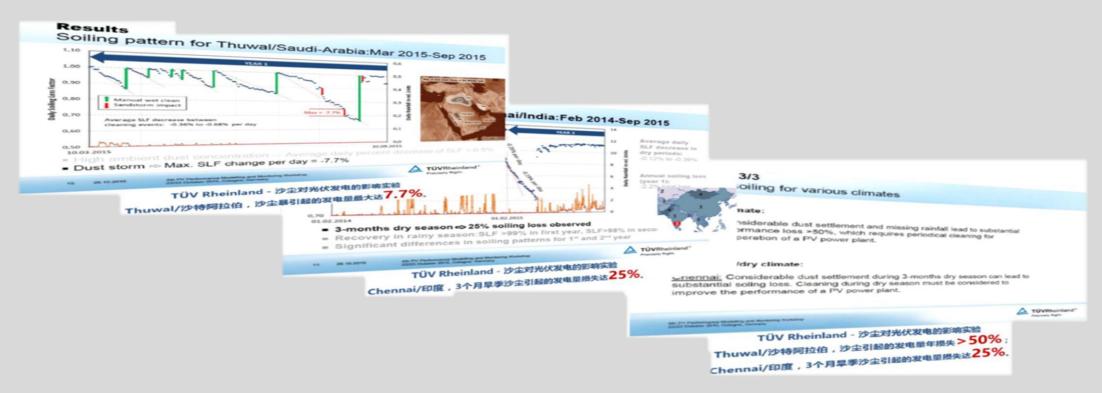
Temperature effect: with the accumulation of dust on the surface of the module, the heat transfer resistance of the photovoltaic module is increased, which becomes the heat insulation layer on the photovoltaic module and affects its heat dissipation. If the dust covers a long period of time, it will cause the temperature rise of the battery components, resulting in the hot spot effect which causing component damage finally.



Corrosion effects: PV panel is glass material, when moist acidic or alkaline dust attached to the glass surface, the surface of the glass will slowly eroded to be a bumpy surface and the surface diffuse reflection, transmission uniformity in the glass is damaged, which decreased the PV cell generating capacity finally.

And rough, sticky surfaces with adhesive residues will accumulate more dust than smoother surfaces. Also, dust itself absorbs dust easily.

More dust accumulates after initial dust, that will accelerate the decay of PV cell generation.



The professor of civil and environmental engineering research team of Duke university found that, "in the Arabian Peninsula, Northern & Eastern India and other arid regions, if washing panels once a month, the power generation capacity will be reduced by 17% - 25% because of the accumulation of dust; If cleaned every two months, the efficiency of power generation could be cut by 25-35%. "Because the problem of cleaning the panels still not be completely solved, the actual power generation efficiency of the panels is only about 60-70%. A 20MW solar PV power station in yulin, shaanxi province in China, loses more than \$315,000 a year due to dust shielding.

Pollutants seriously affect the system efficiency, Robot could maintain long-term efficient power generation!









Contrast between manual & robot cleaning

Manual cleaning

Low-frequency & kept short time

High manual expense

Manual safety hazard

Modules Hidden crack

High water cost

Robot cleaning



High-frequency to improve the efficiency always

Free of manual, control by web

Free of manual, no safety hazard

No hidden cracks by flexible material



VS

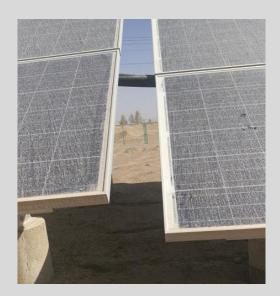
② Influencing factors of the PV cleaning robot popularization

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Module design installation is not smooth: the displacement of the support, the height differences of the support, and the displacement of the upper & lower track of the modules... most manufactures of cleaning robot products can not be applicable.







② Influencing factors of the PV cleaning robot popularization

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Can not occupy the inspection pathway, one robot only clean one row; a single robot could only cover around 200pcs modules which makes the installation cost of the cleaning robot in 0.029-0.043\$/W, or even higher.





Other robot adaptability

Stuck easily

Poor adaptability

Poor obstacle crossing ability, could not cross 35°

Can't adapt the displacement of the support

Can't adapt the displacement of the upper tracker



Strong adaptability, not stuck easily

High obstacle crossing ability to cross 40° installation angle

Adapt the displacement of the support within 250mm

Adapt the height differences of the support within 500mm

Adapt the displacement of the upper track of the module within 25mm









Other robot cost input

Most is single robot

Installation cost 0.017-0.043\$/W

Unprofessional design and installation

Ferry vehicle could not resist the strong wind





Our robot cost input

Ferry vehicle +single robot for 100% cover

Installation cost 0.011~0.017\$/W

Professional design and installation

Ferry vehicle could resist the strong wind





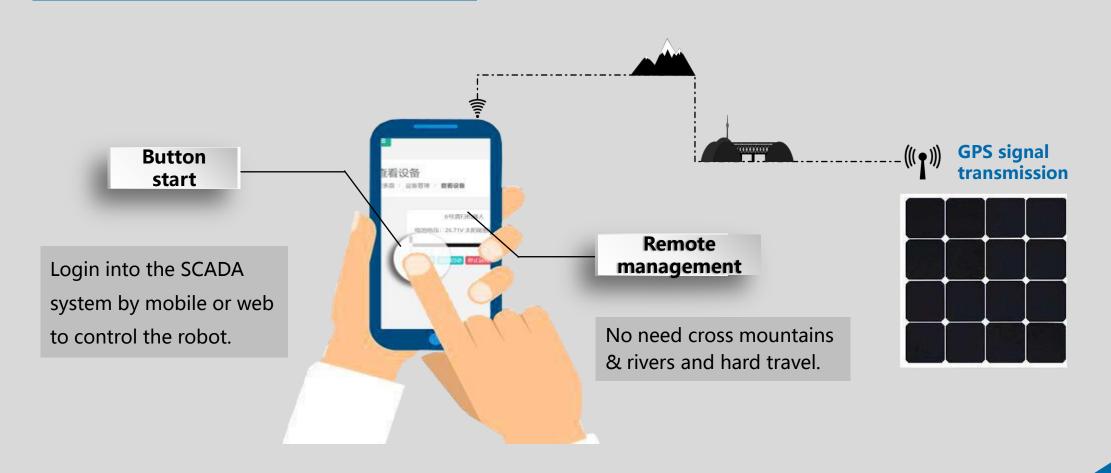
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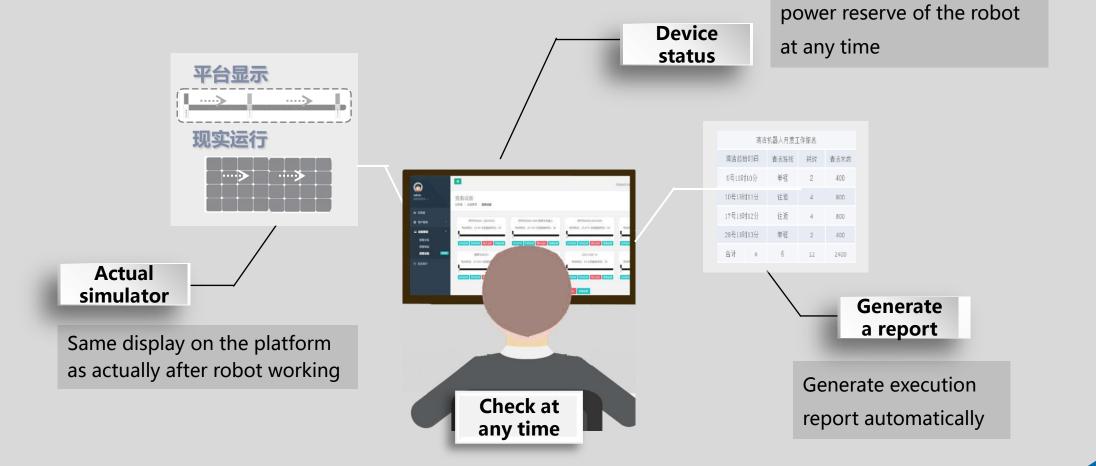
Autonomous working

- Cleaning plan be settled independently;
- Cleaning work be completedautomatically without any person on duty;
- > Robot status be monitored remotely;
- Working data be uploaded in time;

I 、Remote management



II. Check the robot at any time



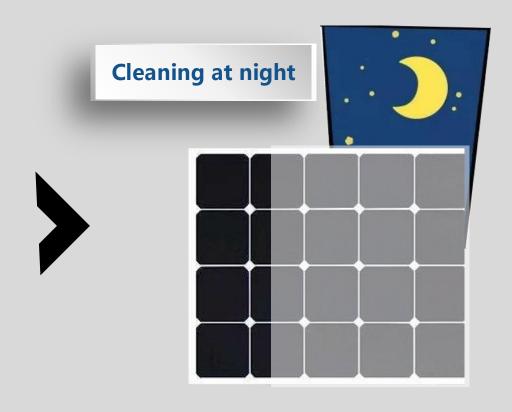
Check the running state &

Ⅲ. Set working hours to clean regularly



Choose cleaning time & mode freely

Cleaning time could be settled at night or anytime you want; one-way or round-trip cleaning according to your demand.



IV. Distributed management

Around the world

Multiple solar plants are managed at the same time

Group management By region, by type, or by project; One employee & a mouse to control multiple solar plants at the same time.

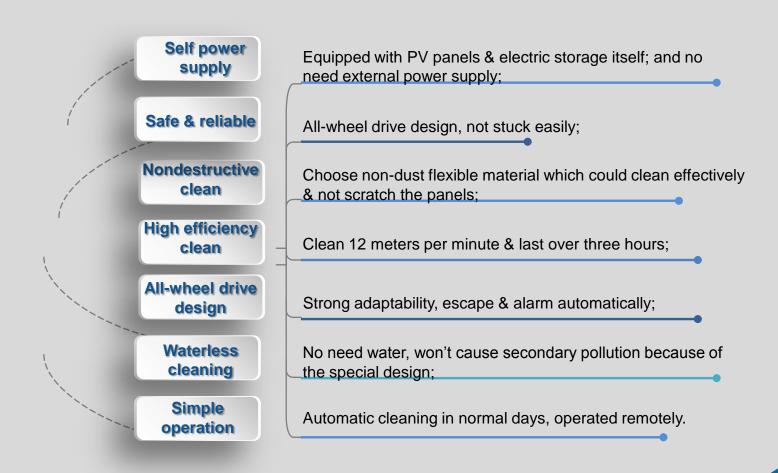




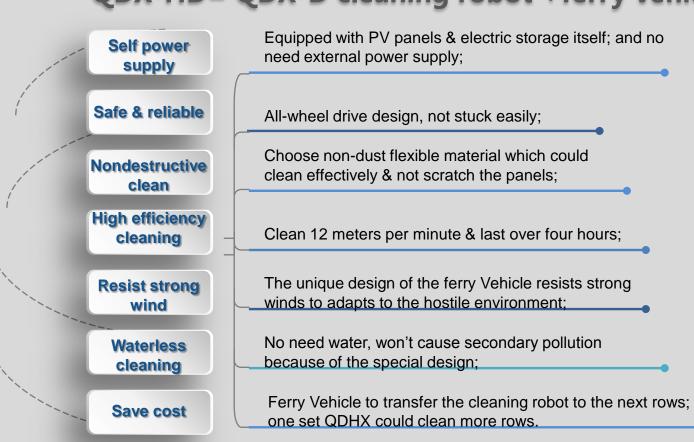
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Five Remote management advantages Check the robot at any time Set working hours to clean regularly Multiple solar plants are managed at the same time Stable and compatible with most operating systems

QDX-D series, single cleaning robot



QDX-HD series, for ground solar plants, QDX-HD= QDX-D cleaning robot +ferry vehicle



QDX-HF series, for rooftop solar plants, QDX-HF= QDX-D cleaning robot +ferry vehicle

Self power supply

Safe & reliable

Nondestructive cleaning

High efficiency cleaning

All-wheel drive design

Waterless cleaning

Save cost

Equipped with PV panels & electric storage itself; and no need external power supply;

All-wheel drive design, not stuck easily;

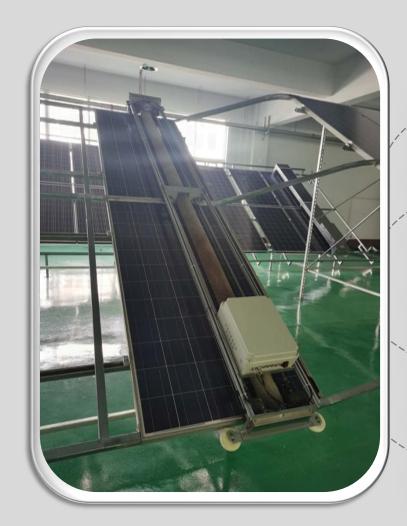
Choose non-dust flexible material which could clean effectively & not scratch the panels;

Clean 12 meters per minute & last over four hours;

The unique design of the ferry Vehicle resists strong winds to adapts to the hostile environment;

No need water, won't cause secondary pollution because of the special design;

Ferry Vehicle to transfer the cleaning robot to the next rows; one set QDHX could clean more rows.



QDX-M series, moveable cleaning robot

Quick charging

Safe & reliable

Nondestructive cleaning

High efficiency cleaning

Light weight design

Waterless cleaning

Simple operation

Use the charger for quick charging, and battery replacement quickly also.

All-wheel drive design, not stuck easily;

Choose non-dust flexible material which could clean effectively & not scratch the panels;

Clean 12 meters per minute & last over six hours;

Ultra-light design, aerospace aluminum alloy material, to reduce the handling strength

No need water, won't cause secondary pollution because of the special design;

Button control, operate easily



QDX-T series, for tracker solar plant

Self power supply

Safe & reliable

Nondestructive cleaning

High efficiency cleaning

Waterless cleaning

Simple operation

Equipped with PV panels & electric storage itself; and no need external power supply;

Flexible wheel design, do not press the modules, will not cause hidden cracks:

Choose non-dust flexible material which could clean effectively & not scratch the panels;

Clean 12 meters per minute & last over six hours;

No need water, won't cause secondary pollution because of the special design;

Automatic cleaning in normal days, operated remotely.

06 Economic efficiency analysis

Manual cleaning

Clean as needed, 2 to 4 times a year

Easily to damage components and site facilities

Low safety, easily to occur personal accident in the distributed solar plants

Increased 3%-7% in Western in China; 3%-5% in the distributed power station in eastern

Western: \$308-\$923(dust & soil) one time;

Eastern: \$460-\$1540 one time

(small scale of power station, dirt, dust, industrial

dust particles are difficult to handle)

Comparison

Frequency of cleaning

Impact on modules

Safety

Increased of the capacity

Cost of cleaning(1MW)

Robot cleaning

Daily cleaning or as the intervals setting

Undamaged components

Safe

Keep the modules clean for long time; Increased approx. 11% in western; Above 17% in the distributed power station in eastern

The investment of 1MW plant in western: \$12300-\$23100; The investment of 1MW plant in eastern: \$7700-\$23100; Working life: 10 years; and daily cleaning

10MW Ground Solar Plant Economic Efficiency Analysis

Moderate

pollution

Serious

pollution

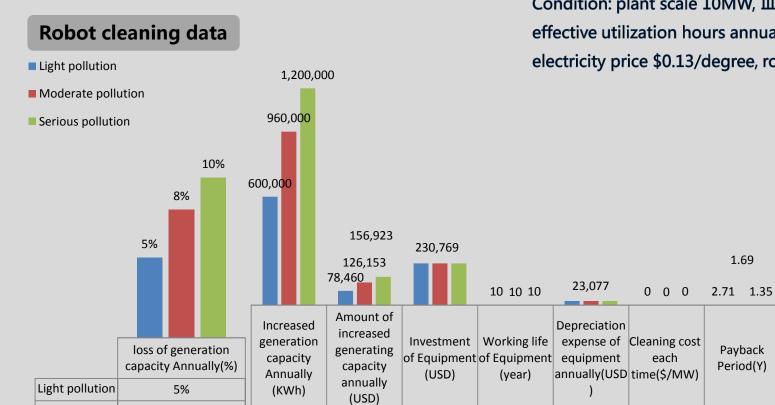
8%

10%

600,000

960,000

1,200,000



78,460

126,153

156,923

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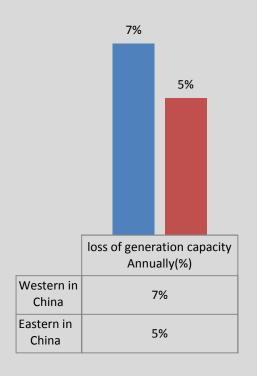
Condition: plant scale 10MW, III resource area, 1200 hours as effective utilization hours annually, 260W PV solar panels, and electricity price \$0.13/degree, robot maintenance costs by 3%.



10MW Ground Solar Plant Economic Efficiency Analysis

Manual cleaning data

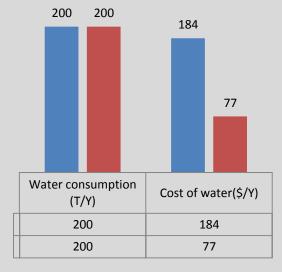
■ Western in China ■ Eastern in China





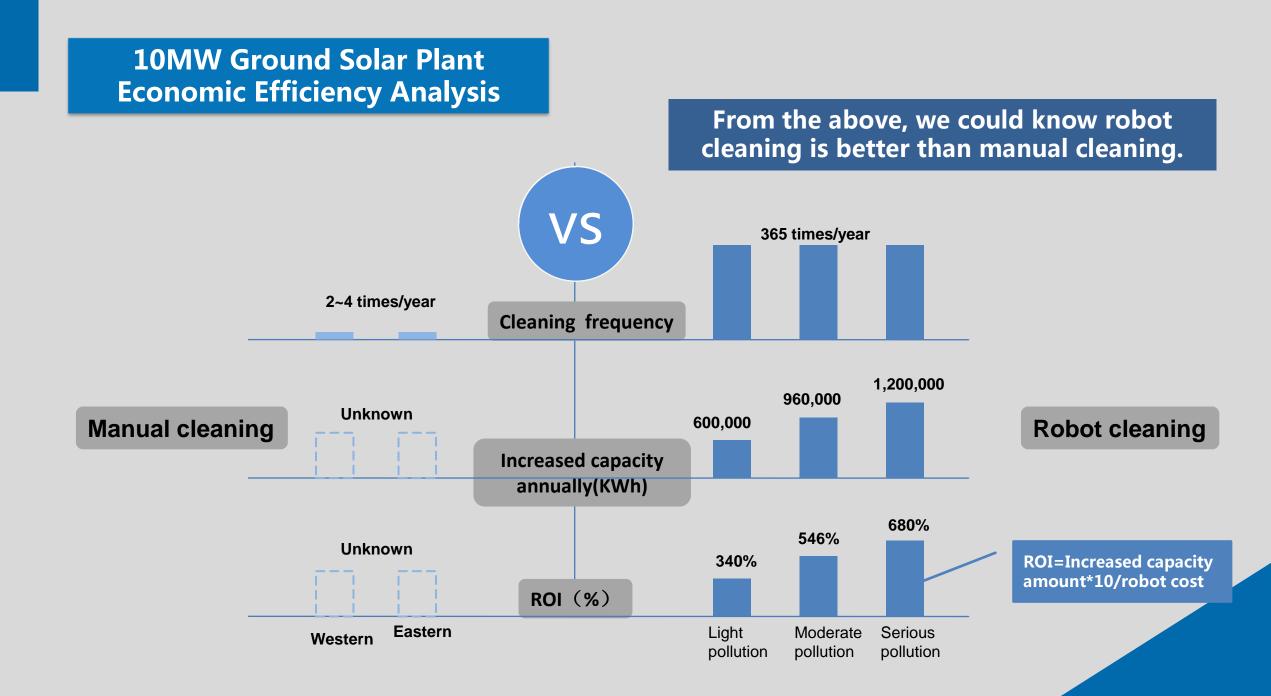
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ROI: Unknown

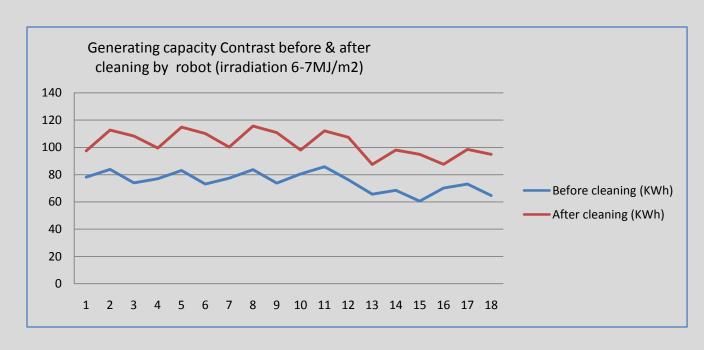
Increased capacity annual: Unknown



Practical application verification

Take 20MW rooftop solar plant in Anyang, Henan as example, autumn & winter season, invert 89.1KW, pls check the different generating under the similar irradiation before & after cleaning.

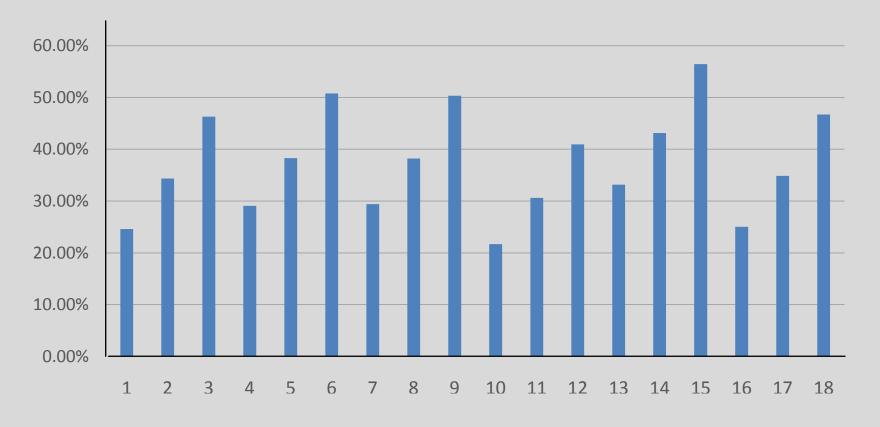
	Before cleaning KWh	After cleaning KWh	balance	Improved proportion
Generatin g capacity before & after using the robot	78.26	97.51	19.25	24.60%
	83.88	112.7	28.82	34.36%
	74.06	108.33	34.27	46.27%
	77.08	99.49	22.41	29.07%
	83.07	114.86	31.79	38.27%
	73.11	110.22	37.11	50.76%
	77.44	100.22	22.78	29.42%
	83.7	115.69	31.99	38.22%
	73.79	110.92	37.13	50.32%
	80.55	98.02	17.47	21.69%
	85.89	112.19	26.3	30.62%
	76.23	107.43	31.2	40.93%
	65.71	87.49	21.78	33.15%
	68.54	98.1	29.56	43.13%
	60.63	94.86	34.23	56.46%
	70.1	87.64	17.54	25.02%
	73.07	98.53	25.46	34.84%
	64.72	94.95	30.23	46.71%
Total	1349.83	1849.15	499.32	36.99%



As above, the strings (89.1KW capacity) under the similar irradiation (6-7MJ/m2), the generating capacity could improve 36.99% in average.

Improved at least 20% efficiency after robot cleaning





Improved 36.99% in average.

07 Application Case

Rooftop solar plant by SPIC in Hefei





Rooftop solar plant in Logistic city in Dubai





Before Cleaning

After cleaning

Before Cleaning

After cleaning

Tracker solar plant

By SEPCO III in Dubai



7.8MW roof solar plant
By HCIG New-energy in Neihuang, Henan

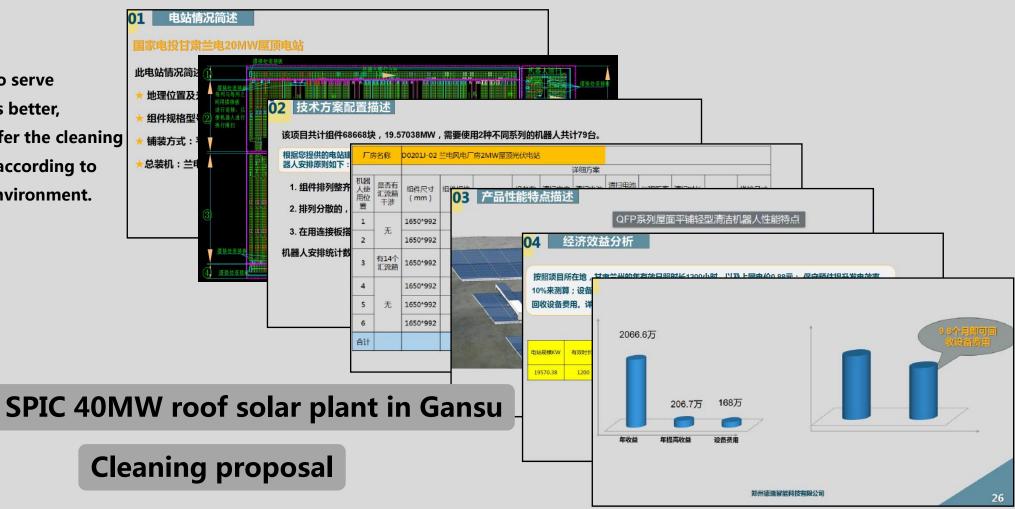


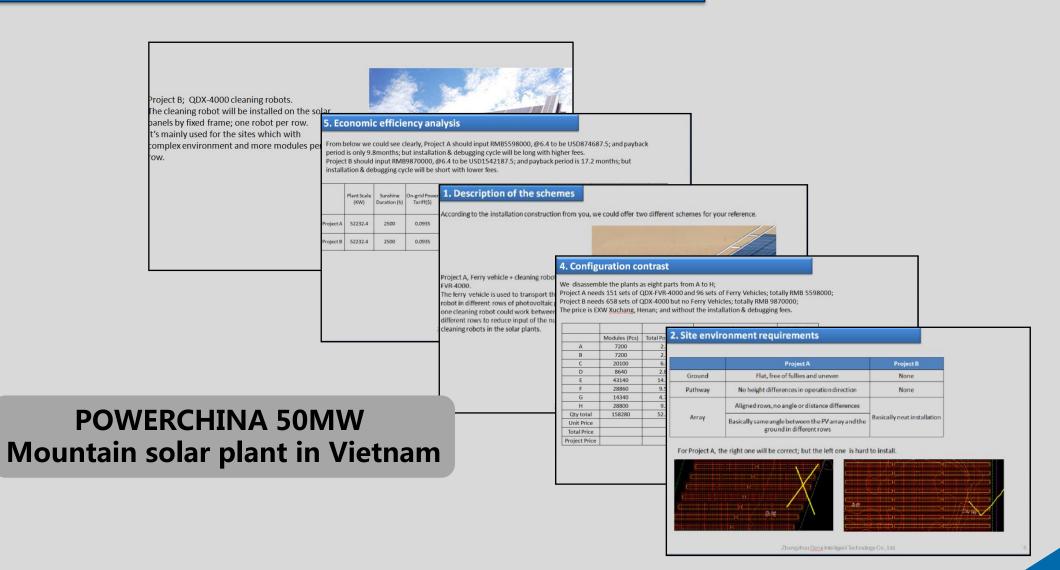


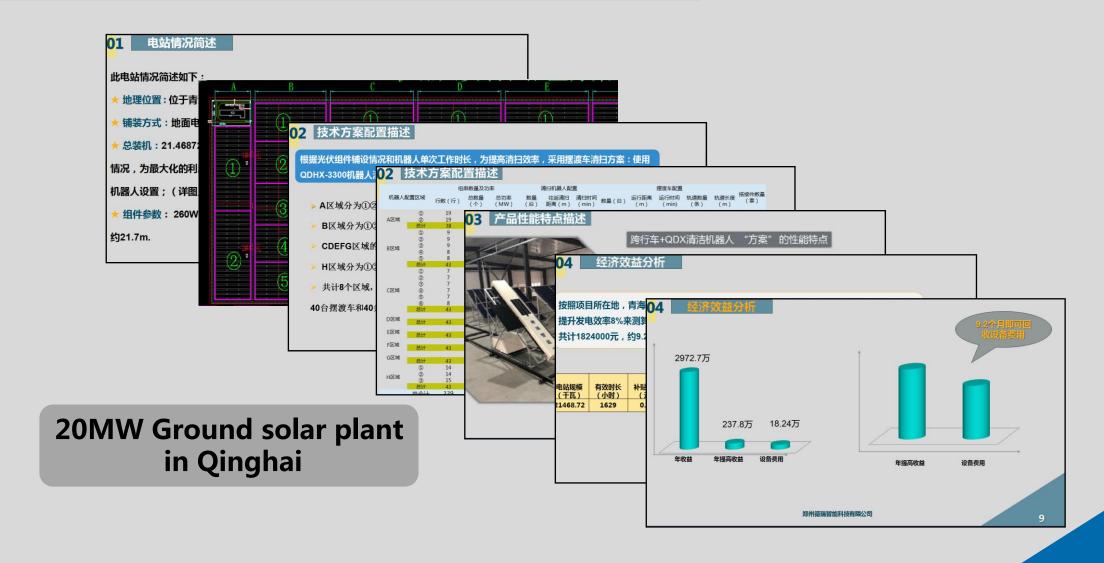
Before Cleaning

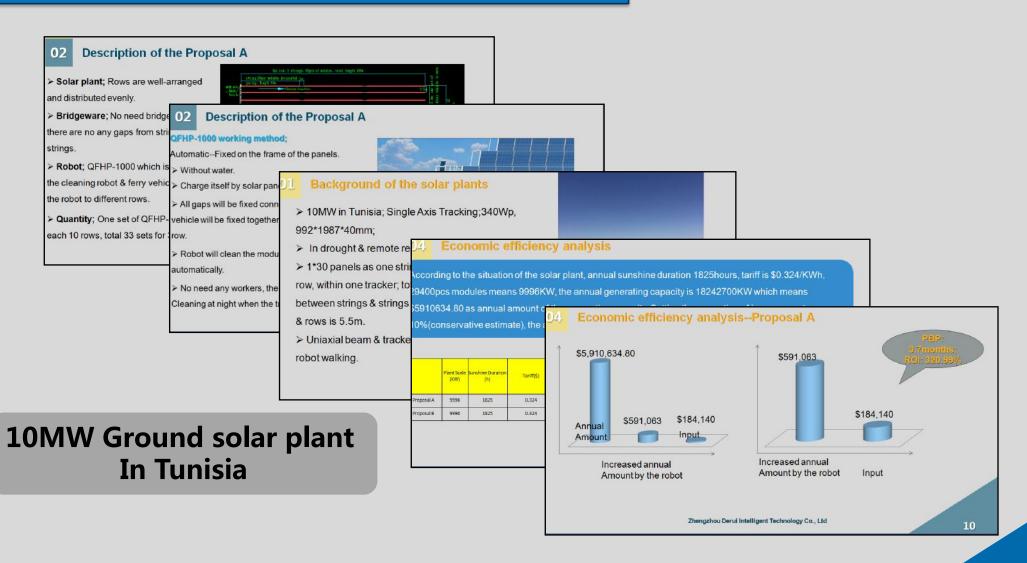
After cleaning

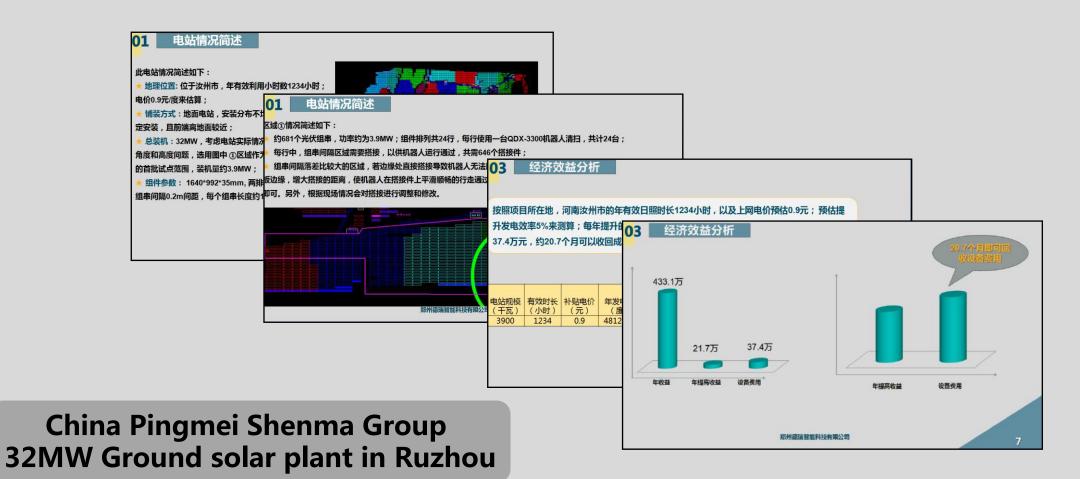
In order to serve customers better, we will offer the cleaning proposal according to the site environment.

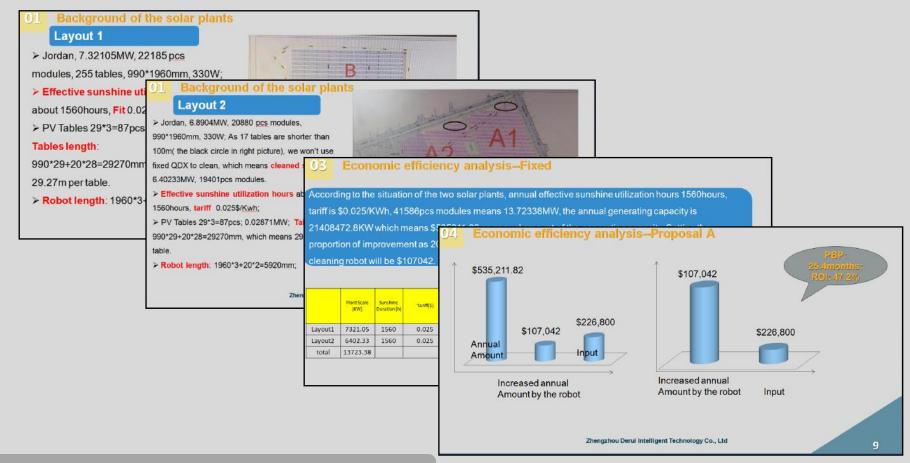












7.3MW Ground solar plant in Jordan