

# Monitoring and Control of Utility Scale Photovoltaic Systems



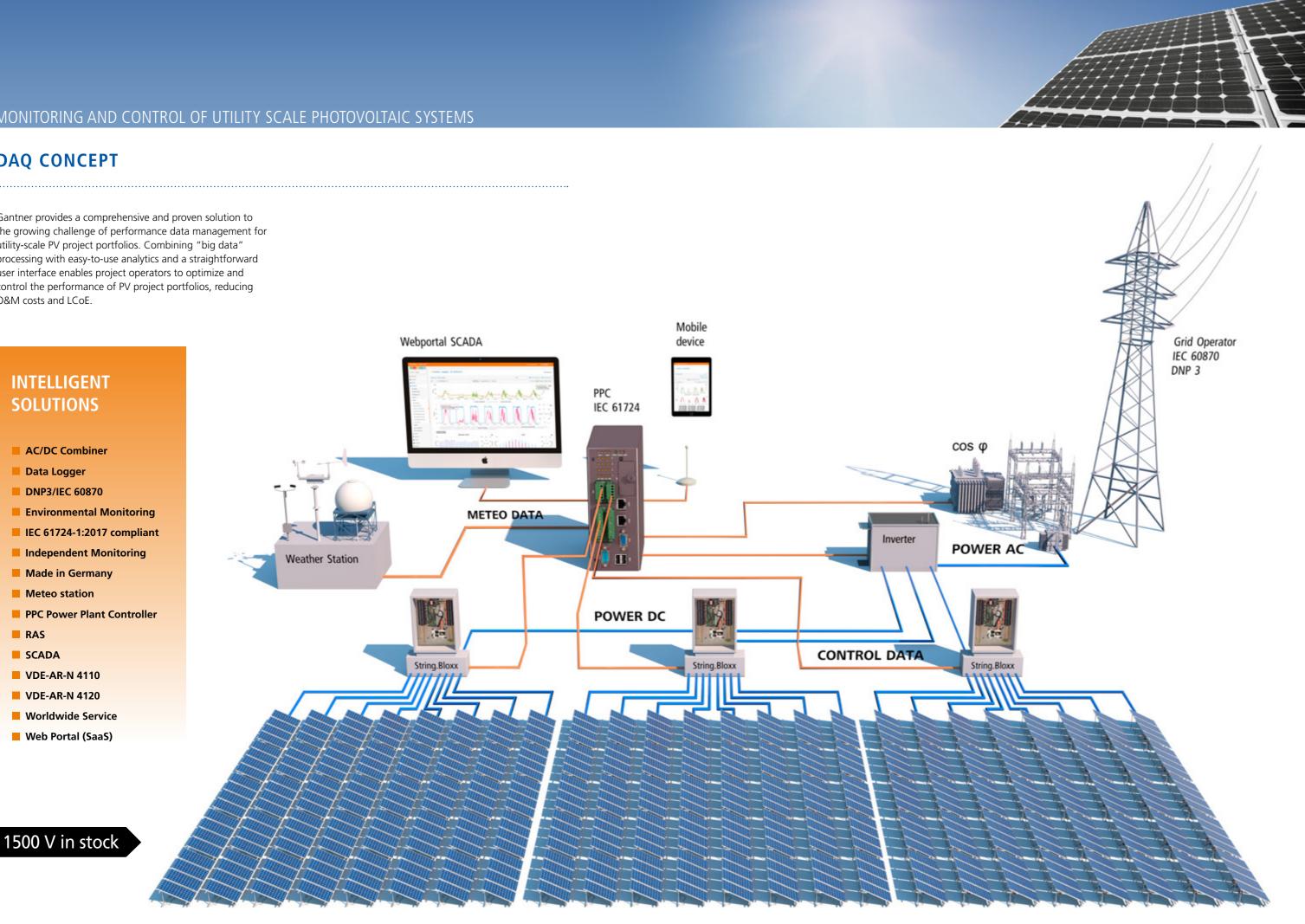
# MAXIMIZE THE ROI OF YOUR PV SYSTEMS

- Performance monitoring Data acquisition Visualization
- Analysis Reporting Custom features

Quality made in Germany

### **DAQ CONCEPT**

Gantner provides a comprehensive and proven solution to the growing challenge of performance data management for utility-scale PV project portfolios. Combining "big data" processing with easy-to-use analytics and a straightforward user interface enables project operators to optimize and control the performance of PV project portfolios, reducing O&M costs and LCoE.



### HARDWARE

We offer a broad range of hardware devices for monitoring of utility scale PV Power Plants.

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Gantners latest string level monitoring devices "string. bloxx" provide current measurements 10 times more accurate compared with competing monitoring solutions, not susceptible to temperature variance. Designed as an integral component of our individually customized DC Combiner boxes (DCB) "string.CB/CC" they are applicable for string voltage up to 1500V and dimensioned for up to 32 PV strings. The composition of our highly demanded DCBs has been ten of thousand times successfully proven itself in various solar projects, often with very special requirements in terms of both technical performance and of regional standards as well as in extreme climatic conditions

The heart of Gantners monitoring solution is the inverter independent datalogger Q.reader which tracks and controls all power plant information. The scalable modular design allows to control up to 100MW by one Q.reader. As Power plant controller (PPC) it provides all important functionality as absolute production constraint, power gradient constraint, voltage control, power factor control etc.

Also grid communication to electricity providers is in the scope of our solution and based on IEC 60870 standard

COM.bloxx and Z.bloxx are extension modules to the Q. reader.

AC Combiner boxes are used in PV Power Plants with decentral inverters to combine the AC power output of several inverters.

## GLOBAL COMPETENCE REFERENCES IN 26 COUNTRIES



#### string.bloxx 116/124 E 1500 V



- Designed for 1500 VDC
- Dimensioned for upt to 32 PV strings





Perfect customized solution for your individual PV project



#### string.bloxx 08/16/24



- 8, 16, 24, 32 PV string inputs
- Shunt based technology with accuracy of 0.25 %

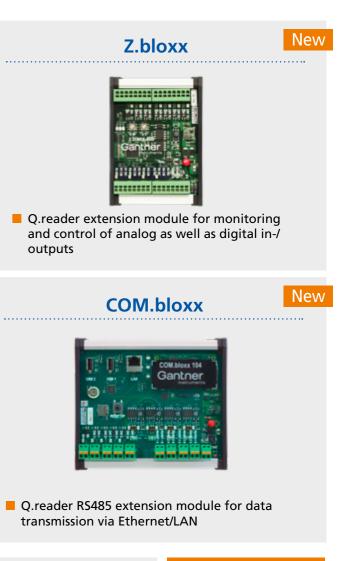
#### string.CB/CC 08/16/24/32



- 8, 16, 24, 32 PV module string inputs
- Wall or ground mountable enclosure







Shunt measurement ensures high accuracy and good stability:

Accuracy 0.25 % Stability 0.01 %/K

Consistently designed for 1000/1500 VDC:

Terminals, cables, connectors, housings

#### MONITORING AND CONTROL OF UTILITY SCALE PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS

### DATA LOGGER AND CONTROL

Gantner's intelligent Q.reader data logger tracks and controls all power plant information.

The Q.reader integrates string level (current, voltage), inverter data, meteorological data from weather stations, grid measurements and other state variables (switch gear, transformer status). At the same time, it also acts as a power controller for the Distribution Network Operator (DNO). This accurate data acquisition and control concept is inverter independent and gives feedback about losses due to inverter malfunction, soiling, shading, PV module degradation etc.

Scaleable modular design

Up to 100 MW can be controlled by one Q.reader





#### Exemplary features of the data logger Q.reader

- Data logging and Power Plant Control PPC
- Scalable system architectures based on Linux
- EC 60870, DNP3
- Protocols implemented from all leading inverter manufactures
- Configuration by Web frontend
- Distributed IO's analog and digital
- Communication RS-485, Ethernet interface
- Data transfer via cable (Modem, Ethernet/LAN) or wireless (GSM/LTE, WiFi)
- Industrial data memory
- Fanless design
- Touch screen display
- 100 MWp controlled by one single Q.reader central
- Compliant with new IEC 61724 Ed.2 "Photovoltaic System Performance Monitoring Guidelines for Measurement, Data Exchange and Analysis"

Power Plant Controller Features

Absolute
production constraint
Power gradient
constrain

- Voltage control
- Reactive power
- control • Power factor
- control
- Frequency control

### SOFTWARE



#### gantner.webportal

Gantner.webportal and SCADA solutions for PV performance monitoring, data storage, visualization, analysis and automated reporting provide transparency about the performance of your PV investment.

#### gantner.RAS

Gantner.RAS is a remote access service for global fleet management of onsite DAQ devices. Designed for Gantner Q.reader hardware and third party devices.





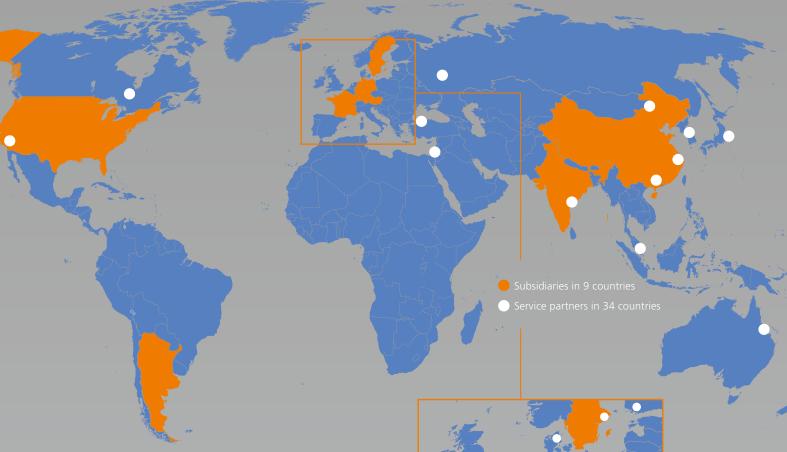
#### Main benefits with gantner.webportal

- Reduced risk for owner/investor and operator
- Comprehensive financial KPIs for investors
- One unified platform for effective and automated PV plant management
- Vendor-independent PV plant monitoring
- Provides baseline for energy prediction (day ahead), energy trading, etc.
- Fully compliant w/ international standards like IEC 61724 Ed.2
- Optimized PV production leads to increased asset value

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### GLOBAL COMPETENCE



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