



## Invited Speaker

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**From wasted watts to flexible load: Redefining the value of renewable energy (G0301)**

### | Talk Title

From Wasted Watts to Flexible Load: Redefining the Value of Renewable Energy

### | Biography

Jared's career has been dedicated to the scaled development of profitable renewable energy systems, spanning early-stage venture investment, technical innovation, and R&D. In his current role, Jared is the overall responsible for Rune's expansion across Europe.

Jared has over a decade of wind energy R&D experience from Vestas & Ørsted. During his last 4 years at Vestas, as a Principal in Vestas Ventures, Jared scouted hundreds, and led expert teams in evaluating dozens of CleanTech startups, culminating in a set of venture capital investments in globally compelling Series Seed, A and B stage companies.

Jared holds a MSc in EE from the Technical University of Denmark, and completed his undergraduate degree at Elon University in North Carolina.

# | Abstract

Every solar and wind farm generates energy that never reaches the grid — lost to curtailment, inverter clipping, and low-price dispatch decisions. Rune was built to capture that value.

By co-locating modular, interruptible compute infrastructure directly at renewable generation sites, Rune has created an entirely new class of flexible load — one that thrives on oversupply, requires no grid connection, no storage, and no firming power, and can be operational in under 30 minutes. Where conventional flexibility solutions attempt to shift or store excess energy, Rune absorbs it productively at the point of generation.

For grid operators and market participants, this represents something genuinely novel: demand that is structurally aligned with renewable output, scaling up when generation exceeds grid needs and stepping back instantly when it doesn't. For renewable asset owners, Rune's RELIC (Renewable Energy Linked Interruptible Compute) converts what were previously operational and financial losses into a new, zero-burden revenue stream.

Sitting at the intersection of high-performance computing, renewable energy, and grid market design, Rune offers a provocative and practical answer to one of the energy transition's most persistent challenges — what to do with the power no one currently wants.