# Conférence

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## BDNF signaling onto astrocyte TrkB.T1- a novel mechanism driving astrocyte structural plasticity

Astrocyte processes enwrap excitatory spines where they mediate glutamate and K+ uptake and contribute to synapse development and stabilization. Despite decades of research indicating astrocytes enwrap/contact excitatory synaptic elements, with increased coverage of mature synapses, there is little known regarding molecular signals that recruit astrocyte processes to synaptic structures or drive astrocyte structural plasticity in response to neuronal signaling. Dr. Olsen will present evidence that BDNF signaling onto astrocyte truncated TrkB receptor (TrkB.T1) serves as a signaling cue, recruiting the astrocyte to the synapse, driving astrocyte structural plasticity via actin mediated reorganization. BDNF signaling through astrocyte TrkB represents a novel signaling pathway to recruit astrocytes processes to spines and govern structural plasticity in an activity dependent manner.

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