

# Spindle Pole Body Duplication in Fission Yeast Occurs at the G1/S Boundary but Maturation Is Blocked until Exit from S by an Event Downstream of *Cdc10*<sup>+</sup> D V

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The regulation and timing of spindle pole body (SPB) duplication and maturation in fission yeast was examined by transmission electron microscopy. When cells are arrested at G1 by nitrogen starvation, the SPB is unduplicated. On release from G1, the SPBs were duplicated after 1–2 h. In cells arrested at S by hydroxyurea, SPBs are duplicated but not mature. In G1 arrest/release experiments with *cdc2.33* cells at the restrictive temperature, SPBs remained single, whereas in cells at the permissive temperature, SPBs were duplicated. In *cdc10* mutant cells, the SPBs seem not only to be duplicated but also to undergo partial maturation, including invagination of the nuclear envelope underneath the SPB. There may be an S-phase-specific inhibitor of SPB maturation whose expression is under control of *cdc10*<sup>+</sup>. This model was examined by induction of overreplication of the genome by overexpression of *rum1p* or *cdc18p*. In *cdc18p*-overexpressing cells, the SPBs are duplicated but not mature, suggesting that *cdc18p* is one component of this feedback mechanism. In contrast, cells overexpressing *rum1p* have large, deformed SPBs accompanied by other features of maturation and duplication. We propose a feedback mechanism for maturation of the SPB that is coupled with exit from S to trigger morphological changes.

## INTRODUCTION

The duplication of the centrosome, like replication of DNA, is under precise cell cycle control and occurs once in each eukaryotic cell cycle (Kallenbach and Mazia, 1982). Centrosome duplication occurs at the G1/S boundary in the cells of many organisms, although splitting of the centrosome complex, for example, as monitored by the separation of the centrioles that are embedded in the centrosome in animal cells, does not occur until later in the cell cycle (Hinchcliffe and Sluder, 2001). Recent studies of centrosome duplication in mammalian tissue culture cells or in *Xenopus* egg extracts demonstrate the centrosome duplication is driven by the cdk2–cyclin E complex (Hinchcliffe *et al.*, 1999; Lacey *et al.*, 1999; Matsumoto *et al.*, 1999; Meraldi *et al.*, 1999). In budding yeast cells, duplication of the spindle pole body (SPB), the yeast equivalent of the centrosome, is under the control of Cdc28/Clns complex, the G1 cyclins, and occurs late in G1 and spindle formation occurs in S phase (Haase *et al.*, 2001).

The reported cycle of SPB duplication and maturation in the fission yeast *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* differs from that in budding yeast and other organisms. The fission yeast SPB, a laminar body, spends most of interphase in the cytoplasm

adjacent to the nuclear envelope. After the formation of a half bridge a second laminar body forms adjacent to the first. As the SPB matures, osmophilic material accumulates in a pocket in the nuclear envelope that forms as the nuclear envelope invaginates. Subsequently, as the cell enters mitosis the two laminar bodies separate as the mitotic spindle forms, giving rise to a bipolar spindle (Ding *et al.*, 1997; Tanaka *et al.*, 2000). The timing of SPB duplication in the fission yeast cell cycle is controversial. Although the latest reports place duplication, maturation, and separation at late G2 (Ding *et al.*, 1997), earlier reports suggest that duplication occurs upon entry into mitosis (McCully and Robinow, 1971) or anaphase (Kanbe *et al.*, 1990) or that it is independent of the DNA replication cycle (King *et al.*, 1982).

We wanted to reexamine the timing of SPB duplication in fission yeast because it is the only organism that is reported to initiate centrosome duplication at a point in the cell cycle other than G1/S. Although we have shown in permeabilized cells that the SPB becomes competent to nucleate microtubules at G2/M (Masuda *et al.*, 1992), it is possible that other changes in SPB structure and function, including SPB duplication occur earlier in the cell cycle. For example, two fission yeast SPB components, *alp4p* and *alp6p*, which are homologous to the  $\gamma$ -tubulin binding proteins, Sc. Spc97/h.GCP2 and Sc. Spc98/h.GCP3, respectively, have an essential role that is required earlier in the cell cycle than M, i.e., during G1 (Vardy and Toda, 2000). Their essential function may be associated with a step in the duplication of the SPB. Different steps in duplication and maturation of the *Drosophila* centrosome happen at different stages in the cell cycle (Vidwans *et al.*, 1999). A similar cell cycle-dependent separation of SPB

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duplication and maturation may occur during the fission yeast cell cycle.

To accurately place the events of fission yeast duplication and maturation in the cell cycle, we have monitored changes in SPB morphology in high-pressure fast frozen, freeze-substituted cells followed either by serial thin section analysis or tomography. Various cell cycle arrest and release techniques such as nitrogen starvation/release and hydroxyurea treatment allowed us to determine whether SPB duplication is associated with crossing the G1/S boundary. The large collection of cell cycle arrest mutants gave us further insight into the cell cycle-dependent control of SPB duplication and maturation. We find that duplication of the SPB occurs at the G1/S boundary and that maturation of the SPB occurs later in the cell cycle and requires exit from S.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Yeast Strains and Media

The cells were cultured in rich medium (YES) for drug treatment and for temperature arrest of  $ts^-$  mutants. For G1 arrest, the cells were cultured in minimal medium (PM) and then starved for nitrogen and carbon sources with PM-ND (PM without ammonium chloride or dextrose) (Horie *et al.*, 1998). The wild-type strain used was 972L( $h^-$ ). For G1 arrest and release by nitrogen starvation experiments, autotroph strains were used. Cells were cultured at 25°C unless otherwise stated. Temperature-sensitive strains *cdc2.33* ( $h^-$ ) and *cdc10.v50* ( $h^-$ ) were a kind gift of Paul Nurse (Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London, United Kingdom). The integrant strains of *cdc18+* and *rum1+* genes under *mtt1+* promoter also were obtained from Paul Nurse. The strain FY1166  $h^+$  *mcm4::[mcm4HA::leu1+]* *ura4-D18 leu1-32 ade6-M210* used in the *in situ* mcm4p binding assay was a kind gift of Susan Forsburg (University of Southern California).

### Electron Microscopy

The cells were high-pressure frozen in a Bal-tec high-pressure freezer as described previously (Ding *et al.*, 1997). The frozen cells were substituted in acetone with 2% osmium oxide and 0.1% uranyl acetate for 3 d at -90°C and then warmed to 20°C at 10°C/h. The cells were embedded in Epon 812 resin, sectioned at a thickness of ~40–50 nm, and poststained in lead citrate and uranyl acetate. The pictures of SPBs were taken with either a JEOL 100CX transmission electron microscope at 80 keV, a JEOL 1200EX at 100 keV, or a Philips TECNAI 12 at 100 keV. For each SPB found, serial sections were followed, including two sections outside the ends of the SPB in both directions. For each section, a low-magnification image for the entire cell (3300–16,000 $\times$ ) and a close-up image of the SPB (26,000–50,000 $\times$ ) were taken. For selected samples, the stage was tilted to obtain images at different angles for a clearer view of the internal structure of the SPB. The SPBs were scored as single or duplicated judging from their shape. All of the SPBs without complete lamellae were scored as single, including all the putative duplication intermediates. With only a few exceptions, >10 complete serial section images of SPBs were taken for each time point or condition in each experiment. The total number of electron microscope (EM) negatives used in this study is >1800.

### EM Tomography

EM tomographic reconstruction was performed as described previously (Braunfeld *et al.*, 1994). Briefly, after fixation, processing, and embedding in Epon 812, cells were sectioned to a thickness of ~0.4  $\mu$ m and placed on a 50  $\times$  200 mesh grid coated with Formvar. The sections were scanned for SPBs on either Philips TECNAI 12 electron microscope at 100 keV or a Philips EM430 at 300 keV. The position of SPBs was recorded for later reference. The scanned grids were then treated with poly-L-lysine followed by coating with 15-nm gold beads. The poly-L-lysine treatment and gold bead coating were repeated until sufficient density of gold beads was obtained around the SPB and then the grids were carbon coated. The SPBs were preexposed for 15–20 min to minimize shrinkage during tilting. The tilt data sets were taken on a Philips CM430 automated data correction system at 300 keV. The system is fully automated with a Philips C400 interface and a SGI OCTANE workstation. Data were collected on a Gatan 676 cooled slow-scan charge-coupled device camera with 2 $\times$  binning (512  $\times$  512 pixels) at a magnification of 21,200 $\times$  (1.68 nm/pixel) with a tilting angle ranging from -70 to +70° at 1.25° intervals except for a few samples for which a high tilting angle >60° was not available in one tilting direction. Each data set was processed for reconstruction by using alignment of gold beads on the surface of the section, mass normalization, and calculation of the tomographic alternating projection iterative reconstruction in Priism software. The reconstructed images were displayed, analyzed, and modeled with Priism or DeltaVision software (Chen *et al.*, 1996).

### Cell Cycle Arrest and Release

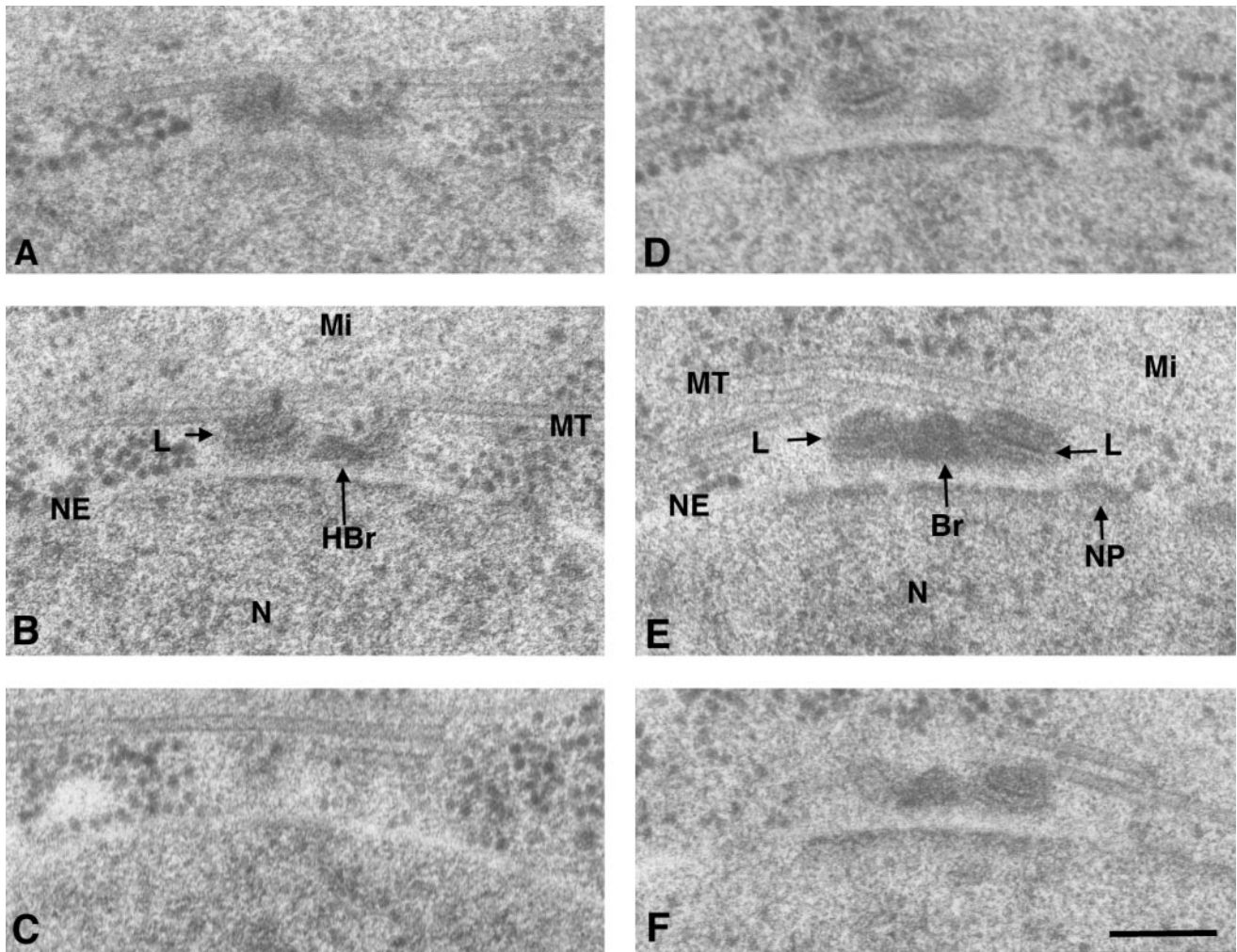
For G1 arrest experiments with nitrogen starvation, logarithmic cultures were centrifuged and cells were washed three times in PM-ND. Then, the cells were cultured in PM-ND for 2–2.5 h followed by addition of glucose to a final concentration of 2% (Horie *et al.*, 1998). The culture was subsequently incubated for 6–7.5 h and was subjected to high-pressure freezing. The arrest was monitored with FACScan analysis for DNA content according to the literature (Moreno and Nurse, 1994; Labib *et al.*, 1995). For arrest/release experiments, G1 arrested cultures were refed with ammonium chloride and cultured for an hour before high-pressure freezing. For *cdc2.33* strain with G1 arrest/release experiment, the G1 arrested culture *cdc2.33* strain was split into two halves, and one was shifted up to the nonpermissive temperature (35°C) and the other was kept at the permissive temperature (25°C). Ten minutes later, prewarmed nitrogen source (ammonium chloride, final 1%) was added to both cultures. The fixation of cells was started between 60 and 90 min after the addition of nitrogen source and took 15–20 min for one culture condition typically. For hydroxyurea (HU) treatment, the cells were cultured in YES to mid-log phase and then HU was added to 10 mM, and cells were further incubated for 3.5 h followed by high-pressure freezing. The *cdc10.v50* strain was cultured in YES to mid-log phase and then shifted up to the nonpermissive temperature (35°C) for 3.5 h before fixation. Overexpression of *rum1p* or *cdc18p* under the control of the *mtt1+* promoter was done according to Moreno and Nurse (1994) or Nishitani and Nurse (1995). Cells were cultured in YES to mid-log phase. The cells were washed three times in PM followed by diluting the culture in PM for 30-fold. The cells were then cultured for 17 h before the fixation to allow overexpression of the proteins by depletion of thiamine. Most of the cells in these populations had more than 4C DNA content as monitored by flow cytometry.

Fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) analysis of the DNA content of cell populations in cell cycle arrest/release experiments were done according to Moreno *et al.* (Moreno and Nurse, 1994; Labib *et al.*, 1995). The DNA content of cells stained with SYTOX Green (Molecular Probes, Eugene, OR) were analyzed using a Beckman Coulter EPICS XL-MCL flow cytometer at the Flow Cytometry Facility (Cancer Research Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley, CA). To confirm the stage of cell cycle arrest of the various populations of cells analyzed by flow cytometry, we used an *in situ* chromatin binding assay developed by Kearsey *et al.* (2000) as modified by Gomez and Forsburg (2004), to study the cell cycle-dependent binding of mcm4p to chromatin in individual cells. As described previously, after Zymolyase 20T treatment, cells were washed with low (0.025%) or high (1%) Triton X-100 to determine whether HA-tagged mcm4p was retained in the nucleus bound to chromatin after high-detergent treatment. Cells were examined by indirect immunofluorescence and photographed using the same exposure times.

## RESULTS

### Serial Section EM Analysis Is Required to Determine Whether a SPB Is Duplicated

Our criteria for identifying SPBs at different stages of duplication were based on changes in SPB morphology and required a complete set of serial sections through the SPB to distinguish unduplicated from duplicated SPB. As shown in Figure 1, A–C, unduplicated SPBs are a single laminated body with a small well-stained appendage. This appendage was named the half bridge by Ding *et al.* (1997), because of the structural resemblance to the half bridges found in unduplicated SPBs of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. After duplication, the SPB is two laminated bodies interconnected by a densely stained pyramid shaped bridge (Figure 1, D–F). However, this structure does not show the morphological changes associated with maturation. During maturation, the nuclear envelope becomes invaginated, and dark staining material accumulates in the pocket that forms beneath the duplicated SPB (see Figure 5 for an example of a maturing SPB). Subsequently, the two daughter SPBs are separated by microtubules as a bipolar mitotic spindle is formed between them (Ding *et al.*, 1997). For clarity of analysis, we have divided SPB maturation into two stages, e.g., early and late maturation. Early maturation is marked by growth in size of the lamellae bodies, invagination of the nuclear envelope, and accumulation of darkly stained material between the nuclear envelope and the SPB, whereas late maturation is marked by the physical separation of the two daughter SPBs and formation of the mitotic spindle.



**Figure 1.** Serial sections through two SPBs comparing the structure of an unduplicated (A–C) versus a duplicated but immature (D–F) SPB. In A–C, the nitrogen-starved cell is arrested in early G1. The SPB in this cell consists of a single laminar structure (L) and a half bridge (HBr), which lies adjacent to an intact NE. In D–F, the *cdc10*-arrested cell at the nonpermissive temperature is arrested at the G1/S boundary. The SPB is duplicated and has two laminar structures separated by a dark staining elipsoid bridge (Br). In both cells, the nuclear envelope is continuous and unfenestrated and shows no signs of invagination, although dark material has accumulated on the nuclear but not the cytoplasmic face of the nuclear envelope adjacent to the SPB. Several microtubules (MT) are in proximity to the cytoplasmic face of the SPB in each cell, accompanied by mitochondria. A nuclear pore (NP) is always found near the SPB. Note the image of the unduplicated SPB in section B superficially resembles the image of the duplicated but immature SPB in section D. The size of each linear structure is similar (ranging from 70 to 90 nm) in unduplicated and duplicated SPBs. Bar, 100 nm.

Because of the contradictory literature and the difficulty in analyzing SPB morphology as it duplicates and matures, a large data set consisting of >120 complete sets of serial sections containing SPBs were obtained and analyzed for this study. When the lamellae were not clearly visible in the sections, the sections were examined with various tilting angles, and images were obtained at the best tilting angle for visualization of the lamellae. We examined complete serial sections of SPBs running from two sections outside of the boundary of the SPB and scored the SPBs as single or duplicated only when the complete sets of sections were recorded on film. Any ambiguous SPBs, including putative duplication intermediates, were scored as duplicated. In addition, three tomographic reconstructions of SPBs at different stages of duplication were made. As shown in Figure 1, the images of an unduplicated (section B) and a duplicated but immature (section D) SPB can seem similar when

comparing two single sections, but they can be distinguished from each other in serial section analysis.

#### *The SPB Is Duplicated in Cells Arrested at S Phase by HU*

Although Ding *et al.* (1997) concluded that the SPB undergoes duplication and maturation at the G2/M boundary, other accounts in the literature (Vardy and Toda, 2000; Garcia *et al.*, 2001) and our own observations of SPB morphology in log phase culture (S.U., unpublished data) suggest that SPB duplication was initiated at G1-S phase. To further study the timing of SPB duplication, we examined the morphology of SPBs in cells arrested at various stages of the cell cycle around the G1-to-S phase transition. First, we examined the SPB morphology in cells arrested at S phase by hydroxyurea. HU is an inhibitor of ribonucleotide reductase (RNR) and delays the progression of S phase by depleting the dNTP pool required for efficient DNA synthesis (Kim

and Huberman, 2001). Figure 2, A and B, shows SPBs from wild-type cells treated with HU for 3.5 h at 25°C. All 11 SPBs scored were duplicated according to our criteria. It is striking that the most of the SPBs found in HU-treated cells are uniform in shape and length as shown in Figure 2. SPBs contained a pair of lamellar bodies; one was smaller and at an angle relative to the nuclear envelope, and the other larger and slightly more extended. They are interconnected by a pyramid-shaped bridge that is on top of a continuous nuclear envelope. The nuclear envelope beneath the SPB was straight and closely appressed to the SPB. Electron-dense material was found in the nucleus adjacent to the nuclear envelope beneath the SPB at the site where the centromere cluster is located (Tanaka and Kanbe, 1986; Nishimoto *et al.*, 1992; Uzawa and Yanagida, 1992; Funabiki *et al.*, 1993; Kniola *et al.*, 2001). Because all SPB scored had a duplicated SPB, we conclude that the SPB duplication is completed before or during S phase. Moreover, because 100% of the cells have duplicated SPBs, it is not possible that SPB duplication in HU-arrested cells is actually a later cell cycle event unaffected by HU treatment because the cell population is variable in the length of time spent arrested in S. If the HU-treated cells had progressed further in the cell cycle with respect to SPB duplication, then only a fraction of the cells would have had duplicated SPBs.

As shown by flow cytometry (Figure 2C), cells fixed after 3.5 h in HU for electron microscopy were arrested in early S phase with unreplicated DNA. At the beginning of S phase, the mcm4p/mcm6p complex is bound to chromatin and is then displaced from chromatin as DNA replication occurs and becomes soluble in the nucleus (Kearsey *et al.*, 2000). As shown in Figure 2D by using an *in situ* binding assay for chromatin bound mcm4p, HA-tagged mcm4p is retained in the nucleus after high-detergent treatment in the HU-treated cells. This result, consistent with that shown previously by Kearsey *et al.* (2000), confirms that SPB duplication can occur in cells blocked in DNA replication during early S phase. By way of contrast in the wild-type, non-HU-treated population where most cells are in G<sub>2</sub>, the only cells observed that have retained mcm4p after detergent treatment are binucleate cells undergoing septation that are at the G<sub>1</sub>/S boundary.

#### **The SPB Is Not Duplicated in Cells Arrested at G<sub>1</sub> Phase by Nitrogen Starvation**

To further study the timing of SPB duplication, we examined the morphology of SPBs in cells arrested at various stages of the cell cycle around the G<sub>1</sub>/S boundary. G<sub>1</sub> arrest by nitrogen starvation is before *cdc2* arrest and clearly is preStart. For an unknown reason, the conventional method for G<sub>1</sub> arrest (nitrogen starvation for 16 h or more) yielded very poor quality specimens for EM. An alternative protocol developed by Shimoda (Horie *et al.*, 1998) yielded cells that had well preserved ultrastructure. By this method, cells in log phase are arrested at G<sub>2</sub> by starving with both nitrogen and carbon sources (Figure 3A). On addition of a carbon source, the cells undergo two rapid successive cell divisions and then arrest at G<sub>1</sub>. Although many cells in this population are multiply septated and daughters have not separated (Figure 3B), only cells lacking a septum were used for EM. Flow cytometry of the arrested population combined together with a septation index suggested that >66% of the cells were arrested in G<sub>1</sub> by this nitrogen starvation protocol (Figure 3B). A single laminated structure with two layers and a half bridge (Figure 1, A–C) was found in most of the cells examined (81%; 13/16), demonstrating that the SPB is not duplicated in cells arrested at G<sub>1</sub>. The nuclear membrane running under the SPB seems to be straight and continuous.

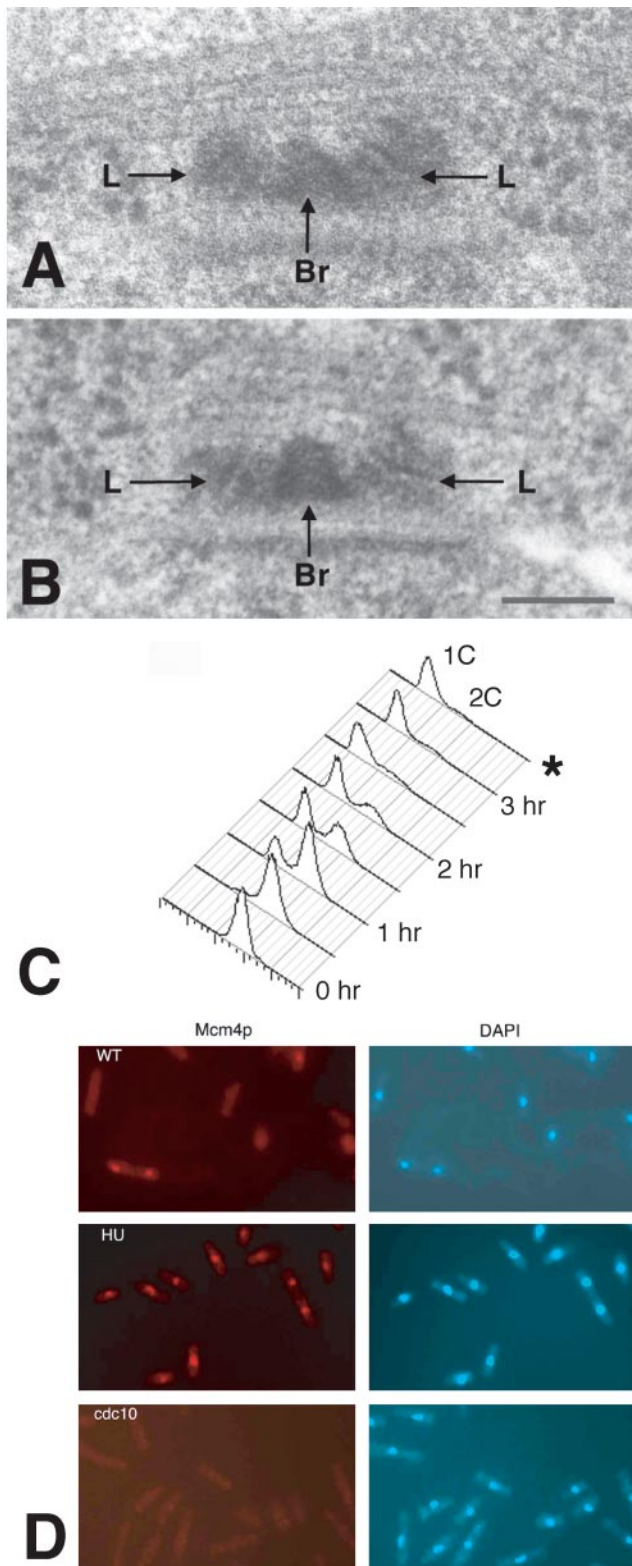
The nuclear membrane had no indication of early maturation events, such as fenestration or invagination adjacent to the SPB. A bundle of cytoplasmic microtubules running parallel to the longitudinal axis of the cells were found at the cytoplasmic side of SPBs. Four to seven microtubules were usually found within the bundle; a number that matches our live data analysis for cytoplasmic microtubule behavior (Sagolla *et al.*, 2003). Mitochondria were always associated with the microtubule bundles near the SPB and extended most of the length of the cytoplasmic bundle. This observation is consistent with genetic studies that demonstrate that microtubules are involved in mitochondrial partitioning to daughter cells during cell division (Yaffe *et al.*, 1996). The three cells that had duplicated SPBs may be the result of an incomplete arrest by nitrogen starvation as suggested by flow cytometry (Figure 3B). This observation clearly demonstrates that the SPB is not duplicated at an early G<sub>1</sub> arrest point.

#### **SPB Duplicates upon Release from Nitrogen Starvation**

To determine whether SPBs are duplicated at a stage in the cell cycle that falls between arrest by nitrogen starvation and HU arrest, we investigated the timing of SPB duplication by releasing cells from nitrogen starvation and fixing the cells shortly after release. The method of starvation and release is shown in the flow diagram in Figure 3A (Horie *et al.*, 1998). One to 1.5 h after the addition of a nitrogen source, when cells are at the onset of S phase or in early S phase, as shown by flow cytometry (Figure 4B), the cells were fixed and the SPB morphology was examined. Where possible, only cells that had no septa were examined. The flow cytometry data suggest that these cells at 25°C have not completed DNA replication. Of the eight cells examined, five cells had duplicated SPBs (63%) in contrast to the 81% that had single SPBs in nitrogen-starved G<sub>1</sub>-arrested cells (Figure 1, A–C). Two of the three cells scored as having unduplicated SPBs contained an unknown structure associated with the half bridge, which may be a duplication intermediate (our unpublished data). None showed any signs of maturation as defined previously. Nor had any of the cells entered mitosis. This result, together with the results of the HU arrest experiment, strongly suggests that the duplication of the SPB occurs at the G<sub>1</sub>/S boundary instead of at the G<sub>2</sub>/M boundary.

#### **The Duplication of SPB Is Dependent on *cdc2p* Kinase at the G<sub>1</sub>/S Boundary**

To investigate the role of *cdc2p* kinase during SPB duplication, a nitrogen starvation arrest/release experiment was carried out with a temperature-sensitive allele of *cdc2<sup>+</sup>* gene. Wild-type *cdc2p* kinase activity is required both for entrance into S and into M. Normally, if a log phase population of *cdc2.33* cells were shifted to the nonpermissive temperature, almost all cells arrest at the G<sub>2</sub>/M boundary because most cells in a log phase population are in G<sub>2</sub> (King and Hyams, 1982). In this experiment, cells were arrested at G<sub>1</sub> by nitrogen starvation and then released from arrest by addition of the nitrogen source. The population of nitrogen-starved, G<sub>1</sub>-arrested *cdc2.33* cells was divided into two cultures, and one-half was shifted up to 35°C, the nonpermissive temperature (Figure 4A, diagram). Ten minutes later, the G<sub>1</sub> arrest was released by addition of a prewarmed nitrogen source to both cultures. The cells were fixed 1–1.5 h after the addition of the nitrogen source (Figure 4B, bar), as in the nitrogen arrest/release experiment. At the nonpermissive temperature, 83% (10/12) of cells had a single, unduplicated SPB. In contrast, 13% of the cells (2/16 cells) at the permissive temperature (25°C) had unduplicated SPBs. These results clearly demonstrate that the duplication of the SPB occurs at the



**Figure 2.** (A and B) The images of the duplicated but immature SPBs in two hydroxyurea-treated cells arrested early in S. The SPB consists of two laminar structures (L) separated by a bridge (Br). For both examples, only the center section is presented. The SPB has not undergone maturation as shown by the small size of the laminar structures (50–60 nm) and the absence of any nuclear envelope invagination or fenestration. The laminations of one of the two structures (left-hand side) lie oblique to the nuclear envelope rela-

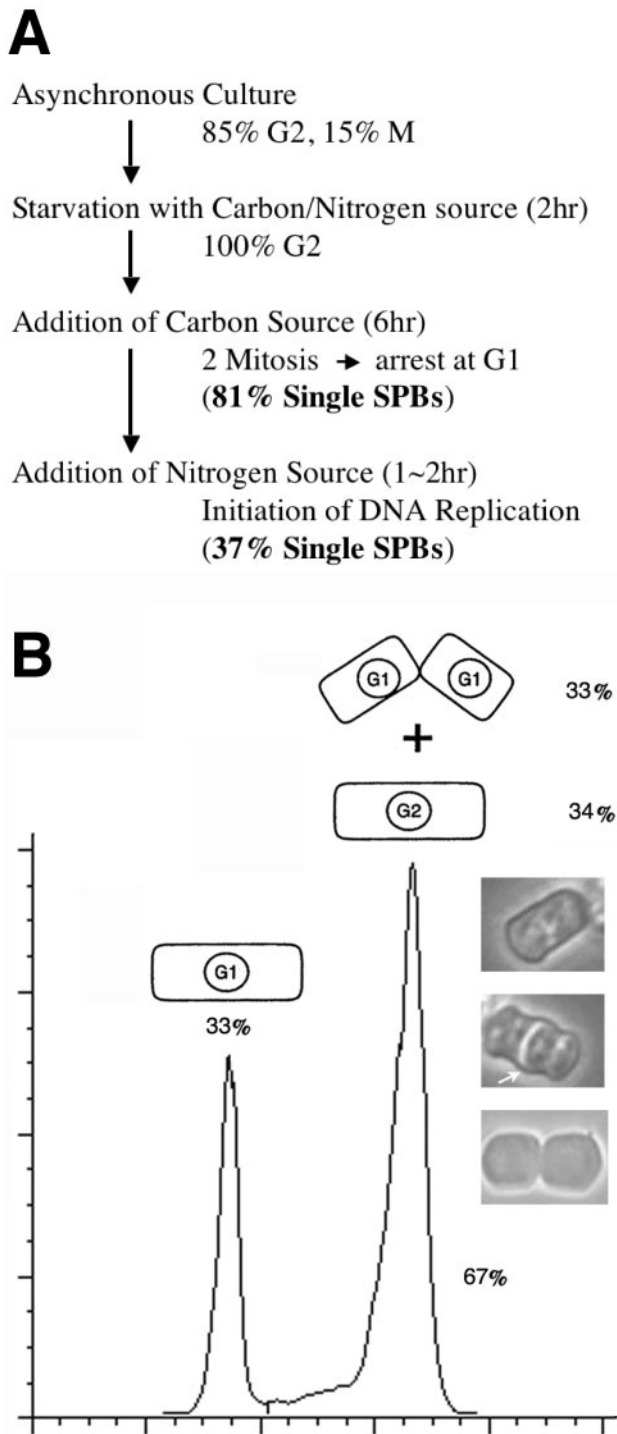
G1/S boundary in fission yeast and is downstream of G1/S *cdc2p* kinase activity. As is shown by the FACS analysis of the *cdc2.33* populations of cells (Figure 4B), at 25°C the cells progressed through the cell cycle with kinetics similar to wild-type cells at the same temperature, whereas at 35°C after being released from nitrogen starvation the *cdc2.33* cells remain arrested at the G1/S boundary with unreplicated DNA.

#### *The SPB Is Duplicated and Undergoes Early Maturation in *cdc10*-arrested Cells*

To further characterize regulation of SPB duplication timing, we investigated the morphology of SPBs in G1-arrested cells with the *cdc10.v50 ts<sup>-</sup>* mutation, which arrested at a step in the cell cycle downstream from *cdc2p* kinase but earlier than HU arrest. *cdc10p* is a component of (MluI binding factor transcription complex, which regulates the transcription of genes required for S phase, including the large subunit of RNR and *cdc18p* (Tanaka and Okayama, 2000). *cdc10p* activity is regulated through phosphorylation and is a downstream target of *cdc2p*/G1 cyclin complex. The execution point of the *cdc10<sup>+</sup>* gene is commonly used to define Start in the fission yeast cell cycle (Nurse and Bissett, 1981)

As shown by flow cytometry, *cdc10* cells after 3 h at the nonpermissive temperature are arrested with a 1C DNA content (Figure 5B). *mcm4 p* is not retained in the nucleus in permeabilized cells at the nonpermissive temperature (Figure 2D), presumably because it cannot be loaded onto chromosomes in the absence of *cdc18p* expression (Kearsey *et al.*, 2000). Ogawa *et al.* (1999) have previously demonstrated that the *mcm4p*/*mcm6p* complex is not bound to chromatin in the absence of *cdc10p*. Cells were fixed for EM after 3.5 h at the nonpermissive temperature, at a time when all cells remain arrested at the G1/S boundary with 1C DNA content. The SPBs were found to be duplicated in *cdc10*-arrested cells as shown in Figure 1, D–F and Figure 5, A–L, and the Supplemental Movie. Two laminated bodies were found in 97% (26/27 cells) of the SPBs examined, demonstrating that they have already undergone duplication. This result shows that SPB duplication has happened before the initiation of S phase. The SPB scored as “single” in the *cdc10*-arrested culture had an appendage at the tip of half bridge, indicating that it is actually a duplication intermediate. Although to be consistent we scored this SPB as single, this unusual mor-

phology is similar to the other laminated structure. Due to the angle and the size of the smaller laminar body, it was essential to examine images of tilted specimen in series to find it reliably. Bar, 100 nm. (C) Schematic DNA histograms of cells arrested early in S after addition of hydroxyurea at time 0 as determined by flow cytometry. The first peak represents cells with 1C DNA content; the second peak cells with 2C DNA content. At zero time, almost all cells had 2C DNA content but by 3 h posthydroxyurea addition all cells had 1C DNA content. Cells were fixed for electron microscopy after 3.5 h in hydroxyurea as indicated by the \*. (D) In situ chromatin binding assay for HA-tagged *mcm4p* proteins in cells permeabilized with 1.0% Triton X-100. In the wild-type population (top), most cells are in G2 and do not retain *mcm4p* in the nucleus after permeabilization. The only cell that retained *mcm4p* protein is a binucleate cell at the G1/S boundary that has not completed cytokinesis (lower left). After 3.5-h treatment with hydroxyurea, all cells (middle) have retained *mcm4p* after permeabilization. No *mcm4p* protein was retained in the nuclei of *cdc10*-arrested cells grown for 3.5 h at the nonpermissive temperature (bottom).



**Figure 3.** (A) Flow diagram shows the method used for G1 arrest in this study (Horie *et al.*, 1998). The cells cultured in rich medium were transferred to a synthetic medium lacking both carbon source and nitrogen source (PM-ND). The cells were cultured for 2 h to allow them to arrest in G2 phase followed by addition of carbon source (2% dextrose final). After two rapid sequential divisions, cells arrest at G1. For arrest/release experiments, nitrogen source (ammonium chloride, 1% final) was added back. The percentage of unduplicated versus duplicated SPBs is shown in bold in parentheses. (B) Schematic DNA histogram of cells arrested in G1 as determined by flow cytometry. The square represents the cells where the cell cycle phase is indicated. The highest peak represents cells with 2C DNA content, including G1 cells with incomplete separation

phology suggests that none of the SPBs in *cdc10*-arrested cells possess a single SPB.

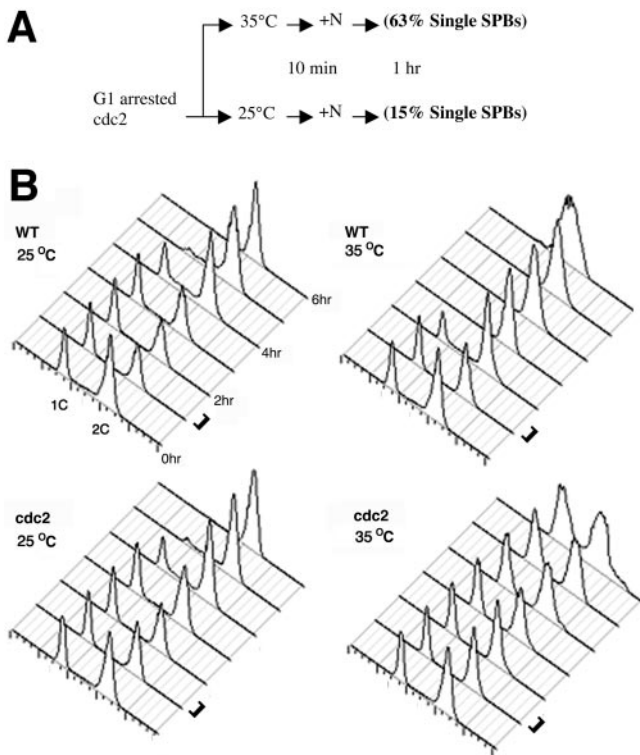
SPB morphology was heterogeneous in *cdc10*-arrested cells. We conducted a reconstruction of three-dimensional (3D) structure of SPBs in several cells by using EM tomography (Figure 5, A–L, and Supplemental Figure) (Braunfeld *et al.*, 1994). We found duplicated SPBs with an unmodified nuclear membrane underneath them (Figure 1, D–F) duplicated SPBs with a small invagination in the nuclear membrane underneath the bridge (our unpublished data) or duplicated SPBs with a large invagination of the nuclear membrane and associated dark staining material underneath the SPB (Figure 5, A–L, and Supplemental Movie). The SPB shown in Figure 5 bears a close resemblance to the SPB morphology described by Ding *et al.* (1997) as a premitotic SPB. Our results demonstrate that after *cdc10* arrest, duplication and subsequent early maturation of the SPB could be initiated without exiting from G1 or entering S phase. However, late-stage maturation, as defined by separation of the SPBs and nucleation of microtubules on the nucleoplasmic face of the SPB for the assembly of the mitotic spindle, was not observed.

#### Overexpression of *cdc18p* Is Sufficient to Block the Early Maturation

Cdc10p is a subunit of the transcription factor required for the progression through G1-S boundary. Because the block of early maturation is *cdc10p* dependent, it is natural to make the assumption that one of the *cdc10*<sup>+</sup>-regulated genes is responsible for the blockage of the early maturation. We, by accident, found that the overexpression of *cdc18p*, a protein whose expression is regulated by *cdc10*<sup>+</sup>, by itself can induce the blockage of early maturation. Overexpression (OE) of *cdc18p* is known to induce repeated initiations of DNA replication at various sites in the genome independent of cell cycle phase. These cells initiate DNA replication without going through a corresponding G1, G2, or M phase (Figure 6A, diagram) (Moreno and Nurse, 1994; Nishitani and Nurse, 1995). Cdc18p is directly involved in initiation of DNA replication (Nishitani and Nurse, 1995). It is a downstream target of the *res1p*-*cdc10p* transcription activator (complex) and when overexpressed, there is repeated initiation of DNA replication bypassing a requirement for *cdc10*<sup>+</sup> (Martín-Castellanos *et al.*, 2000).

We investigated SPB morphology in cells overexpressing *cdc18p*. The DNA content of these cells at the time of fixation for EM was roughly equivalent to 4C, and their morphology was abnormally long because they continued to grow without undergoing mitosis and cytokinesis (Figure 6B). As shown in Figure 7, cells overexpressing *cdc18p* have duplicated SPBs, but the SPBs have not undergone any maturation except for a minor fraction of the cells (2 of the 20 cells examined; our unpublished data). As in the case of cells treated with HU, SPB morphology is mostly uniform. The two cells that exhibited some signs of SPB maturation may

after septation, and G2 cells. The percentage of cells that have not separated is 33%. Therefore, 66% of the cells were in G1. The lesser, left-hand peak (33%) is the cells that have 1C DNA content and have undergone septation and separation. The phase micrographs show three cells from the 2C peak; the top cell has 2C DNA, and the middle and bottom binucleate cells have 1C nuclear DNA content. The lower two cells have formed septa (arrow), and the bottom cell shows partial separation of the two daughters. The bar to the right of the histograms indicates times when cells were fixed for electron microscopy.



**Figure 4.** (A) Flow diagram showing the procedure used in the *cdc2* arrest/release experiments. One hour after the release from G1 arrest, either at the permissive temperature or restrictive temperature, the cells were fixed and examined. At the nonpermissive temperature for *cdc2* (35°C), 83% of the cells had unduplicated SPBs, but at the permissive temperature (25°C) only 13% of the cells examined had unduplicated SPBs. (B) Cell cycle arrest and release were analyzed by flow cytometry. Samples were taken of the cells after release from G1 arrest for FACS analysis at the times indicated. The bar to the right of the histograms indicates times when cells were fixed for electron microscopy. DNA histograms are shown for WT and *cdc2.33* strains at permissive temperature (25°C) and nonpermissive temperature (35°C). These populations were grown in parallel. The highest peak is cells with 2C DNA content, including G1 cells that have undergone septation but not separated, and G2 cells. The percentage of cells that are incompletely separated was 25% for *cdc2.33* cells and 33% for the wild-type control. The left-hand peak is the cells that have 1C DNA content and have undergone both septation and separation. In wild-type cells, the G1 peak decreases over time; the largest changes are observed at 35°C. In the *cdc2.33* strain, there is no change in the G1 peak at the nonpermissive temperature (35°C) and only about a 10% decrease in the G1 peak at the permissive temperature (25°C) at 2 h. At 0 h of cell release by addition of the nitrogen source, the percentage of *cdc2.33* G1 cells that have undergone both septation and separation is 35% and the percentage of G1 cells that have undergone septation but not separation is 25% (also see Figure 3B). The total percentage of *cdc2.33* cells in G1 before cell release (0 h) is 60%, and the percentage of G2 cells is 40%.

already have initiated maturation during the induction period for *cdc18p*-OE. If the frequency of SPBs with early stage maturation in the *cdc18p*-OE population (10%) reflects the execution point for this process, then early stage maturation must be initiated very close to the boundary of the G2/M transition. This estimate is consistent with the previous observation that the maturation does not start until the later stages of G2 (Ding *et al.*, 1997). All of the SPBs observed in *cdc18p*-OE cells seemed normal in terms of size and mor-

phology, in contrast to the SPBs found in *rum1p*-OE cells (described below). The observation that most of the SPBs show no signs of maturation demonstrates that the block of early maturation during S phase is dependent on either the *cdc18p* or an S-phase event such as formation of replication forks.

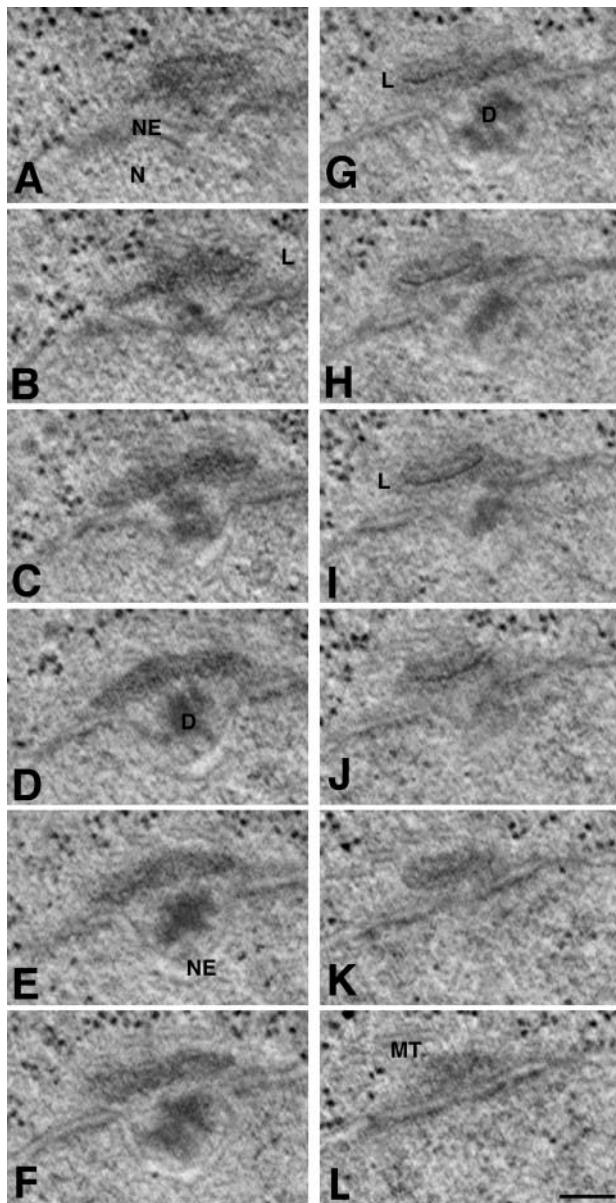
#### Duplication and Early Maturation of SPB Can Occur without Preceding M Phase

We further investigated the requirement of previous cell cycle events for the initiation of SPB duplication. *rum1p* is an inhibitor of the mitotic form of *cdc2p* kinase and prevents mitosis from occurring prematurely. Overexpression of *rum1p* directs cells to go through G1, S, and G2 and reenter G1 before Start without going through M, and as a result cells end up with a higher DNA content (Figure 6A, diagram). As shown in Figure 6B, these cells have a 4C or greater DNA content and are abnormally long because mitosis and cytokinesis has not occurred. In cells overexpressing *rum1p*, overreplication of the genome is dependent on *cdc2p* kinase and the G1 cyclins *pcl1p*, *cig1p*, and partially *cig2p* and requires activation of the *res2p-cdc10p* complex. (Fisher and Nurse, 1995; Martín-Castellanos and Moreno, 1996; Tanaka and Okayama, 2000). *Rum1p*-OE affects pre-Start events, whereas *cdc18p*-OE affects post-Start events but only with *rum1p*-OE does the cell actually leave S and enter G2. Analysis of SPB maturation in cells overexpressing *rum1p* allowed us to determine whether maturation requires a *cdc10*<sup>+</sup>-dependent passage through Start and exit from S.

The SPBs in cells (13 cells examined) overexpressing *rum1p* having gone through the equivalent of two or more S phases (Figure 6B) and have a morphology consistent not only with duplication but also with multiple early maturations (Figure 8). In the example shown in Figure 8, A–D, two pairs of laminated structures, one member of the pair more than twofold larger than the other in length, can be distinguished in the serial sections. The consistent size difference between the two lamellae bodies in each pair, observed in all cells examined, may reflect the difference between new and old SPBs as described by Grallert *et al.* (2004). However, SPB maturation, as determined by extent of membrane invagination and deposition of darkly staining material, was more variable in the cell population. For example, in a second cell (Figure 8, E–I), although the SPB has a similar morphology to that observed in Figure 8, A–D, several invaginations in the nuclear envelope are present beneath this complex structure. However, the morphology is also consistent with two rounds of duplication of the laminated structure, and several early maturations, because the laminated structures have not physically moved far apart, and the nuclear envelope (NE) seems to be intact. As shown by examining serial sections (our unpublished data), the lamellar bodies are discrete structures and the laminations in the two structures are at different angles with respect to each other. These results demonstrate that duplication of SPB and partial maturation of SPBs can occur even in the absence of a previous M phase, provided that cells enter S phase in a *cdc2*-dependent manner and leave S (Figure 6A, diagram). Also, these observations demonstrate that SPB duplication can occur in the absence of late-stage maturation or separation of the SPBs by mitosis.

#### DISCUSSION

In most organisms investigated to date, centrosomes are duplicated during S phase in parallel with the replication of the genomic DNA, and the process is initiated near the G1/S



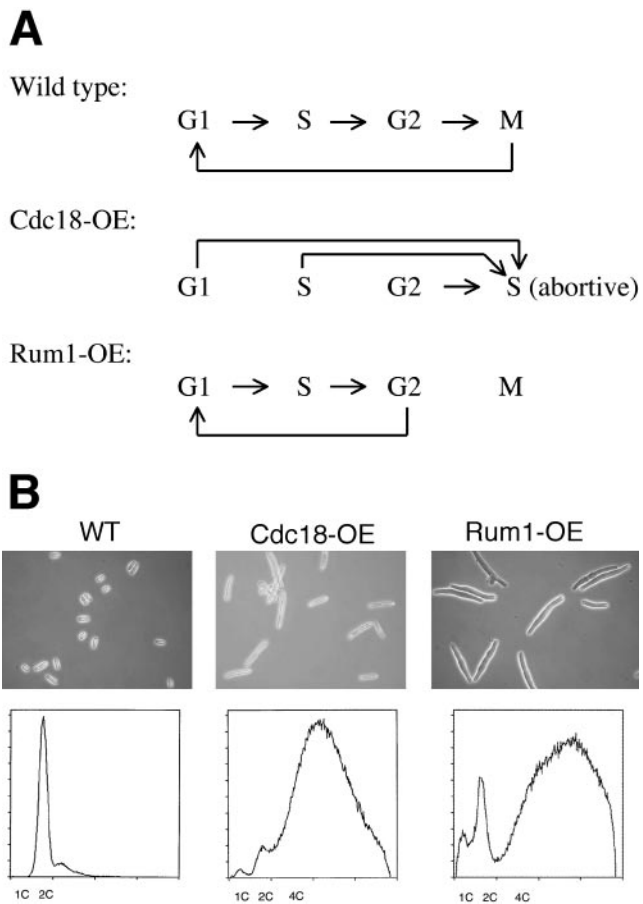
boundary. However, it has previously been reported that in fission yeast SPB duplication occurs at the G2/M boundary (Ding *et al.*, 1997). We have investigated the cell cycle-dependent regulation and timing of SPB duplication in fission yeast by monitoring the morphology of SPBs in cells during cell cycle arrest/release experiments and summarize our results in Figure 9. We show that duplication of the SPB is initiated near the G1/S boundary and is under the regulation of *cdc2p* kinase but is independent of *cdc10*<sup>+</sup>. SPB maturation occurs in two phases; early maturation leading to NE invagination and deposition of material under the SPB requires exit from S, whereas late maturation, leading to fenestration of the NE and SPB separation as the spindle forms requires entrance into M. Expression of *cdc18p* is sufficient for inhibition of early maturation and highly likely to be required for it, too. We suggest that in *S. pombe* cells there is a feedback inhibition mechanism downstream from *cdc10*<sup>+</sup> that delays early SPB maturation until S phase is complete (Figure 9B, model). To test this model we analyzed SPB duplication in cells with prolonged or repeated S phases (Figure 6A). Provided that cells never left S, maturation was inhibited. However, cells that repeatedly left and reentered S, even if they never transitioned M, underwent both duplication and maturation, although maturation was not complete. Our observation suggests that once the two major events of S phase, DNA replication and SPB duplication, are triggered by *cdc2p*/G1 cyclin complexes, they are independent of each other. A feedback control of SPB maturation may serve as a mechanism to coordinate these two independent pathways and prevent accidental spindle formation during S phase, an event which leads to catastrophic cell death.

To interpret our studies properly, it is necessary to make a distinction between the unduplicated and duplicated SPB and the subsequent changes in morphology as it matures. As described previously (Ding *et al.*, 1997), the morphology of the fission yeast SPB immediately after duplication consists of two laminated structures connected by an ellipsoid bridge. Because this structure sits on the outside of the NE it is difficult to distinguish it from unduplicated SPBs and may have been misidentified in cells grown in log phase (Ding *et al.*, 1997; Kniola *et al.*, 2001). To avoid this problem, in all experiments only complete serial sections running through the SPB were scored, and in several experiments tomographic reconstructions were made to confirm our interpretation of the serial sectioned SPBs. Our sample size was also large—in all, 123 SPBs were reconstructed in this study.

Even though *cdc10*<sup>+</sup> was originally used to define Start in *S. pombe* (Nurse and Bissett, 1981), as we show in our results, some events downstream from the G1/S transition occur in

**Figure 5.** (A) 3D tomographic reconstruction of a SPB in a *cdc10*-arrested cell. The 3D volume of the tomographic reconstruction is shown as consecutive two-dimensional projections (A–L). Each projection is 16 slices, which is the equivalent of an image of a serial section 27 nm in thickness. The SPB shows invagination of the NE, accumulation of dark material in the membrane pocket (D), microtubule (MT) in the cytoplasm associated with SPB, and expansion in overall size of the SPB (L, laminar structure). The invaginated nuclear envelope is continuous and is not fenestrated. Bar, 100 nm. A movie of the whole volume can be found in Supplemental Data. (B) Schematic DNA histograms of cells after switching *cdc10* cells to the nonpermissive temperature (35°C) at time 0, as determined by flow cytometry. The first peak represents cells with 1C DNA content; the second peak cells with 2C DNA content. At zero time, almost all cells had 2C DNA content, but by 3 h almost all cells had 1C DNA content. Cells were fixed for electron microscopy after 3.5 h as indicated by the \*.



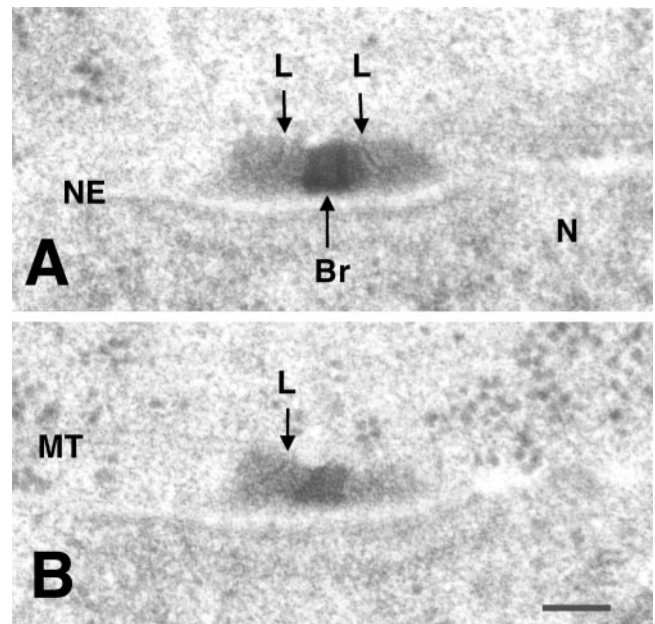


**Figure 6.** (A) Diagram showing the impact of *rum1* or *cdc18p* overexpression on the cell cycle (based on Moreno and Nurse, 1994; Nishitani and Nurse, 1995). When *cdc18p* is overexpressed, the cells start DNA replication regardless of their position in the cell cycle, and the cells remain in S. For cells overexpressing *rum1p*, cells in G1, S, or G2 continue to progress toward the G2/M boundary but skip M and reenter G1. (B) Phase micrographs of wt cells, *cdc18p*-overexpressing cells, and *rum1p*-overexpressing cells with schematic DNA histograms of the same cell populations as determined by flow cytometry. Wild-type cells have a 2C DNA content, whereas the other two populations of cells have the equivalent of 4C or greater DNA content.

*cdc10*-arrested cells. For this discussion, rather than defining Start as the *cdc10*<sup>+</sup> execution point, we will define Start as being under *cdc2p* kinase control and *cdc10p* as downstream from that event. This is in agreement with the definition of START in budding yeast and many other organisms (Nurse and Bissett, 1981).

#### *cdc2p* Kinase Control of SPB Duplication at the G1/S Boundary

Using nitrogen starvation to arrest cells in G1, and then releasing them from the block by using a *ts*<sup>-</sup> allele of *cdc2*<sup>+</sup>, we demonstrate that SPB duplication in *S. pombe*, like in *S. cerevisiae* and mammalian cells, is under control of *cdc2p* kinase and occurs at the G1/S boundary. It is likely that they are under a direct control and in a pathway independent of *cdc10*<sup>+</sup> because duplication does not require *cdc10*<sup>+</sup>, which is immediately down stream of *cdc2*<sup>+</sup> (Labib *et al.*, 1995). There are three G1 cyclins in fission yeast, namely, *cig1p*, *cig2p*, and *puc1p* (Fisher and Nurse, 1995; Martín-Castellanos *et al.*,

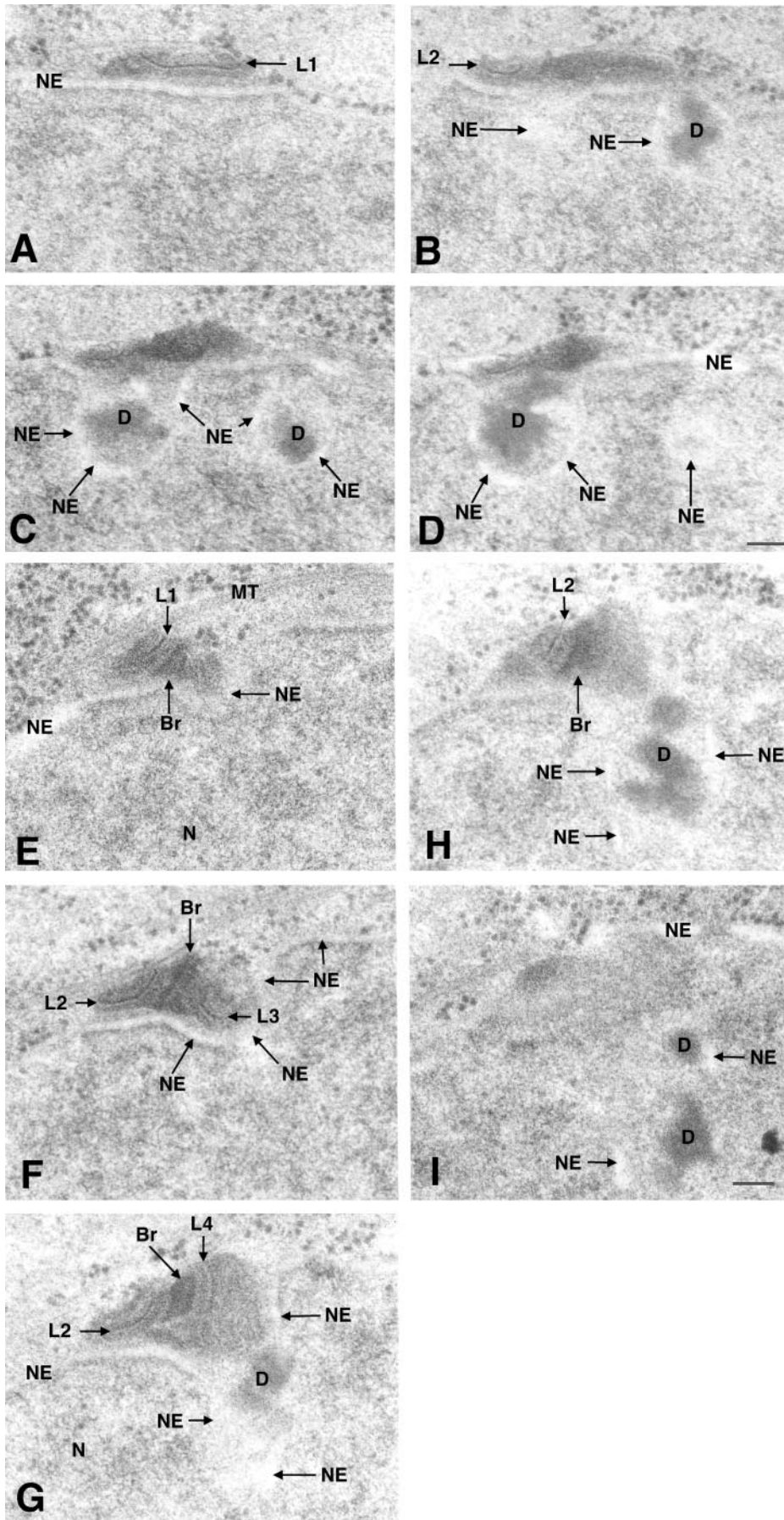


**Figure 7.** Serial sections of a SPB in a cell overexpressing *cdc18p*. The SPB has duplicated but shows no signs of maturation. The laminar bodies (L), separated by a bridge (Br), on the cytoplasmic face of the NE adjacent to a microtubule (MT), are the same size (50 nm) as those in HU-arrested cells. Bar, 100 nm.

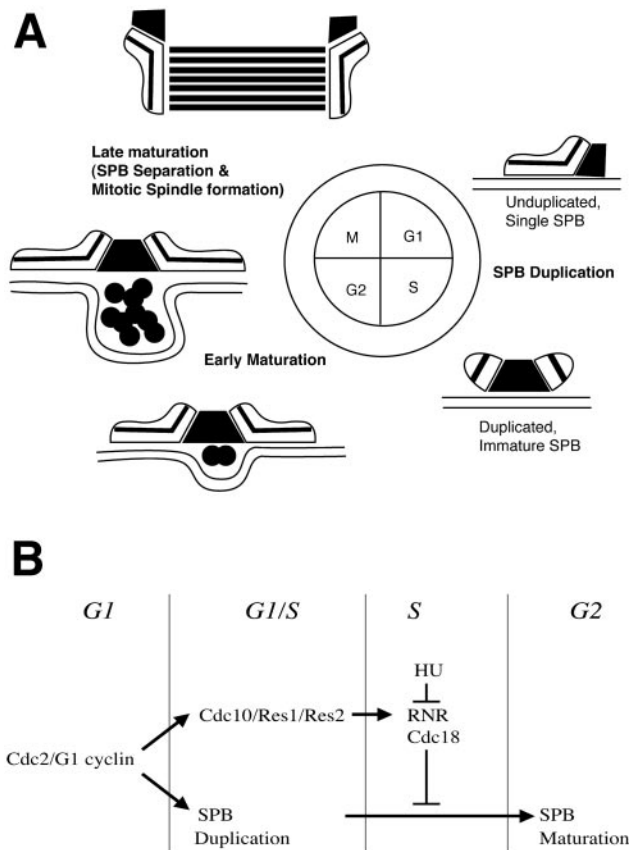
1996; Martín-Castellanos *et al.*, 2000; Tanaka and Okayama, 2000). In addition to these characterized cyclins, there are other putative G1 cyclins in the genome database (*S. pombe* genome database, Sanger Institute, Cambridge, United Kingdom). One or more of these G1 CDK complexes may be responsible for controlling SPB duplication. Our conclusions placing the timing of duplication at the G1/S boundary are also supported by evidence for SPB duplication in HU-treated cells and *cdc10* *ts*<sup>-</sup> cells at the nonpermissive temperature. After HU treatment, cells enter S but proceed very slowly if all to replicate their DNA. The *cdc10* mutants cells never start DNA replication. Under both conditions, the SPBs are duplicated. These experiments show that SPB duplication has been uncoupled from DNA replication and is consistent with SPB duplication happening at the G1/S boundary. In mammalian cells, it has been demonstrated that centrosome duplication occurs at the G1/S boundary and is under control of *cdk2*/cyclin E complex, or in some cases cyclin A (Hinchcliffe *et al.*, 1999; Lacey *et al.*, 1999; Matsumoto *et al.*, 1999; Meraldi *et al.*, 1999). Similarly in *S. cerevisiae*, SPB duplication is regulated by Cdc28 and the three G1 cyclins Cln1, 2, and 3 (Haase *et al.*, 2001). Thus, the timing of centrosome duplication at the G1/S boundary seems to be an evolutionary conserved event.

#### SPB Maturation Occurs in Two Phases, Probably under Different Cell Cycle Control

SPB maturation involves different events in fission yeast than in budding yeast and is not completed until the G2/M boundary. In budding yeast, SPB maturation, defined morphologically as SPB separation, is dependent on the S phase and M phase cyclins. Maturation is completed in S, and a small central spindle is present in S phase budding yeast cells (Haase *et al.*, 2001). In fission yeast, there is no spindle formation in S-phase cells, and there must be a mechanism, either



**Figure 8.** SPBs in two cells after *rum1p* overexpression. In A–D (the sections are not a continuous series), the SPB has undergone duplication and maturation. The nuclear envelope has invaginated, and several dense masses of dark staining material (D) have accumulated in the pockets in the NE beneath the SPB. Only one of the two pairs of laminated structures (labeled L1 and L2) is displayed, and it is accompanied by two discrete invaginations in the nuclear envelope beneath the SPB. The small one is comparable in size to ones found in wild-type, partially matured SPB (measured 80 nm) and lies at an oblique angle relative to its large partner. The larger ones were 230 nm in length. In serial sections E–I, part of another SPB in serial section is shown. In this cell, the nuclear envelope invagination is larger and the whole SPB is within it. The SPB consists of four laminated structures; two pairs, one large and one small, each labeled as L1 through L4. Careful examination of serial sections revealed that these laminated structures are not continuous but are separate structures. Two large laminated structures were connected by a bridge (Br), which has also grown in size (180 nm) compared with the ones found in other duplicated SPBs (70 nm). Bar, 100 nm.



**Figure 9.** Cartoon in A shows the changes in SPB morphology that occur as the cell progresses through the cell cycle. In G1, the lamellar body is associated with a half bridge outside the nuclear envelope. The lamellar bodies are duplicated at the G1/S boundary. After exiting S, the SPB undergoes early maturation, including an increase in size of the lamellar bodies, invagination of the nuclear envelope, and accumulation of material in a pocket underneath the SPB. As the cell enters M, the nuclear envelope becomes fenestrated and SPBs separate and enter the nucleus, giving rise to the spindle (late maturation). The diagram in B illustrates the regulatory mechanism that coordinates SPB duplication and maturation with the fission yeast cell cycle. Both DNA replication and SPB duplication are triggered by cdc2p kinase at the G1/S boundary but follow different pathways. During S phase, early stage maturation is blocked either by *cdc18p* or downstream events.

negative or positive, to delay the onset of maturation until S is complete. As shown by the *rum1p*-OE results, exit from S and/or transit through G2 may be required for early stage maturation. A similar timing of initiation of centrosome maturation and hence the need for a similar S phase inhibitory mechanism is observed in many mammalian cells (Balczon *et al.*, 1995; reviewed in Hinchcliffe and Sluder, 2001).

SPB maturation occurs in several steps. After duplication the SPB is associated with the cytoplasmic face of the NE (Tanaka and Kanbe, 1986; Ding *et al.*, 1997). The laminated bodies increase in length and the bridge structure between them becomes attenuated, and dark staining material accumulates underneath these structures on the nucleoplasmic face of the NE as the NE invaginates. We call these events the early phase of maturation, and they do not occur until after cells exit S. Eventually, the laminated structures begin to nucleate microtubules and then separate, forming the spindle (Ding *et al.*, 1997). We have called these events the late phase of maturation.

We suggest that late stage maturation is under a different cell cycle regulation than early phase maturation. In log growth phase cells, early and late phase maturation events seem to occur in rapid succession; early phase events were seldom observed in these cultures (Ding *et al.*, 1997). However, in the cell cycle arrest/release experiments described here, maturation when observed was incomplete and seemed not to progress beyond the early stage. Using log phase cells, Ding *et al.*, 1997 demonstrated that maturation occurred in G2. We concur and think that both stages of maturation occur after leaving S, but late stage maturation requires crossing the G2/M boundary for its completion. Because the cells used in our experiments were never allowed to cross the G2/M boundary, the conditions for late stage maturation were not met in our arrest/release experiments. In cells overexpressing *rum1p*, the cells in question cross the G1/S boundary, initiate DNA replication in a *cdc10*<sup>+</sup>-dependent manner, exit into G2, and then reenter G1 without ever going through M (Moreno and Nurse, 1994; Nishitani and Nurse, 1995). *rum1p*-overexpressing cells show early stage maturation. In contrast, *cdc18p*-overexpressing cells bypass a requirement for *cdc2p*/G1 cyclins and *res1p*-*cdc10p* to initiate DNA replication and never leave S. Although *cdc18p*-overexpressing cells undergo SPB duplication, SPB maturation is not initiated. This is consistent with a model that exit from S is required for the early stage maturation to occur and that late stage maturation requires entrance into M (Figure 9B).

#### S Phase-dependent Feedback Inhibition of Early SPB Maturation

We invoke a feedback inhibition mechanism downstream of *cdc10*<sup>+</sup> to block the early phase of maturation until completion of S, i.e., completion of DNA synthesis. Although it is possible that early stage maturation is under positive cell cycle and only G2 is permissive for early stage maturation to occur, this simple model is contradicted by our observations of SPB duplication and early stage maturation in *cdc10*<sup>+</sup>-inactive cells. When cells initiated SPB duplication in the absence of normal *cdc10*<sup>+</sup>, they also underwent early stage maturation, even though these cells never entered S or G2. Maturation was blocked in cells overexpressing *cdc18p* and in HU-treated cells, conditions that place these cells downstream of a requirement for *cdc10*<sup>+</sup>. The simplest explanation of these results is that during S-phase early stage maturation is blocked by a feedback inhibition mechanism that is *cdc10*<sup>+</sup> dependent. These results also demonstrate that early stage maturation cannot be under control of the *cdc2p*/mitotic cyclin complex because only the *cdc2p*/S phase cyclin complex is active under these conditions (Labib *et al.*, 1995; Tanaka and Okayama, 2000). The absence of SPB maturation in HU-treated cells and in cells overexpressing *cdc18p* suggests that the mechanism of feedback inhibition is coupled to an event involved in DNA synthesis, for example, the formation of replication forks or that it requires *cdc18p* itself.

We propose that *cdc18p* is the protein blocking the early maturation of duplicated SPBs until the completion of the S phase. *Cdc18p* has been shown to be required for maintenance of the replication fork and it activates the S phase DNA replication checkpoint pathway (Murakami *et al.*, 2002). The presence of replication forks maintained by *cdc18p* could send signals to the cell to inhibit early phase SPB maturation and thus coordinate SPB duplication/early maturation with DNA replication. This model is consistent with our observation of early stage maturation in cells overexpressing *rum1p*, because *rum1p* OE triggers entrance into

S upstream of *cdc10<sup>+</sup>*, but these cells subsequently exit from S. In the future, it will be important to identify other proteins involved in the SPB duplication/maturation checkpoint pathway and to show whether it shares some common components with the DNA replication checkpoint pathway.

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