

## Electronic supplementary information

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## ***D. vulgaris* Miyazaki F**

The spectrum of the reoxidized *D. vulgaris* Miyazaki F hydrogenase has been simulated to obtain the relative ratio between  $\text{Ni}_r\text{-B}$  and  $\text{Ni}_u\text{-A}$ .

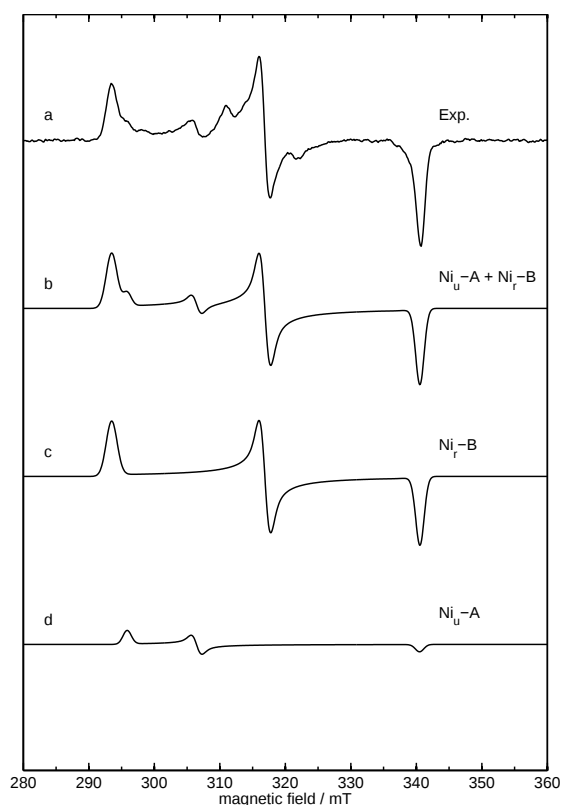


Figure 1: X-Band cw-EPR spectra of reoxidized hydrogenase from *D. vulgaris* Miyazaki F. (a) Experimental spectrum at  $T = 100\text{K}$  showing mainly signals from  $\text{Ni}_r\text{-B}$  (85%) and minor signals from  $\text{Ni}_u\text{-A}$  (15%). (b) simulation of complete signal to estimate the amount of  $\text{Ni}_r\text{-B}$ . (c) simulation of  $\text{Ni}_r\text{-B}$ . Used parameters:  $g$ -values 2.33, 2.16, 2.01 and 1.5mT linewidth ( $g$ -strain 0.01, 0.004, 0 for  $g_x$ ,  $g_y$  and  $g_z$ ). (d) simulation of  $\text{Ni}_u\text{-A}$ . Used parameters:  $g$ -values 2.32, 2.24, 2.01 and 1.9mT linewidth. Experimental conditions:  $T = 100\text{K}$ , 1 mW microwave power; 1 mT modulation amplitude, 12.5 kHz modulation frequency, microwave frequency 9.5GHz.