

## Supporting Information

### From Semiconductors to Semimetals: Bismuth as Photocatalyst for NO Oxidation in Air

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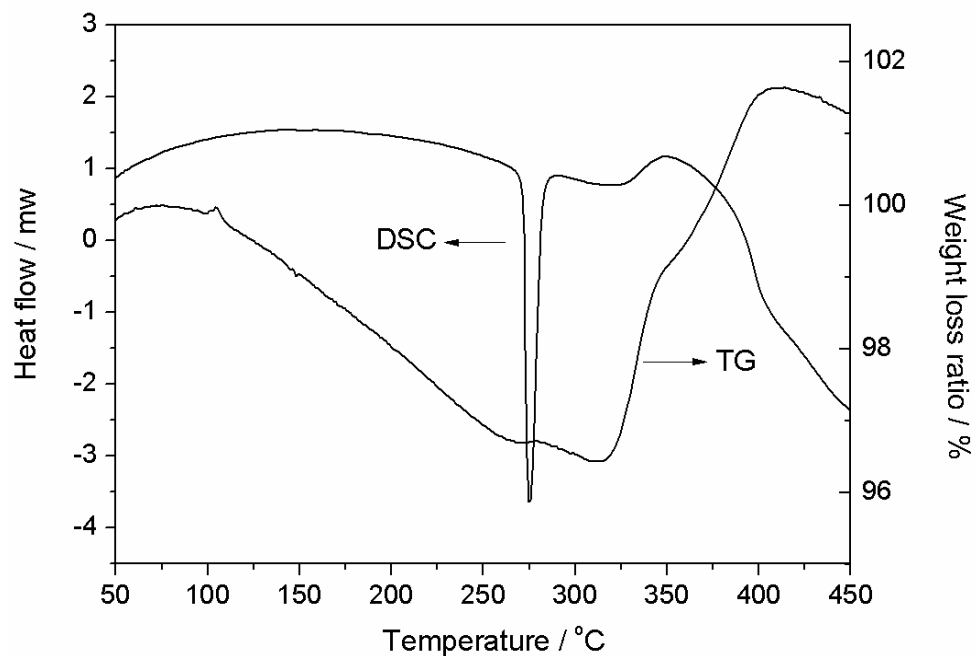


Figure S1. TG/DSC characterization of as-synthesized Bi films.

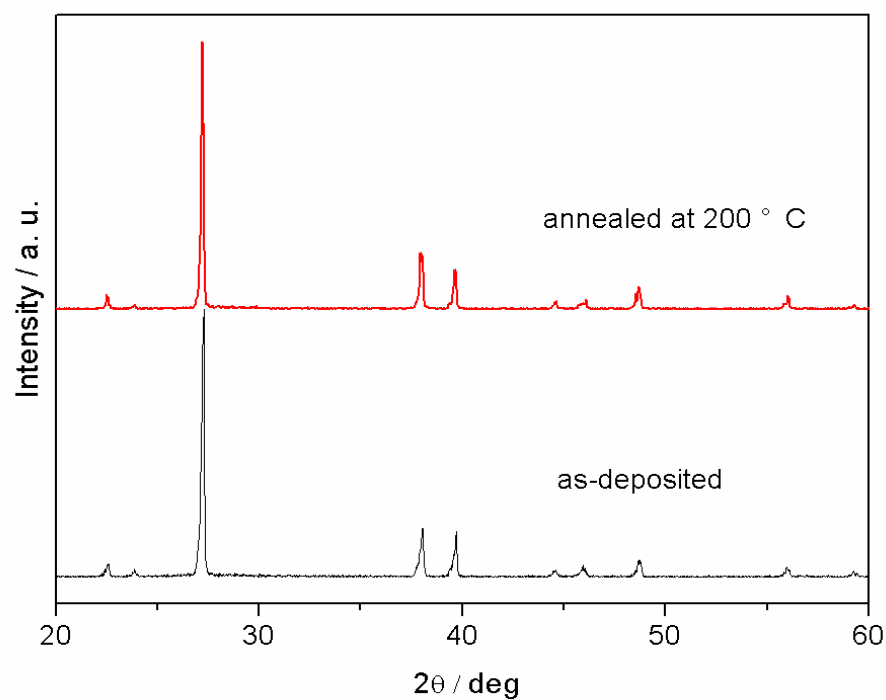
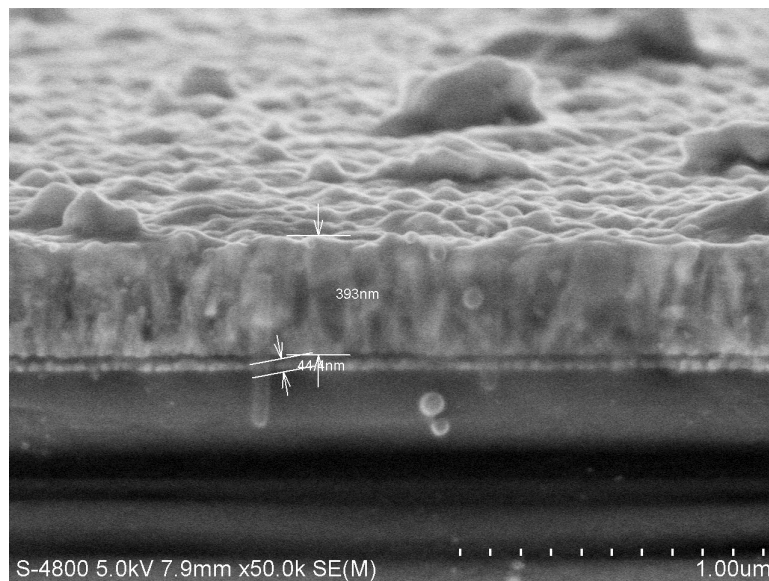
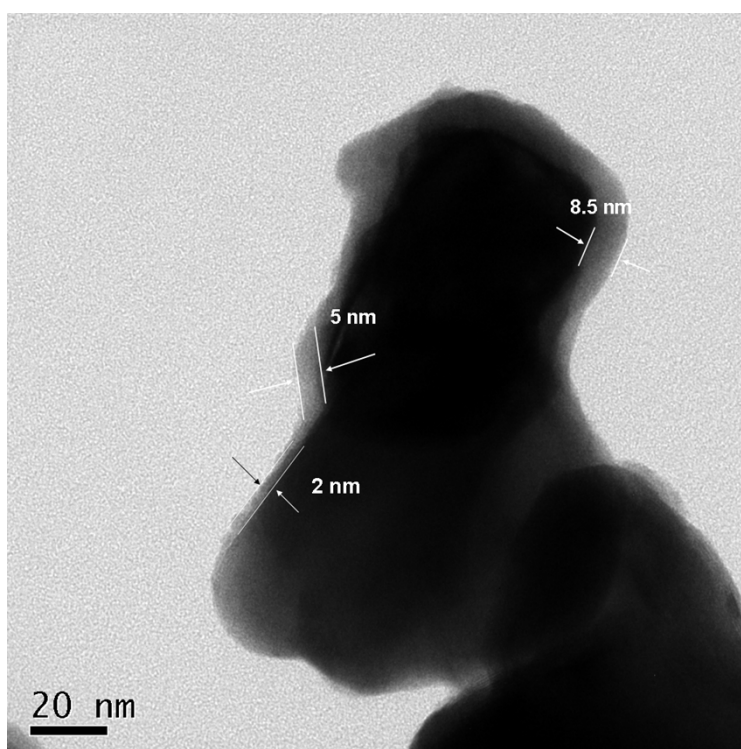


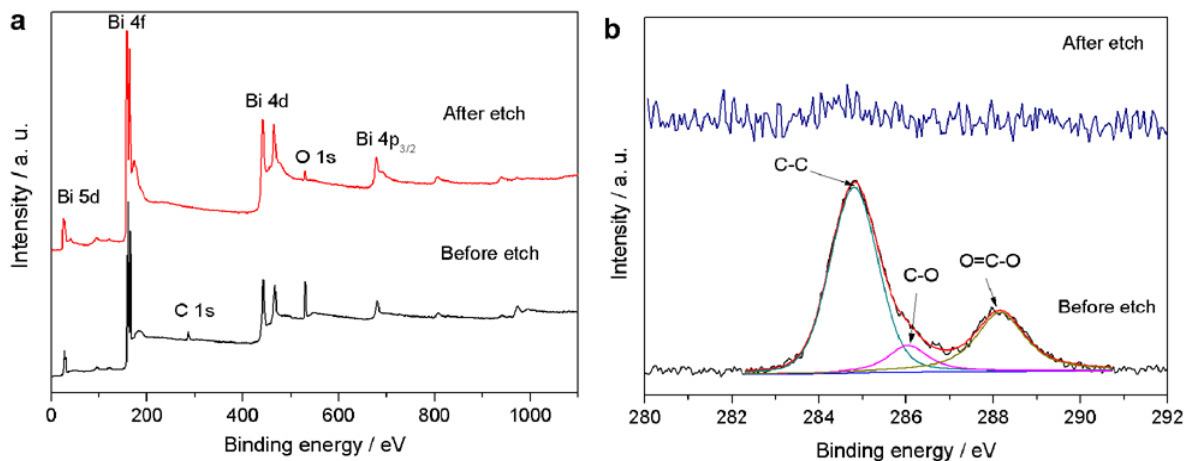
Figure S2. Synchrotron PXRD patterns of as-deposited and annealed (200 °C) Bi films.



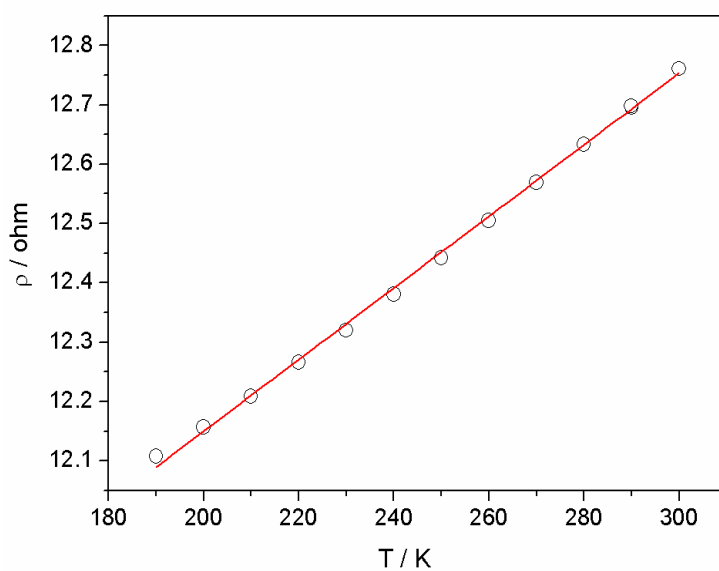
**Figure S3.** Representative cross-sectional SEM image of as-deposited Bi film.



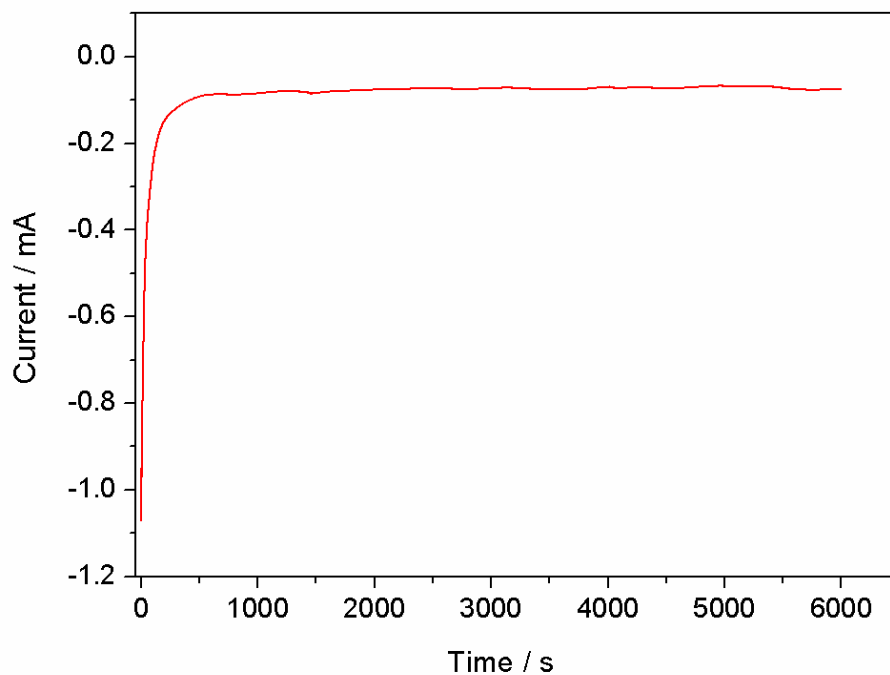
**Figure S4.** Representative TEM image of Bi particles.



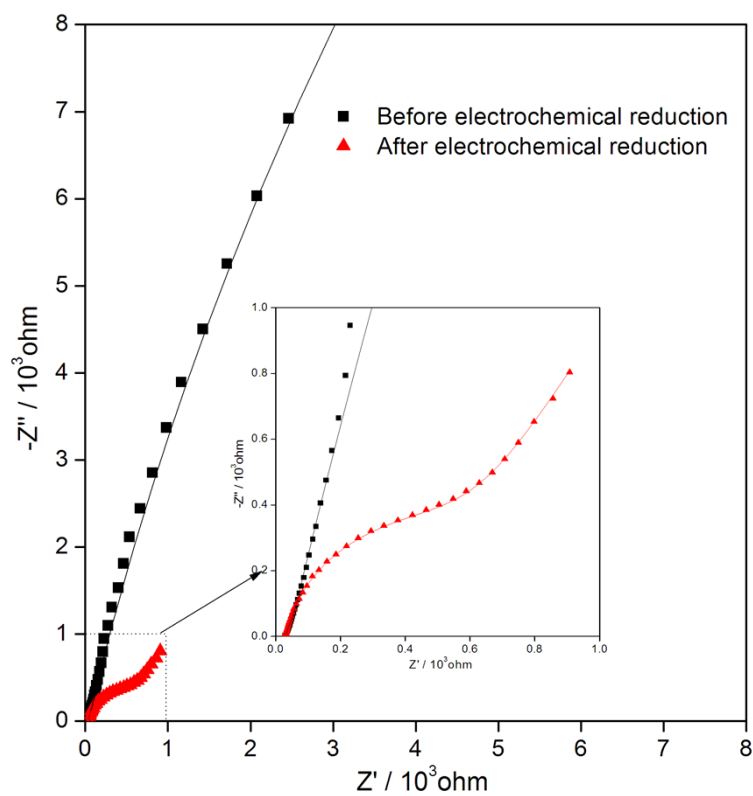
**Figure S5.** (a) Representative survey and (b) C 1s XPS spectra of Bi particles before and after ion etching.



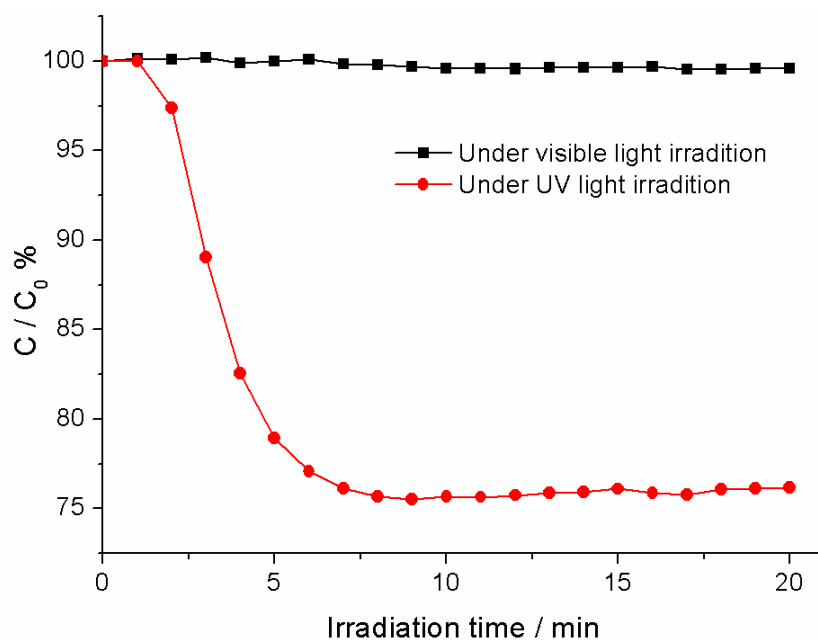
**Figure S6.** Temperature dependence of the electrical resistivity for Bi films.



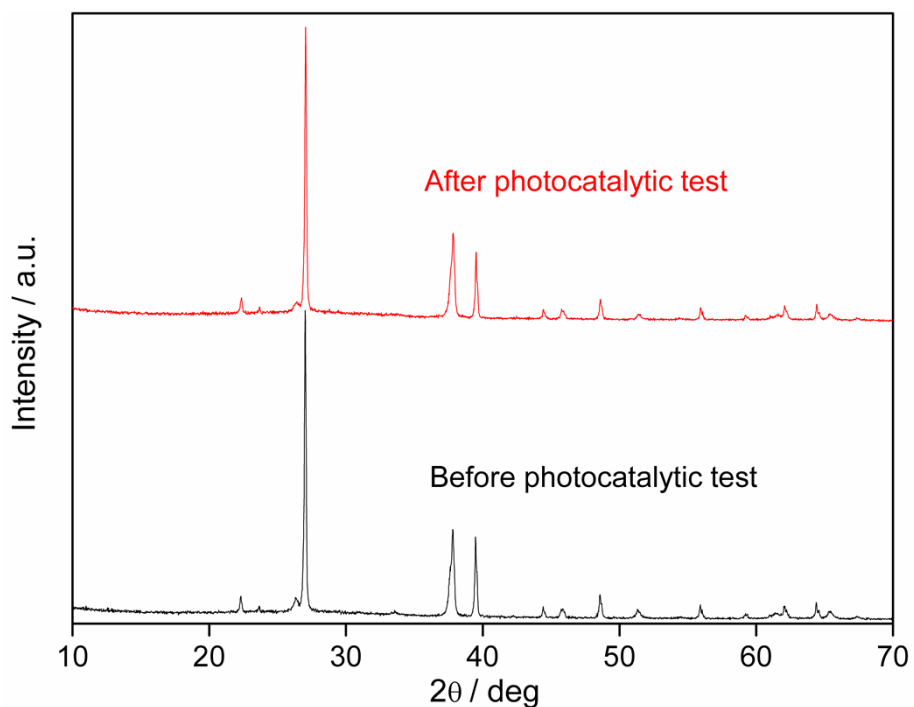
**Figure S7.** Current-time curve for the reduction process of Bi films.



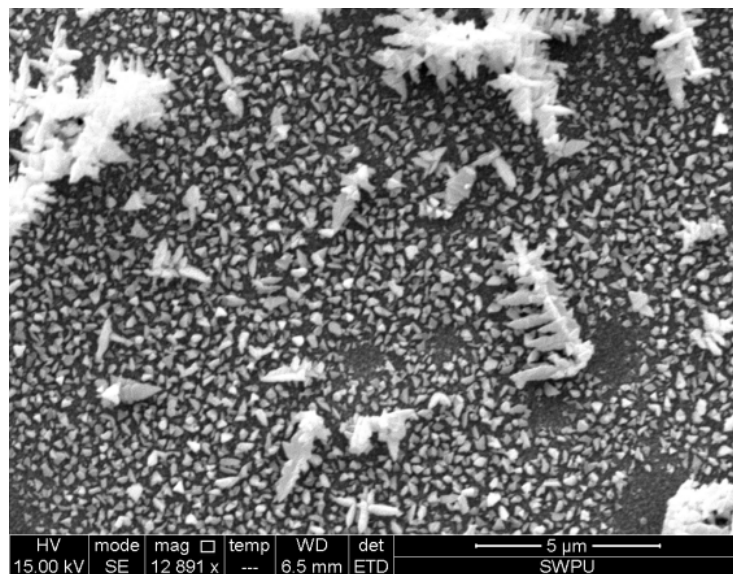
**Figure S8.** Electrochemistry impedance spectroscopy (EIS) for the Bi electrode before and after electrochemical reduction in 0.5M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution.



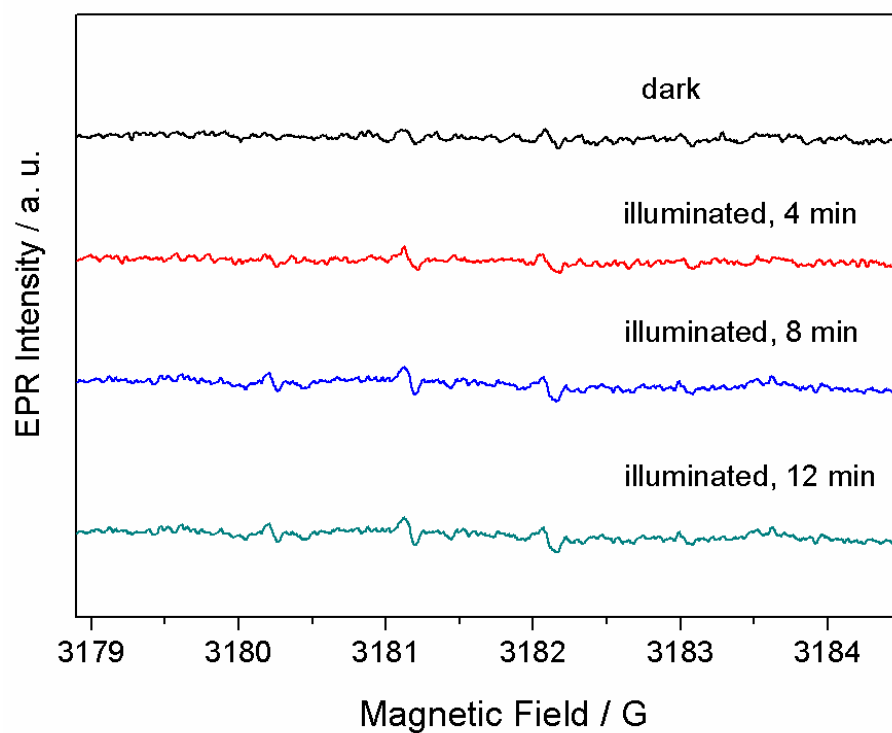
**Figure S9.** Photocatalytic activity of Bi films under UV and visible light irradiation for removal of NO in air.



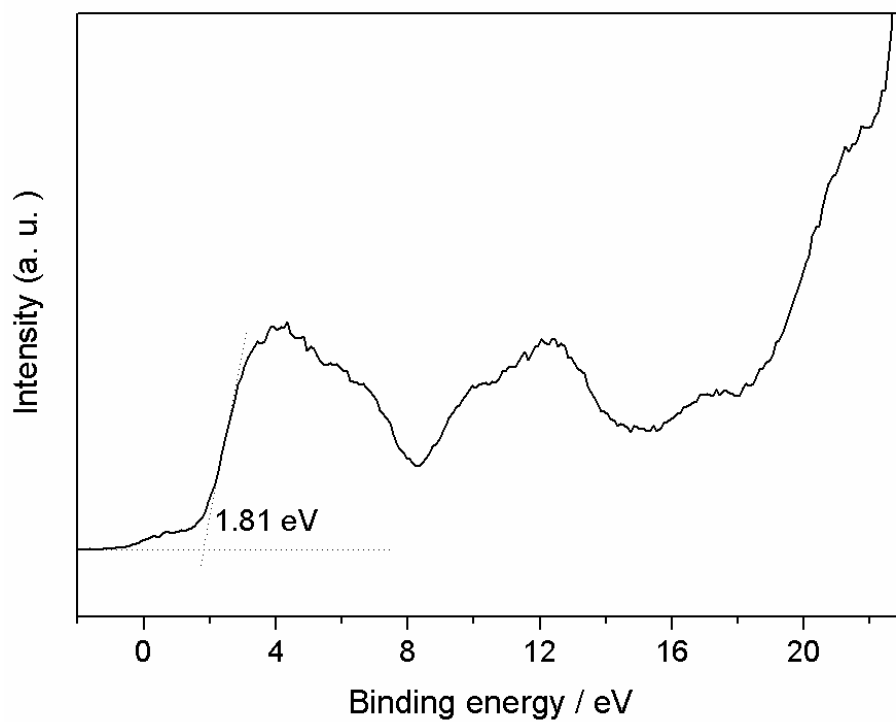
**Figure S10.** PXRD patterns of Bi films before and after photocatalytic tests.



**Figure S11.** SEM image of Bi films after photocatalytic tests.



**Figure S12.** Time-dependent ESR spectra of DMPO-•OH for Bi films in the dark and under UV light irradiation.



**Figure S13.** Typical XPS valence band spectrum of Bi films.