

NOXP Information for V2-2009 and V2-2010

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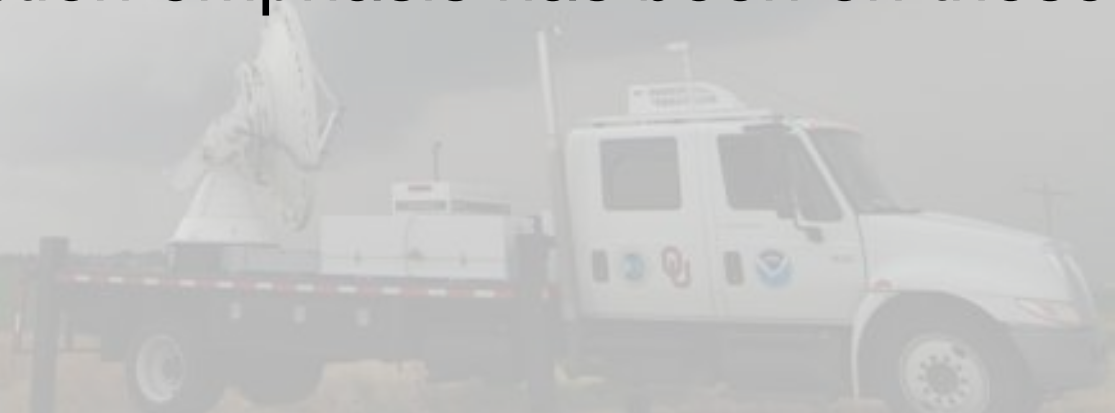
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NOXP V2-2009 Data Summary

- NOXP had 30 deployments and 1152 minutes of data
 - Data spreadsheet handouts available
- Four cases picked for detailed analysis
 - June 5, 2009 (Goshen Co, WY; 2 deployments, 48 minutes)
 - June 7, 2009 (Northwest Missouri; 2 deployments, 58 minutes)
 - June 9, 2009 (Greensburg, KS; 2 deployments, 53 minutes)
 - June 11, 2009 (Las Animas, CO; 2 deployments, 89 minutes)
- Data editing/correction emphasis has been on those four cases

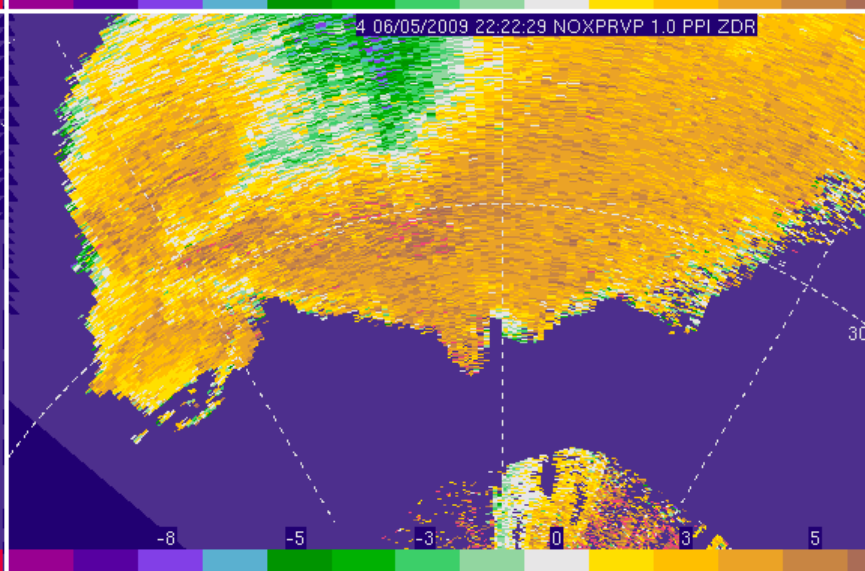
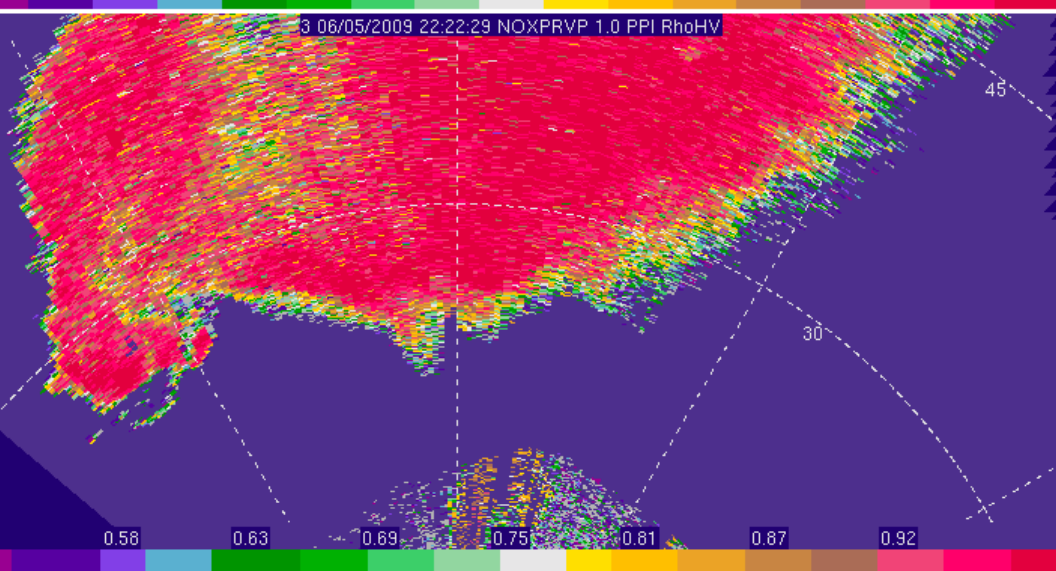
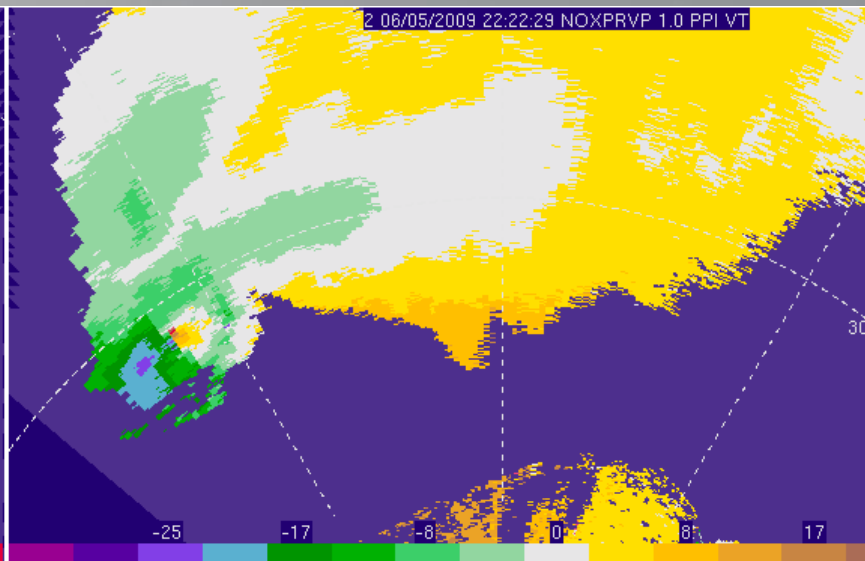
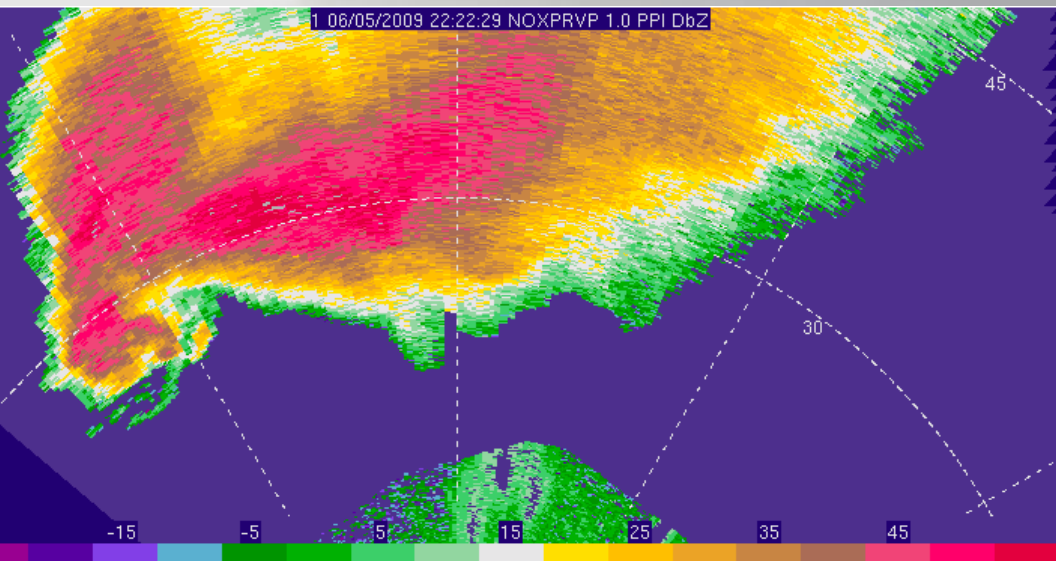


NOXP Data Editing/Correction

- Data Editing Steps
 - Remove bad data (ground clutter, multi-trip echoes, etc)
 - Dealias radial velocities (Big Job!)
 - Correct digital compass headings/data azimuths
- Data Correction Step
 - X-band data (Z and Zdr) must be corrected for attenuation
 - Correction involves Differential Phase
 - $\text{Diff Phase} = \text{Propagation Diff Phase} + \text{Backscatter Diff Phase}$
 - We use a one-pass technique (ZPHI; Snyder 2008, 2009)
 - Thanks to Jeff Snyder for his help
 - We will compare to a multi-pass technique (Successive Correction; Melnikov 2009)

Example of Edited Data (Goshen CO)

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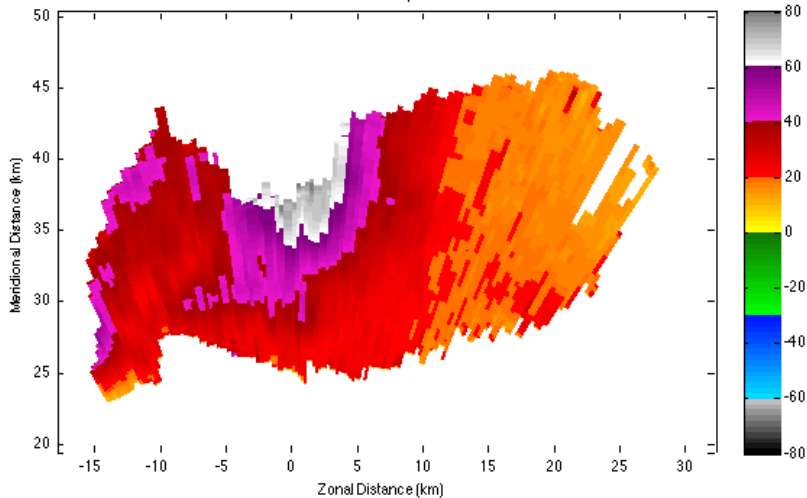


Example of Attenuation Corrected Z (Goshen Co)

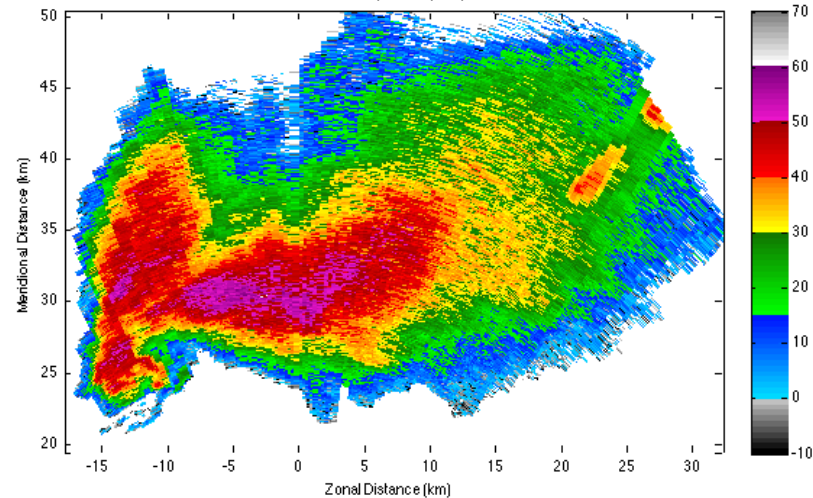
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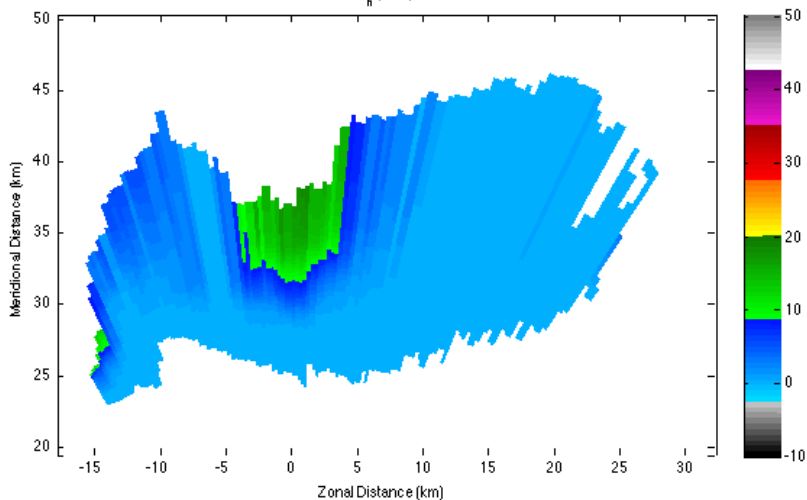
Differential Prop. Phase



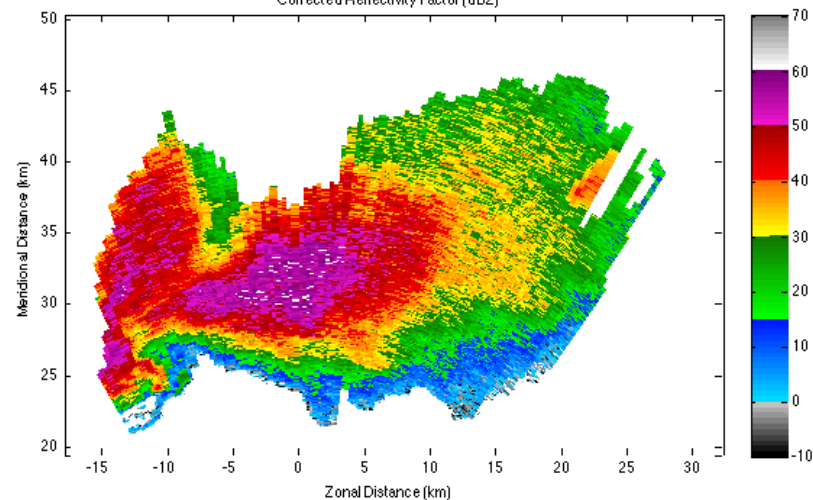
Reflectivity Factor (dBZ)



PIA_h (dBZ)



Corrected Reflectivity Factor (dBZ)

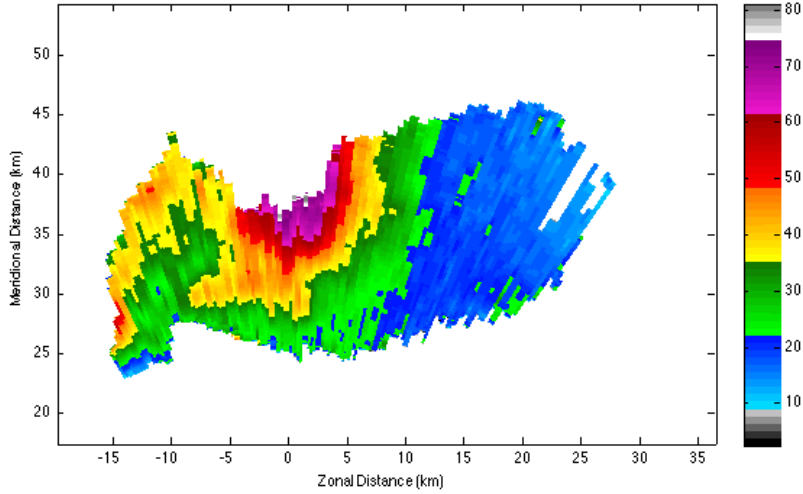


Example of Attenuation-Corrected Zdr (Goshen Co)

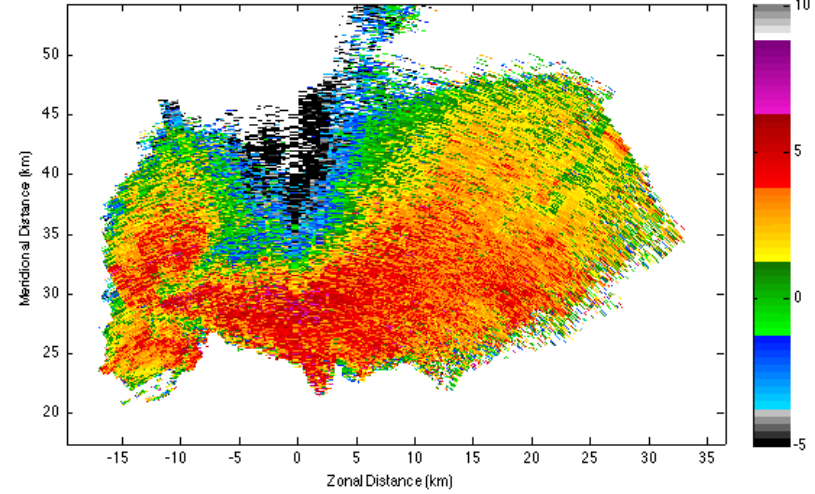
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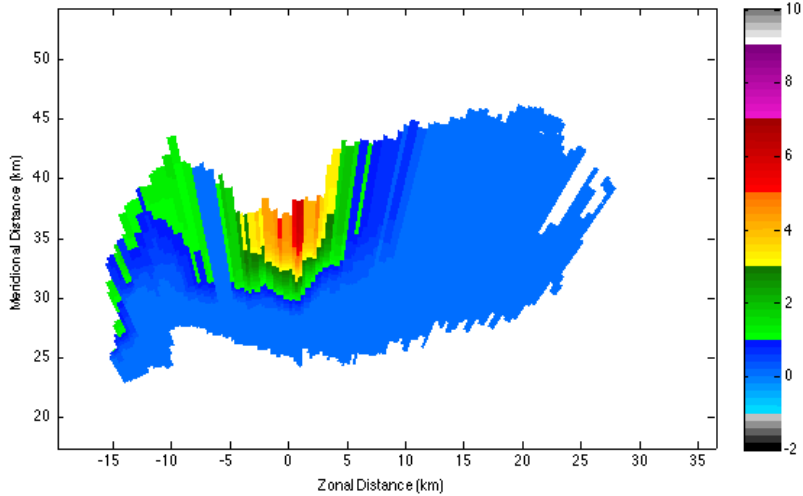
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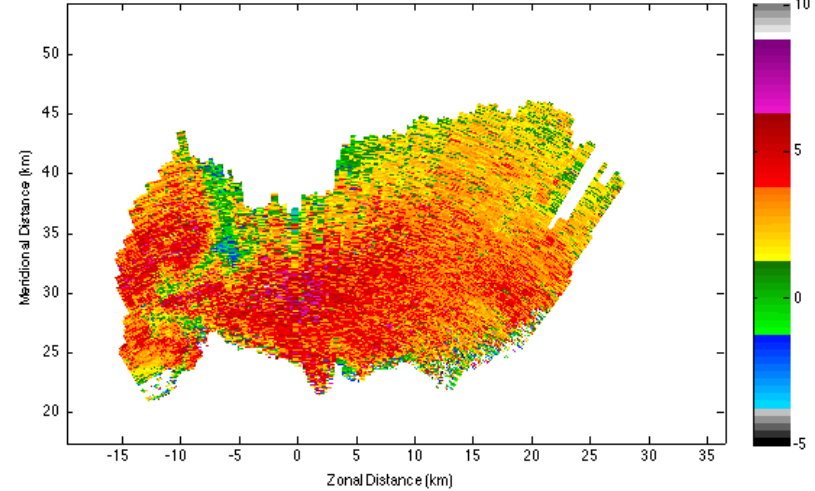
Differential Reflectivity Factor (dB)



PIA_{DP} (dB)

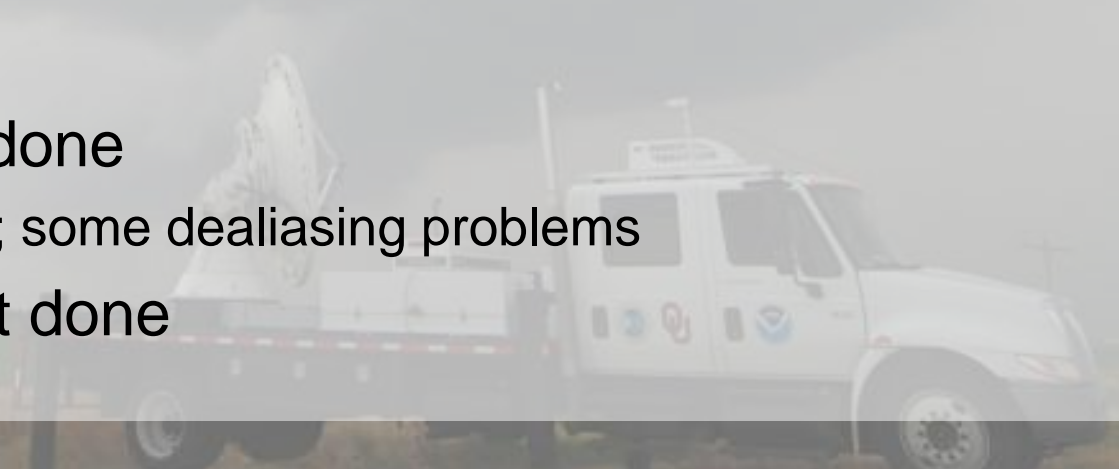


Corrected Diff. Reflectivity Factor (dB)



NOXP Data Edit/Correction Status

- June 5
 - All data edit and correction finished
- June 9
 - All data edit and correction finished
- June 7
 - Data edit partially done
 - Strong winds...severe dealiasing problems ($V_{nq} = 13.6$ m/s)
 - Data correction not done
- June 11
 - Data edit partially done
 - Lots of data to edit; some dealiasing problems
 - Data correction not done



NOXP 2009 Data Analysis Plans

- February 10, 2009; Tornadic Supercell
 - Compare X-Band attenuation correction schemes
 - Compare S-band (KOUN) to X-Band (NOXP) Dual-Pol
- Analyze June 5
 - Evolution of radar moments and Dual-Pol variables
 - Compare X-Band Dual-Pol data (NOXP & UMX)
 - NOXP & UMX Dual Doppler in hook echo region
- Analyze June 9
 - Evolution of radar moments and Dual-Pol variables
- Other
 - To be determined



NOXP 2009 Issues and 2010 Fixes

- **Issue: Transmitter Limitations**
 - Slow warm up (950 Hz PRF, $V_{nq} = 7.6$ m/s)
 - Failure to run at PRF > 1700 Hz, $V_{nq} = 13.6$ m/s
- **Fix: A New Transmitter (to be delivered in December)**
 - NOXP not back from Winter Olympics till ~1 April
 - New transmitter installation/check-out takes 4-6 weeks
 - NOXP may not be ready for May 1 start
- **Issue: Display Limitations**
 - RPV8: single moment/variable, limited image control, no cursor readout
- **Fix: WDSSII**
 - Up to 6 moments/variables, complete image control, linked cursers, cursor readout, other bells and whistles
 - Status: installed and in final check-out
- **Issue: X-Band License**
- **Fix: In process through NOAA/DOC**

NOXP 2009 Issues and 2010 Fixes - continued

- **Issue: Intermittent Antenna Runaway**
 - Several times in 2009 lost control of antenna
- **Fix: Workaround: Avoid Certain Commands**
 - System software bug, no known correction
- **Issue: Improper Data Sector Configuration**
 - Preset sector size important to elevation angle selection and meeting time sink requirements
 - In 2009 tried to hold sector width to 120 deg.
 - Missed right edge of hook echo on June 7
- **Fix: Increase Sector Size**
 - In 2010
 - Longer range (30 km): 120 deg sector
 - Shorter range (10 km): 180 deg sector
 - Will mean fewer contiguous elevation angles in VCP
 - Would like to, but won't run in PPI

NOXP Suggestions for V2-2010

- **More Dual-Pol Volume-Scan Days (MS Radars)**
 - Dual Pol VCP: 3-minute time sink, 6 km max height
 - Dual-Doppler VCP: 2-minute time sink, 2 km max height
 - Higher height when radar well ahead of storm location
 - Almost all 2009 analysis data are Dual Doppler VCPs
- **Collect Multiple Data Sets near KOUN (WSR-88D DP)**
 - Assumes KOUN in operational test mode in Spring 2010
 - Upgraded KOUN operating now, system test to begin some time soon
 - Data needed to better understand X-Band Dual-Pol, better understand WSR-88D Dual-Pol in tornadic supercells, better compensate for limited WSR-88D resolution/viewing in warning decision making
 - Plays well with NOAA interest in data near the PAR
- **More Tornadic Supercell Data Collection!!**