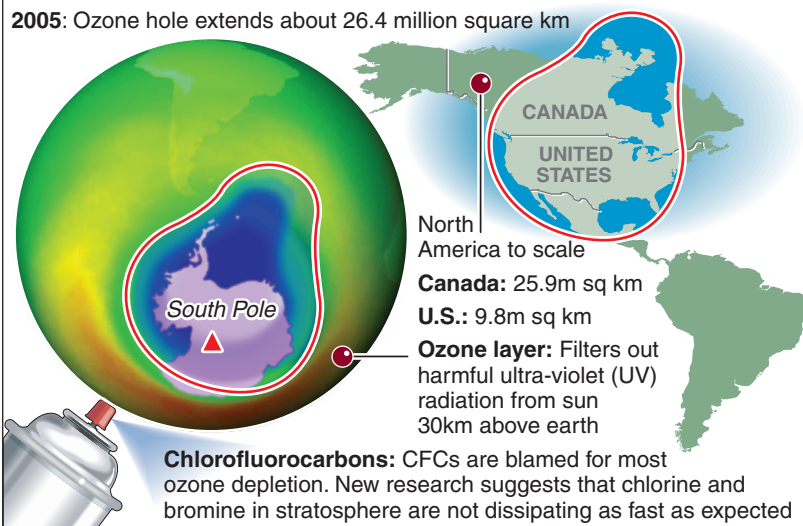


## Delay expected in ozone hole recovery

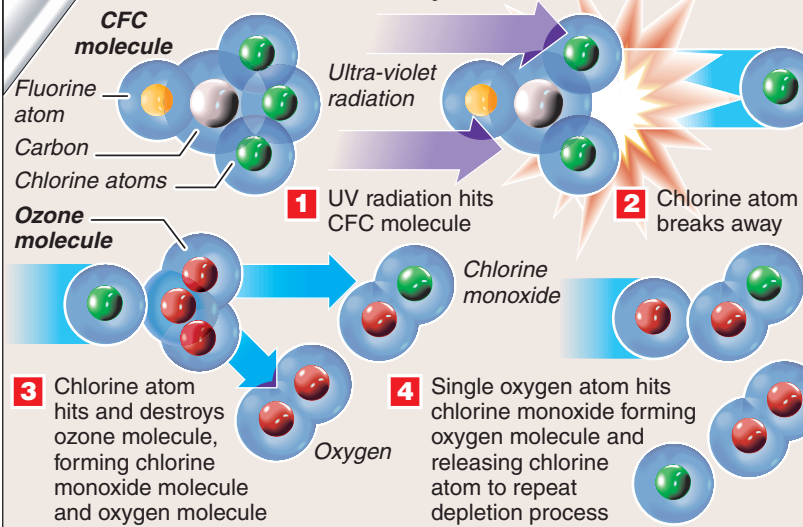
The eventual recovery of the gaping ozone hole over Antarctica, first discovered 20 years ago, may take a further six decades to recover. Research suggests that ozone-killing chemicals remain in wide use in refrigerators, air-conditioning systems and aerosols throughout the world

2005: Ozone hole extends about 26.4 million square km



**Chlorofluorocarbons:** CFCs are blamed for most ozone depletion. New research suggests that chlorine and bromine in stratosphere are not dissipating as fast as expected

### How chlorine kills the ozone layer



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