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**Oral Presentations** 

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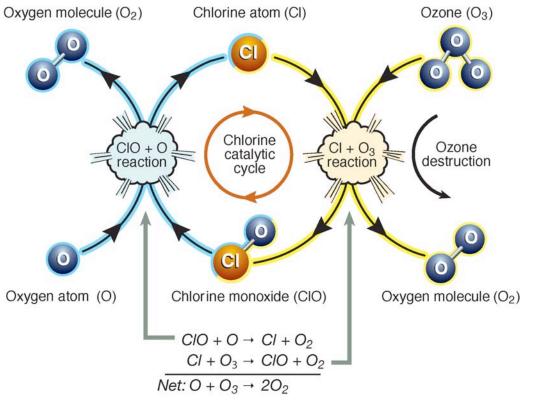
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Depletion refers to reductions in stratospheric ozone below the natural equilibrium due to human activity

#### What Causes Ozone Depletion?

#### Reactive chlorine- and bromine-containing gases in the stratosphere

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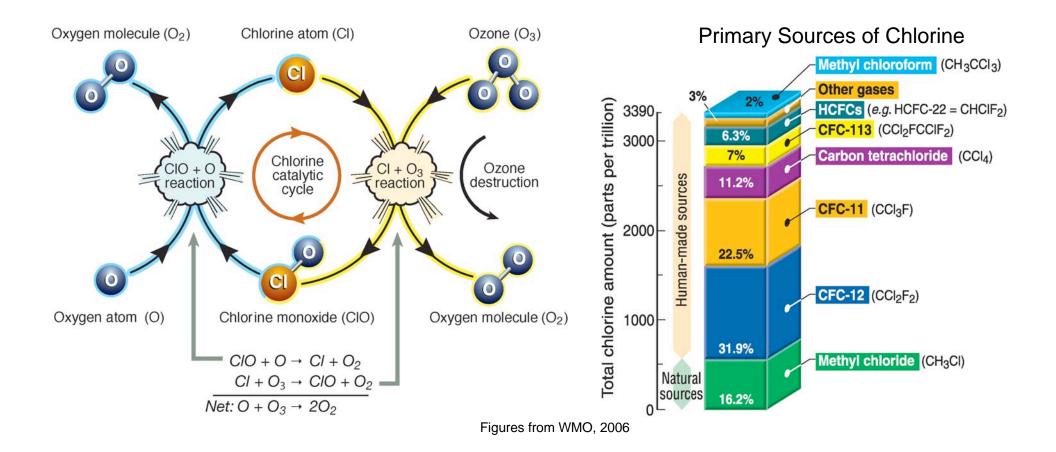


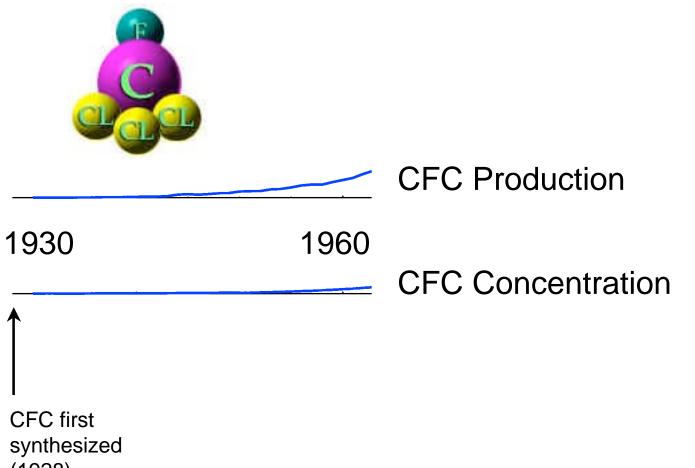
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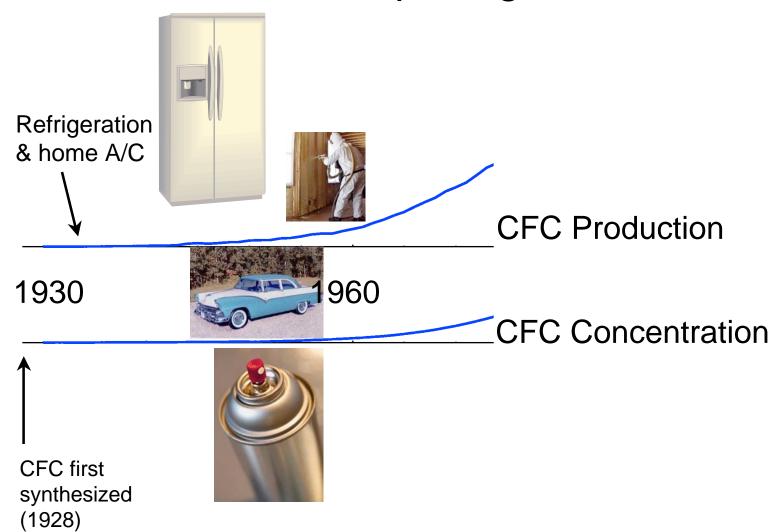
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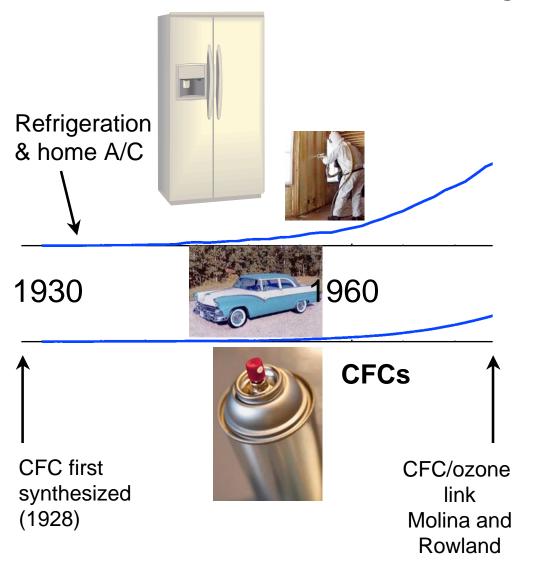
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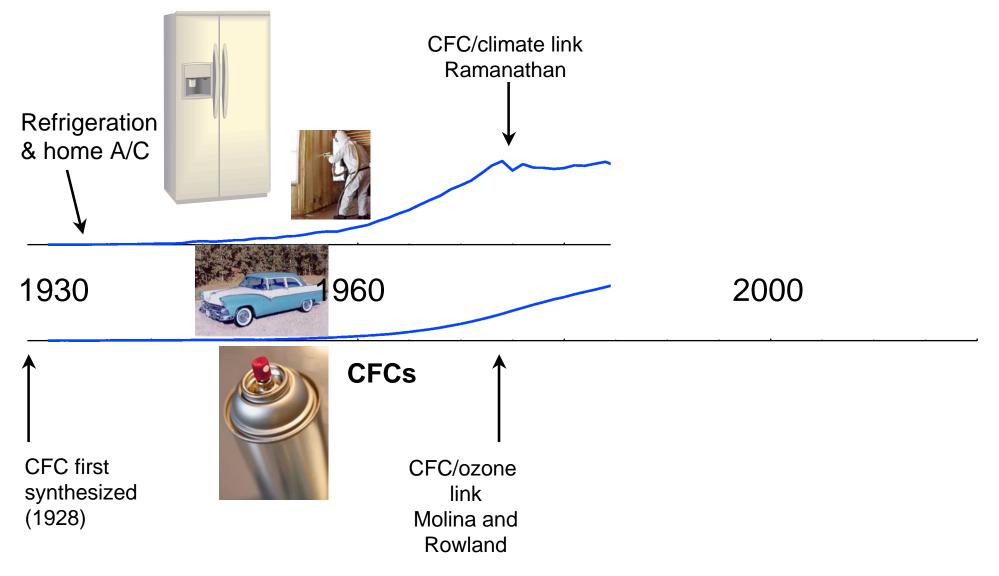


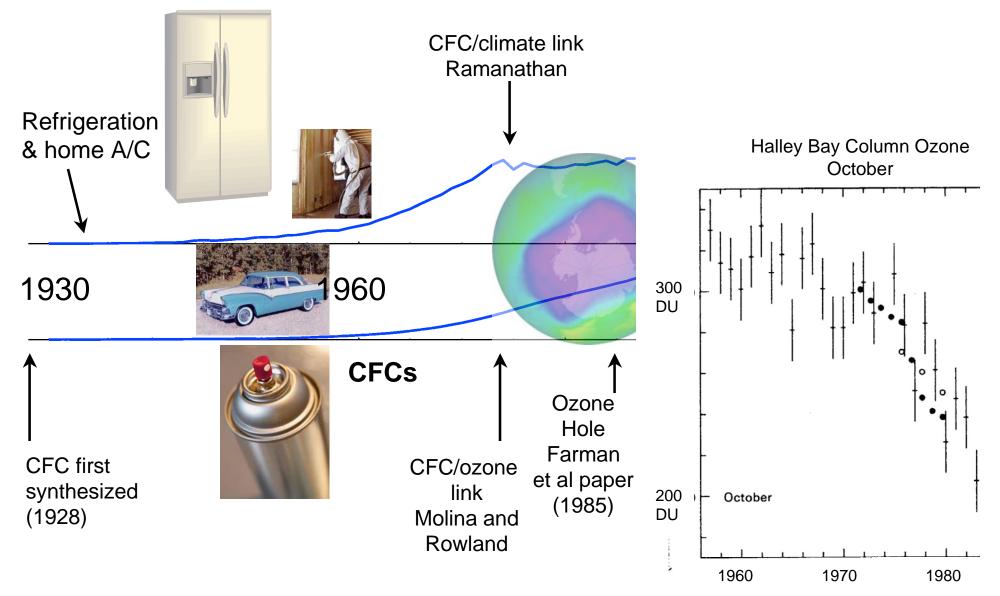


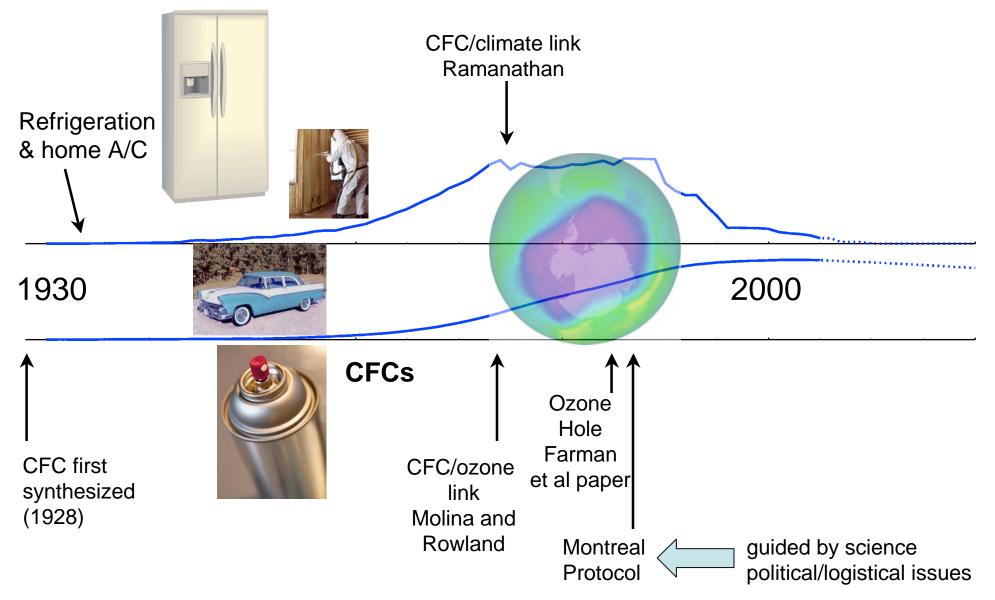
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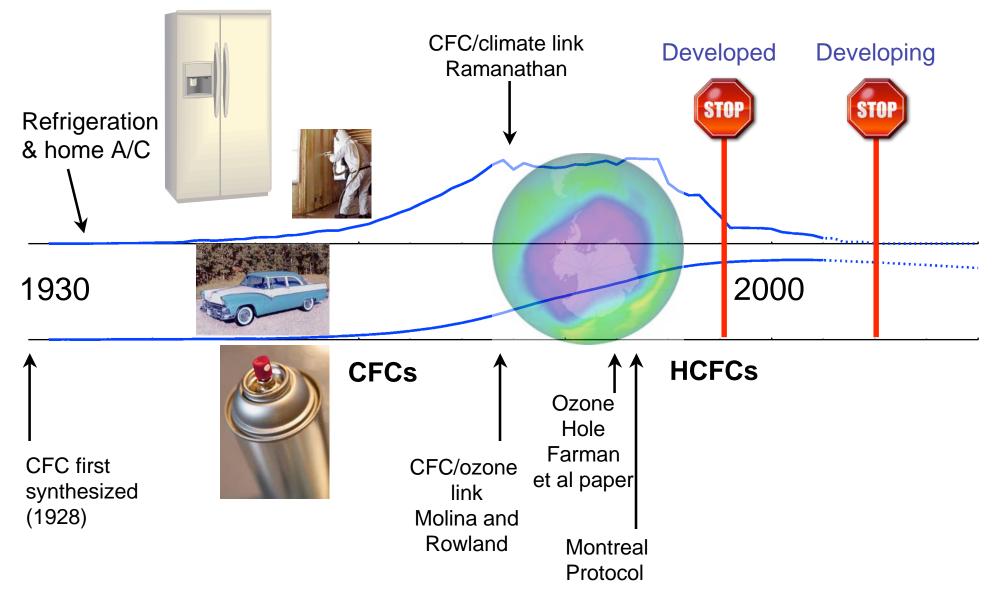


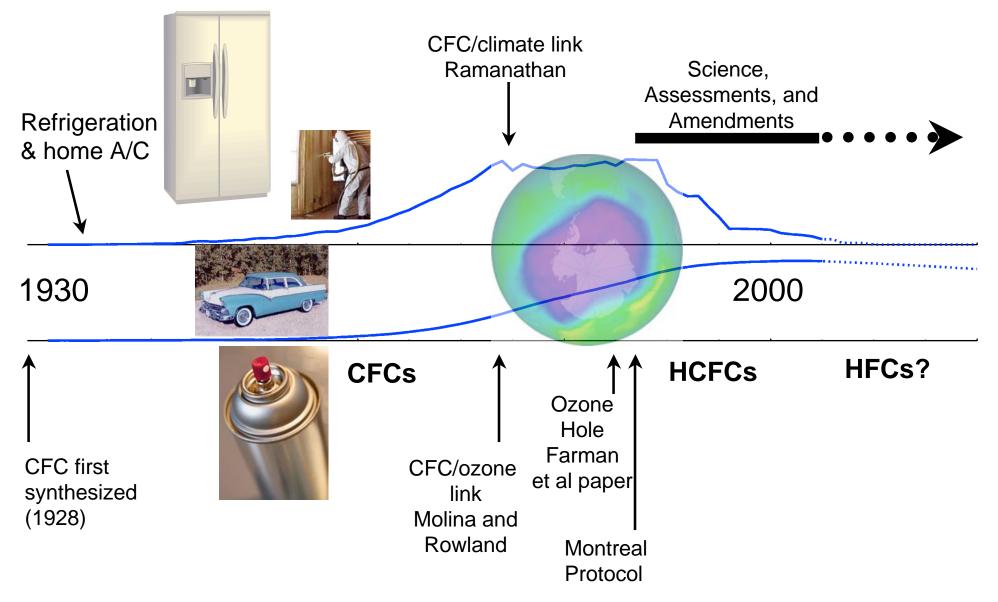






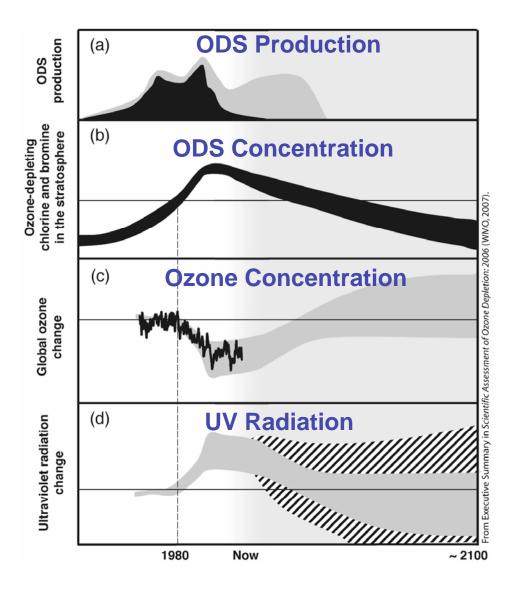


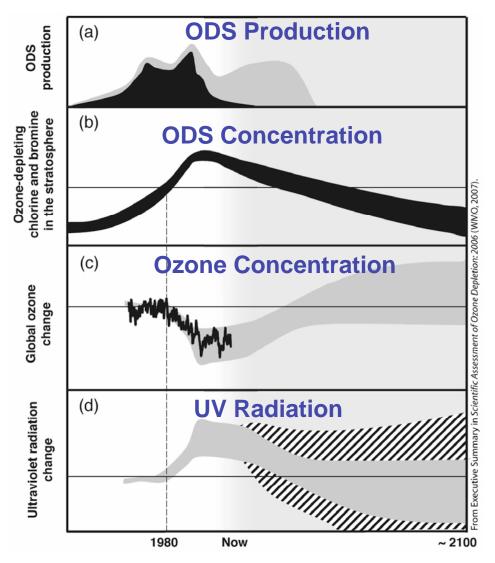




#### History of Ozone-Depleting Substances **CFC/climate link** Ramanathan Science, Assessments, and Amendments Refrigeration & home A/C 2000 1930

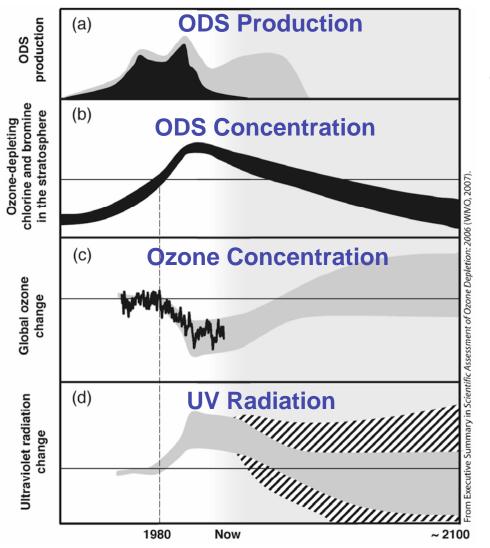
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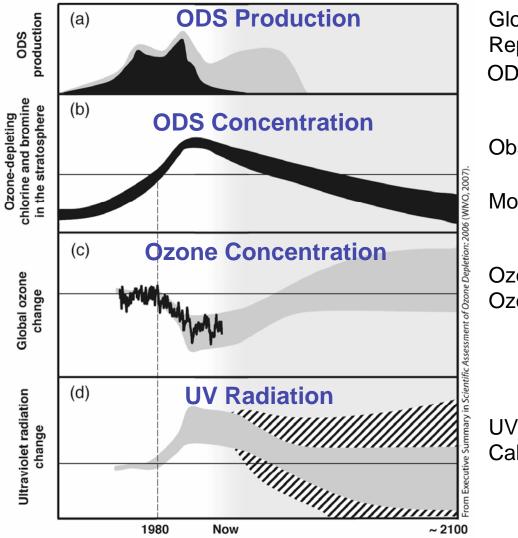
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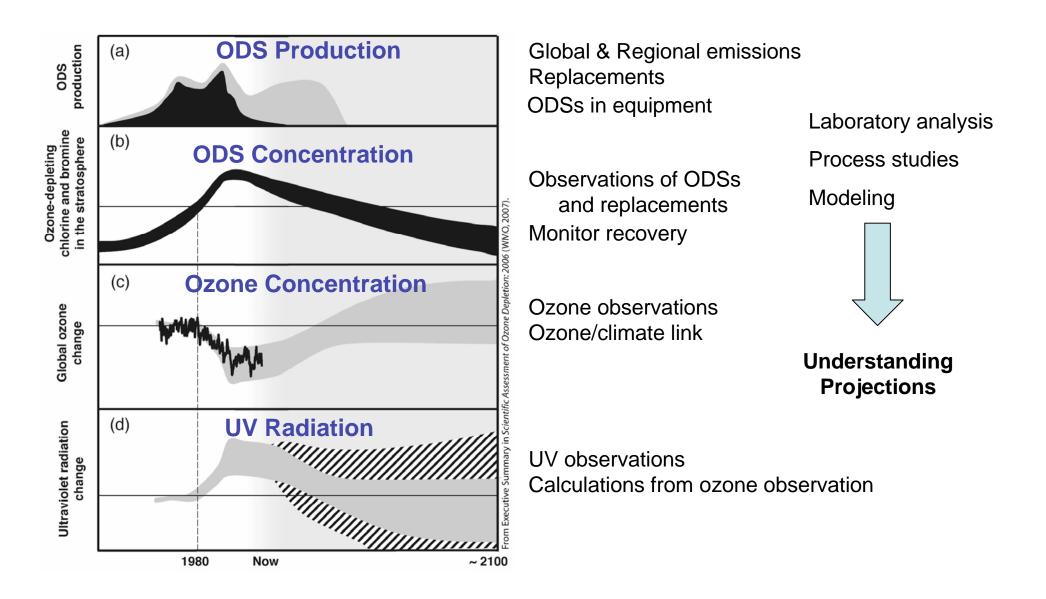


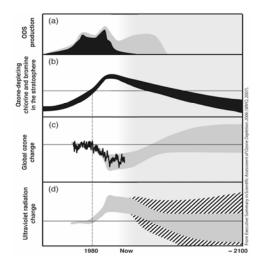
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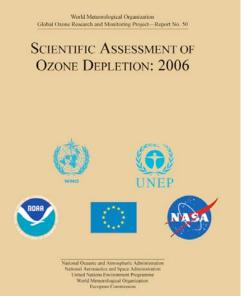


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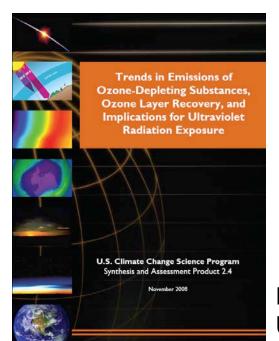
Laboratory analysis Process studies

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Policy impact



First assessed US focus

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