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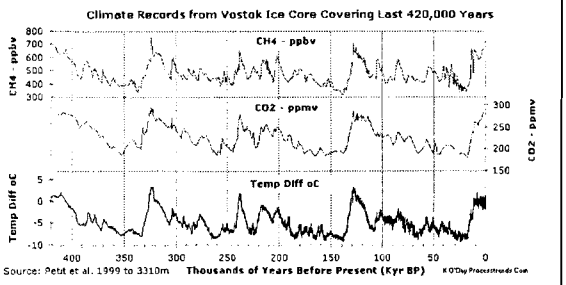

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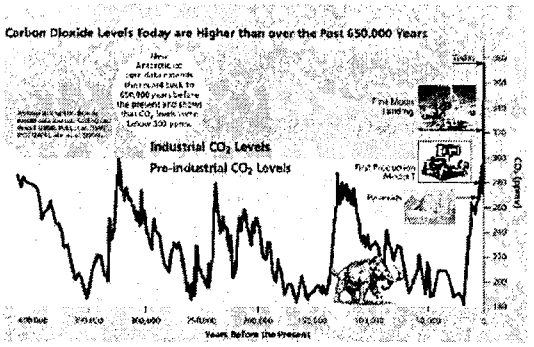

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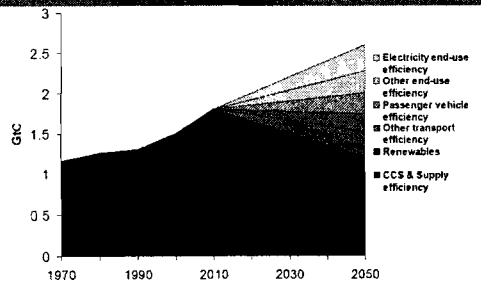

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Options in four categories

- Agriculture, Forestry and Waste Management
- Energy Supply
- Residential, Commercial, Institutional, Industrial
- Transportation and Land Use

Agriculture, Forestry and Waste Management

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Biodiesel Production (Incentives for Feedstocks and Production Plants)	0.9	14
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Growth and Development Measures	0.26	<0
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Summary

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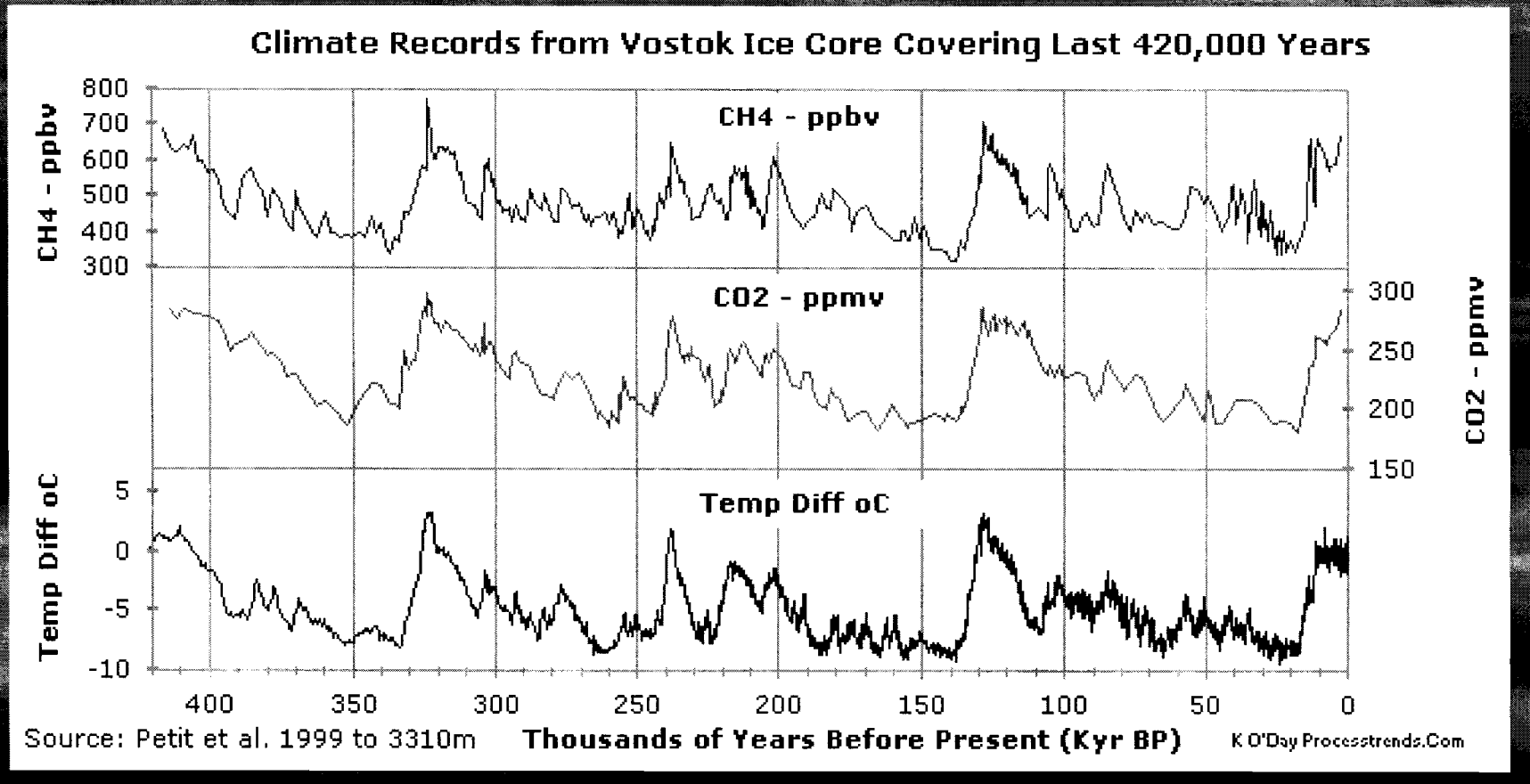

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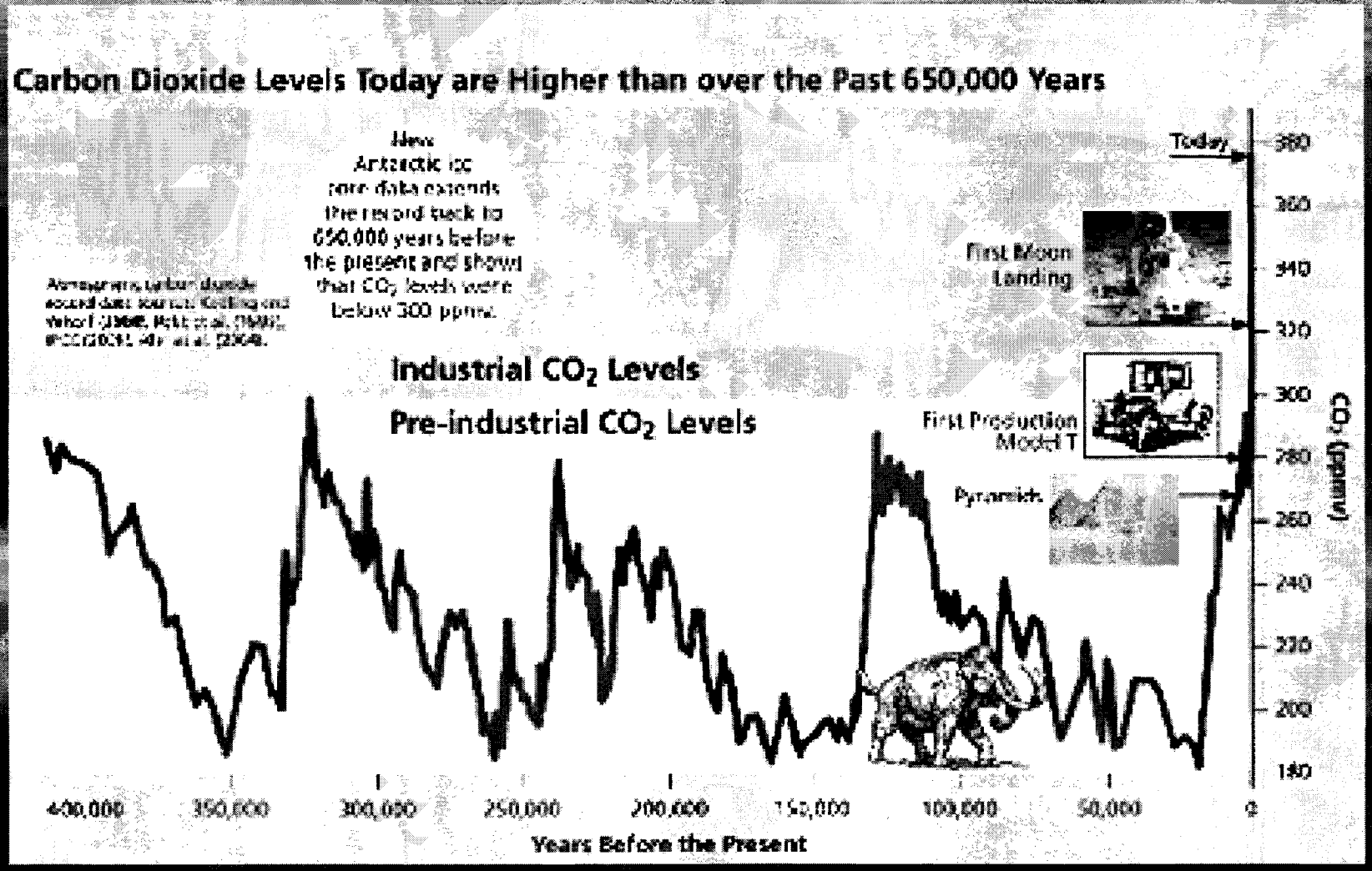

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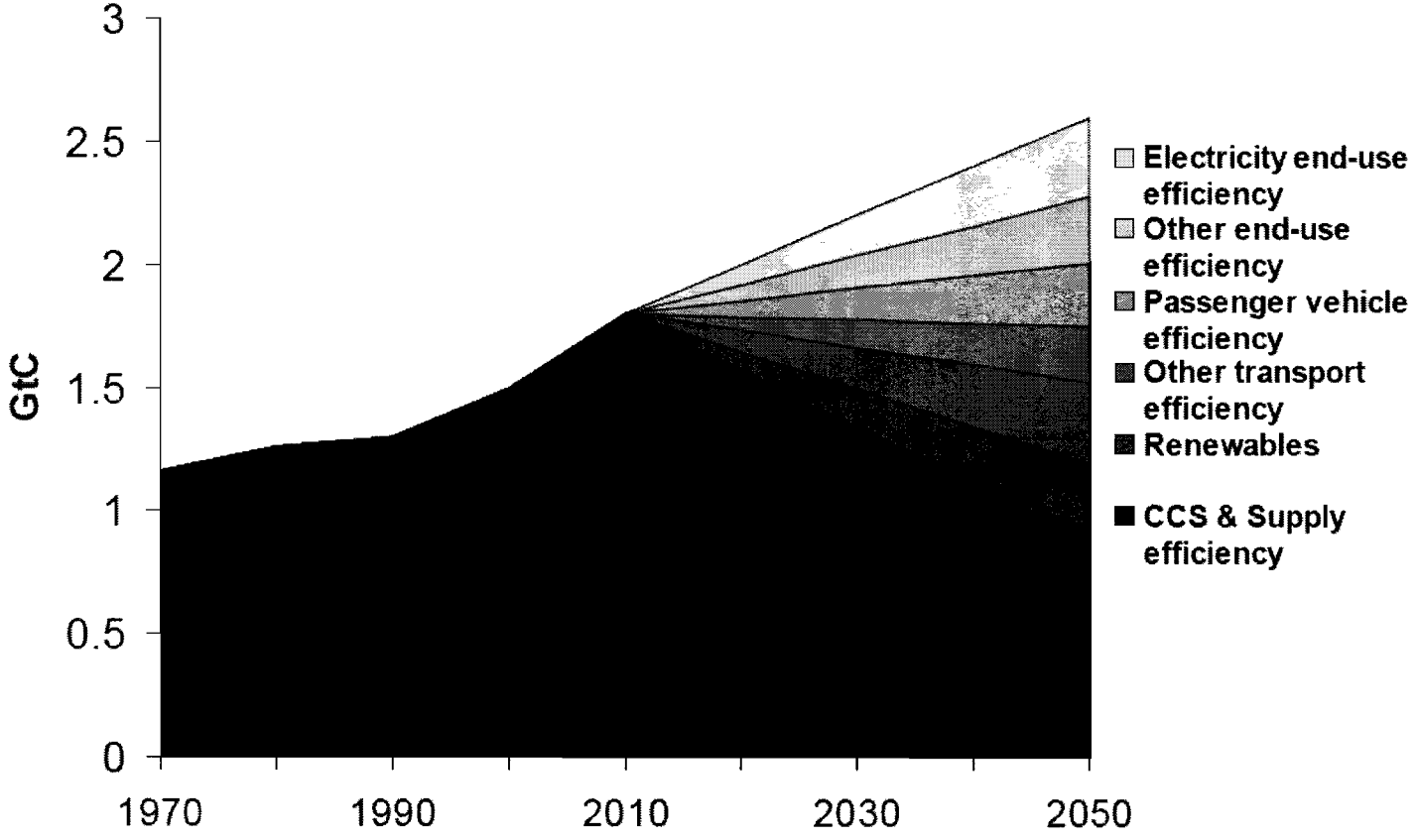

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