Conclusions:

(1) While still very uncertain, the magnitude of negative forcing by anthropogenic aerosols is sufficiently large to have balanced a substantial part of the global-mean greenhouse forcing.

(2) Temperature change is not the only useful metric of imposed climate change.

(3) The magnitude of temperature changes to be expected in the future cannot be more certain than the forcings that are the cause of the expected warming.

(4) The concept of climate forcing (W/m²) provides a metric for imposed climate change in addition to and as an alternative to temperature change.

(5) In spite of the large uncertainties, it is inevitable that the net forcing will be increasingly positive in the future because CO₂ and other man-made GHG's accumulate in the air while aerosols do not.