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Level (left) and rate (right) of radiative forcing does indicate an increased rate of change after 2005, driven by aerosols. But is this supported by observations?
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...but is this an external forcing (aerosol cleanup), or a cloudiness response to changing surface temperatures?