

Reducing the **variance** in purity decay doesn't make any single qubit "better" in the fundamental sense—but it *does* change how **predictable, controllable, and usable** the system is. That matters more than it might seem.

1) What “variance in purity decay” actually means

Across runs (or across qubits), you don't get a single purity curve—you get a **distribution**:

- Some qubits (or trials) stay relatively coherent longer
- Others decohere faster

High variance = **unpredictable behavior**

Low variance = **consistent behavior**

2) Why consistency matters (practical perspective)

(A) Reliability of computation

If purity decay is highly variable:

- Some runs give good results
- Others are badly degraded

This leads to:

noisy, inconsistent outputs—even if the average looks okay

Reducing variance gives:

- tighter clustering of outcomes

- more **reliable computation**
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(B) Statistical confidence

In your manuscript you already use Monte Carlo trials.

If variance is high:

- confidence intervals are wide
- harder to distinguish strategies

If variance is low:

- results are **statistically sharper**
 - smaller error bars
 - clearer conclusions
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(C) Worst-case performance (often more important than average)

In real systems, engineers care about:

“How bad can things get?”

High variance means:

- occasional catastrophic decoherence

Low variance means:

- fewer outliers
- more predictable worst-case behavior

(D) Scalability to multi-qubit systems

In a larger system:

- One badly decohered qubit can corrupt an entire computation
- Variability compounds across qubits

Reducing variance helps ensure:

no single qubit “fails early”

3) Subtle but important: variance vs mean tradeoff

You can have:

- Same **average purity decay**
- Different **variance**

Example:

Case	Mean purity	Variance
A	0.75	high
B	0.75	low

Case B is preferable because:

- behavior is predictable
- fewer extreme failures

4) Connection to your pulse idea

Even if pulses can't stop purity loss, they might:

- **homogenize the effect of noise**
- reduce sensitivity to fluctuations
- "average out" environmental randomness

This is similar to:

turning structured noise into more uniform noise

5) When reducing variance is actually valuable scientifically

It becomes meaningful when you show:

- same mean performance
- but significantly lower variance

That indicates:

the control strategy is more robust to stochastic noise

That's a legitimate contribution.

6) When it's *not* very meaningful

If:

- both mean purity and variance are similar
- or variance reduction is tiny

Then:

it's not adding much insight

7) Strongest interpretation for your manuscript

If you incorporate this idea, the claim becomes:

“While dynamical decoupling cannot prevent purity loss under T_1 relaxation, certain pulse strategies reduce variability in decoherence, leading to more predictable and robust system behavior.”

That's:

- modest
 - but scientifically defensible
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8) Bottom-line answer

Reducing variance in purity decay improves predictability, robustness, and worst-case performance—even though it does not improve the fundamental limit on decoherence.

Final insight

You can think of it like this:

- Mean purity = *how fast things decay on average*
- Variance = *how chaotic or unpredictable that decay is*

Pulses may not change the first much under T_1 —but they can still improve the second.

If you want, I can suggest a **specific analysis (variance vs pulse sequence vs noise model)** that would fit naturally into your manuscript.

yes

Good—this is actually one of the **cleanest ways to extract a non-trivial contribution** from your existing framework without bloating the paper.

Here's a **tight, publishable analysis you can add** that directly tests your idea.

1) Core idea of the experiment

Instead of focusing only on:

- mean fidelity
- mean purity

you explicitly analyze:

variance (or spread) of purity across stochastic trials

This turns your Monte Carlo setup into something more insightful.

2) What to compute (minimal additions)

You already run ~500 trials. For each time point (or final time):

Compute:

- Mean purity:

$$\bar{P}$$

- Standard deviation:

$$\sigma_P$$

- Coefficient of variation (very useful):

$$CV = \frac{\sigma_P}{\bar{P}}$$

Why CV matters:

- normalizes variance
 - lets you compare across different decay levels
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3) What to plot (this is key)

Plot 1: Mean vs Variance tradeoff

For each pulse strategy:

- x-axis → mean purity
- y-axis → standard deviation (or CV)

This gives a **performance–stability map**

Plot 2: Variance vs time

For each sequence:

- x-axis \rightarrow time
- y-axis $\rightarrow \sigma(P)$

This shows:

- whether variance grows
 - whether pulses suppress spread over time
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Plot 3: Distribution snapshots (very strong visually)

At a fixed time:

- histogram of purity across trials
- one plot per sequence

This directly shows:

- wide vs narrow distributions
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4) Experimental conditions to include

Keep it simple but meaningful:

(A) Phase noise only (T_2)

- Expect:
 - pulses reduce both mean decay and variance

(B) Combined noise ($T_1 + T_2$)

- Expect:
 - mean purity still drops
 - but variance behavior differs across sequences

This is where your result becomes interesting.

5) What result would actually be interesting

You're looking for something like:

Case 1 (ideal finding):

- Same mean purity
- Lower variance for one sequence

→ indicates **robustness advantage**

Case 2:

- Slightly worse mean
- Much lower variance

→ reveals a **tradeoff: performance vs stability**

Case 3 (also valid):

- No significant variance difference

→ still useful: shows pulses don't affect stochastic spread under T_1

6) How to interpret results (important for paper)

If variance is reduced:

You can say:

“Pulse sequences homogenize the stochastic effects of environmental noise, leading to more predictable decoherence dynamics.”

If not:

“Under amplitude damping, stochastic variability dominates and is not mitigated by dynamical decoupling.”

Both are defensible.

7) Why this strengthens your manuscript

Right now your paper answers:

“Do pulses improve average performance?”

This adds:

“Do pulses make behavior more reliable?”

That’s a **different and meaningful question.**

8) Minimal implementation sketch (conceptual)

For each trial:

- simulate → get purity at time T

Store:

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P = [P1, P2, ..., P500]
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Then:

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mean_P = np.mean(P)
std_P = np.std(P)
cv_P = std_P / mean_P
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Repeat for each sequence and noise condition.

9) How to write this in the paper (concise framing)

You could add a short section like:

“In addition to mean fidelity and purity, we evaluated the variability of purity across stochastic noise realizations. This provides insight into the robustness and predictability of dynamical decoupling strategies beyond average performance metrics.”

10) Bottom line

This analysis gives you:

- a **new dimension of comparison**
- a **quantitative robustness metric**
- a way to extract more insight from existing simulations

without:

- new physics
- new models
- major restructuring

Final takeaway

You're not changing what the system does—you're revealing **how consistently it does it**, which is often just as important.

If you want, I can help you phrase the **results/discussion section** depending on what pattern you observe.