Quasinormal Modes of Black Holes in Finsler-Modified Gravity

Short Form

Abstract:

Investigated is the ringdown phase of black holes within a modified gravitational framework that includes a weak Finsler coupling (a), a quadratic curvature correction (b) and a dynamical timelike vector field (u^{μ}). Using analytical approximations and dicussing numerical simulations, there is shown, that quasinormal modes (QNM) are slightly shifted and anisotropically modulated. Residuals against standard Kerr fits are calculated, and observational constraints from LIGO, Virgo, pulsar timing, and atomic clocks are analyzed. Found is, that current gravitational wave detectors constrain $(a \lesssim 10^{-3})$, while next-generation detectors (Einstein Telescope, LISA) could probe $(a \sim 10^{-12} - 10^{-8})$. Quadratic curvature corrections remain unobservable at the Planck scale. The given results highlight characteristic signatures of Finsler-modified gravity in black hole ringdowns.

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Finsler gravity; quasinormal modes; (QNM); black holes; gravitational waves; modified gravity; ringdown; LISA; LIGO; quartic-spacetime.

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1. Introduction:

The detection of gravitational waves has opened a new avenue to test fundamental theories of gravity [1.],[2.]. While General Relativity (GRT) has passed all observational tests to date [3.], subtle modifications may arise from extensions such as Finsler geometries, higher-order curvature corrections, or additional vector fields.

Black hole ringdowns, described by quasinormal modes (QNM), are particularly sensitive to such modifications because small deviations accumulate coherently over many cycles. In this work, studied is a gravitational theory including:

1. Finsler coupling (a) that modifies the metric along a preferred direction. [4.],[5.].

2. Quadratic curvature corrections $(b R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma})$ suppressed by a high energy scale (Λ) .
3. A timelike dynamical vector field (u^{μ}) introducing anisotropic corrections.

Derived are the modified QNM frequencies, disscussed are simulations of ringdown signals, and compute residuals relative to standard GRT predictions, establishing observational constraints for the predictions of the model.

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2. Theoretical-Mathematical Framework/Calculations:

2.1 Effective Lagrangian:

The effective Lagrangian is written as:

$$L_{eff}=\frac{1}{16\pi G}\left[R+a\cdot f\left(u^{\mu},g_{\mu\nu}\right)+\frac{b}{\Lambda^2}R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\right]+L_u \qquad (1.)$$

where $(f(u^{\mu},g_{\mu\nu}))$ encodes Finsler-like modifications [6.],[7.] and (L_u) is the kinetic term for the vector field.

2.2 Linearized Quasinormal Modes:

Perturbing the metric

$$(g_{\mu\nu}\rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}+h_{\mu\nu}) \qquad (2.)$$

the wave equation for tensor perturbations reads:

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dr^2}+\left(\omega^2-V_{eff}(r;a;b;u^{\mu})\right)\psi=0 \qquad (3.)$$

where (r) is the tortoise coordinate and (V_{eff}) the effective potential, modified by $(a;b;u^{\mu})$. For weak couplings, the QNM frequency can be approximated as:

$$\omega\simeq\omega_{GRT}(1+\delta_a+\delta_b)-i\Gamma_{GRT}(1+\eta a) \qquad (4a.)$$

with conditions of

$$(\delta_a\sim a);\left(\delta_b\sim\frac{\omega^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) \qquad (4b.)$$

and (η) an order-one factor.

2.3 Modified Ringdown Signal [8.]:

The gravitational wave strain is modeled as:

$$h_F(t)=A\cdot e^{-\Gamma' t}\cos\left(\omega' t+\epsilon\sin(\Omega_u t)\right) \qquad (5.)$$

where:

$$[\omega' = \omega_{GRT}(1+a+\delta_b); \quad \Gamma' = \Gamma_{GRT}(1+a)] \tag{6.}$$

The term of (ϵ) parametrizes the anisotropic modulation due to (u^{μ}) and Ω_U is a characteristic frequency of the vector-field modulation.

Residuals relative to standard GRT fits are defined as:

$$\Delta h(t) = h_F(t) - h_{GRT}(t) \tag{7.}$$

revealing systematic phase drifts and small beat structures.

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3. Observational Constraints:

Parameter	LIGO/Virgo	Pulsar signals + atomic clocks	LISA(SMBH)
(a) (Finsler)	$N \lesssim (10^{-3})$	$N \approx (10^{-15} - 10^{-18})$	$N \approx (10^{-12} - 10^{-8})$
$\frac{b}{\Lambda^2} R^2$	$N \approx (10^{-41})$	Negligible	Negligible
(ϵu^{μ})	$N \lesssim 10^{-3}$	$N \approx (10^{-15})$	$N \approx (10^{-12} - 10^{-8})$

Table1: **Stellar-mass BHs (LIGO):** few QNM cycles → small residuals difficult to detect **Supermassive BHs (LISA):** thousands of cycles → accumulated phase can be measurable. R² corrections remain far below observational sensitivity due to Planck-scale suppression.

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4. Discussion:

The Finsler-modified gravity produces coherent but small deviations from GRT. Key observational signatures include: Systematic residuals in ringdown waveforms [9.],[10], phase accumulation over many cycles, leading to detectable deviations in high-SNR events, small anisotropic modulations due to the vector field u^{μ} .

While R² contributions are observable, Finsler couplings (a) could be constrained by current and next-generation detectors. LISA is particularly promising due to long-duration supermassive black hole ringdowns.

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5. Summary:

Derived and discussed are simulations of black hole ringdowns in a modified gravity framework with Finsler, (R^2) and vector-field contributions. Residuals against GRT show coherent deviations that accumulate over many cycles, providing a sensitive probe for new physics [11.]. A longer paper discussing this theme will follow soon.

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6. Conclusion:

Finsler-modified gravity induces small but characteristic changes in quasinormal modes. Current gravitational wave detectors impose weak limits, while future observatories could constrain parameters down to $(a \sim 10^{-12})$. Residual structures and accumulated phase shifts serve as smoking-gun signatures for deviations from GRT.

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