

Asymptotically flat hairy black holes in massive bigravity

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History of the problem

- Ghost-free bigravity /[Hassan, Rosen 2011](#)/
- Hairy black holes in bigravity, not asymptotically flat
/M.S.V. 2012/
- Stability analysis of the embedded Schwarzschild
/Brito, Cardoso, Pani, 2013/, /Babichev, Fabbri, 2013/
- Asymptotically flat hairy black holes
/Brito, Cardoso, Pani, 2013/
- No asymptotically flat hairy black holes
(*general analysis of theory structure*)
/Torsello, Kocic, Mortsell, 2017/
- Asymptotically flat hairy black holes – detailed analysis.
(*many new results*)
/R. Gervalle, [M.S.V.](#), Phys.Rev. D102 (2020) 124040/

Ghost-free bigravity

$$S[g, f] = \frac{1}{2\kappa_1} \int R(g) \sqrt{-g} d^4x + \frac{1}{2\kappa_2} \int R(f) \sqrt{-f} d^4x - \frac{m^2}{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2} \int \mathcal{U} \sqrt{-g} d^4x + S_{\text{mat}}[g, \text{matter}]$$

where $\mathcal{U} = b_0 + \sum_{n=1}^4 b_n \mathcal{U}_n$ is constructed from $\hat{\gamma} = \sqrt{\hat{g}^{-1} \hat{f}}$ as

$$\mathcal{U}_1 = \sum_a \lambda_a = [\gamma], \quad \mathcal{U}_2 = \sum_{a < b} \lambda_a \lambda_b = \frac{1}{2!} ([\gamma]^2 - [\gamma^2]),$$

$$\mathcal{U}_3 = \sum_{a < b < c} \lambda_c \lambda_b \lambda_c = \frac{1}{3!} ([\gamma]^3 - 3[\gamma][\gamma^2] + 2[\gamma^3]),$$

$$\mathcal{U}_4 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4 = \det(\hat{\gamma}).$$

m is the FP mass and flat space is a solution if

$$b_0 = 4c_3 + c_4 - 6, \quad b_1 = 3 - 3c_3 - c_4,$$

$$b_2 = 2c_3 + c_4 - 1, \quad b_3 = -(c_3 + c_4), \quad b_4 = c_4.$$

Equations

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{m^2} \mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu}, \quad f_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{m^2} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu},$$

the lengthscale is the Compton wavelength $1/m$ and the field equations become dimensionless

$$G_{\mu\nu}(g) = \kappa_1 T_{\mu\nu}(g, f) + \kappa_1 T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{mat}}, \quad G_{\mu\nu}(f) = \kappa_2 T_{\mu\nu}(g, f),$$

with

$$\kappa_1 = \frac{\kappa_1}{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2} \equiv \cos^2 \eta, \quad \kappa_2 = \frac{\kappa_2}{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2} \equiv \sin^2 \eta.$$

A physical matter does not see $f_{\mu\nu}$. We shall set $T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{mat}} = 0$.

Flat space $g_{\mu\nu} = f_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$ is a solution. Small fluctuations $\delta g_{\mu\nu}$ and $\delta f_{\mu\nu}$ around flat space describe

$$\begin{aligned} h_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} &= \kappa_1 \delta f_{\mu\nu} + \kappa_2 \delta g_{\mu\nu} && \text{massless graviton} \\ h_{\mu\nu} &= \delta f_{\mu\nu} - \delta g_{\mu\nu} && \text{massive graviton} \end{aligned}$$

Vacuum solutions

If $g_{\mu\nu} = f_{\mu\nu}$ then

$$G^\mu{}_\nu(g) = 0, \quad G^\mu{}_\nu(f) = 0,$$

\Rightarrow any vacuum metric is a solution. For example, the “[bald Schwarzschild](#)”

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\mu\nu}^S dx^\mu dx^\nu &= f_{\mu\nu}^S dx^\mu dx^\nu \\ &= - \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - 2M/r} + r^2 d\Omega^2 \end{aligned}$$

with r in units of $1/m$ and M in units of $(\mathbf{M}_{\text{Pl}}/m) \mathbf{M}_{\text{Pl}}$. Its perturbations grow in time ([instability](#)) if $M < 0.43$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^S + \delta g_{\mu\nu}(t, x^k), \quad f_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^S + \delta f_{\mu\nu}(t, x^k)$$

[/Brito, Cardoso, Pani, 2013/](#), [/Babichev, Fabbri, 2014/](#).

The graviton mass m should not be too small.

Self acceleration

Setting $f_{\mu\nu} = C^2 g_{\mu\nu}$ with a constant C the bigravity equations reduce to

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 0,$$

whose solution is de Sitter (AdS is also possible) \Rightarrow **self acceleration** driven by the effective cosmological constant

$$\Lambda \sim m^2 \kappa_1 \sim 1/R_{\text{Hub}}^2$$

motivation for massive gravitons. To agree with the observations, **either** the graviton mass has to be very small (small m is better than just small Λ),

$$m \sim 1/R_{\text{Hub}}$$

or κ_1 be very small, which is more interesting for us.

Hierarchy between the two gravitational couplings

Assume that κ_1 is very small \Rightarrow hierarchy

$$\kappa_1 \ll \kappa_2 = 1 - \kappa_1 \sim 1$$

Hierarchy is needed to remove the instability in the scalar sector by assuming /Akrami, Hassan ... 2015/

$$\frac{\kappa_1}{\kappa_2} \approx \kappa_1 \leq \left(\frac{M_{\text{ew}}}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^2 \sim 10^{-34} \ll 1,$$

with $M_{\text{ew}} \sim 100$ GeV. This is an **upper bound** for κ_1 , hence

$$\kappa_1 = \gamma^2 \times 10^{-34} \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma \in [0, 1] \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{1}{m} \sim \sqrt{\kappa_1} R_{\text{Hub}} \sim \gamma \times 10^{-17} R_{\text{Hub}} \sim \gamma \times 10^6 \text{ km} \sim \gamma \times \underline{\text{Solar size}}$$

$$\Rightarrow mc^2 \approx \frac{1}{\gamma} 10^{-16} \text{ eV} > 10^{-23} \text{ eV} \text{ (to be commented on later)}$$

Constructing hairy black holes

The ansatz and equations

$$ds_g^2 = -Q(r)^2 dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{N(r)^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2,$$

$$ds_f^2 = -q(r)^2 dt^2 + \frac{dU(r)^2}{Y(r)^2} + U(r)^2 d\Omega^2.$$

Q^2, N^2, q^2, Y^2 must all show a simple zero at some $r = r_H > 0$.

- The **horizon is common for both metrics**. The surface gravity and the Hawking temperature are also the same.
- Horizon radius r_H measured by the g-metric can differ from the radius $U(r_H) \equiv U_H$ measured by the f-metric.

Independent equations:

$$N' = \mathcal{D}_N(r, U, N, Y),$$

$$Y' = \mathcal{D}_Y(r, U, N, Y),$$

$$U' = \mathcal{D}_U(r, U, N, Y).$$

For a given r_H the parameter $U_H = U(r_H)$ completely characterizes the boundary conditions at the horizon $r = r_H$.

Choosing a value of U_H and integrating the equations starting from $r = r_H$ towards large values of r , one finds that

- Either solutions approach for $r \rightarrow \infty$ the proportional AdS, which is an asymptotic attractor: all perturbations decay for $r \rightarrow \infty$
- Or solutions become singular at a finite $r_{\text{sing}} > r_H$.

Trying randomly many different r_H, U_H does not give anything else. Expanding around flat space at infinity yields

$$\frac{A}{r} + Be^{-mr} + \boxed{Ce^{+mr}}$$

\Rightarrow flat space is not attractor. To suppress the growing mode one should set $C = 0$ and integrate from both sides (horizon and infinity) using $\boxed{U_H, A, B}$ as input parameters. This requires a fine tuning for $r_H, U_H \Rightarrow$ additional information is needed.

Change of stability of Schwarzschild – bifurcation

$$g_{\mu\nu}^S dx^\mu dx^\nu = f_{\mu\nu}^S dx^\mu dx^\nu = - \left(1 - \frac{r_H}{r}\right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - r_H/r} + r^2 d\Omega^2.$$

Perturbations around this “bald Schwarzschild”

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^S + e^{i\omega t} \delta g_{\mu\nu}(r, \vartheta, \varphi), \quad f_{\mu\nu} = f_{\mu\nu}^S + e^{i\omega t} \delta f_{\mu\nu}(r, \vartheta, \varphi)$$

admits a negative mode solution with $\omega^2 < 0$ if $r_H < 0.86$.

[/Brito, Cardoso, Pani, 2013/](#), [/Babichev, Fabbri, 2013/](#)

This negative mode becomes a static zero mode for $r_H = 0.86$, providing a [perturbative approximation of a new static solution](#) which bifurcates with the bald Schwarzschild.

This yields yields the input values for the parameters

$$r_H = U_H = 0.86, \quad A = -\frac{r_H}{2}, \quad B = 0.$$

We shall call this the GL (Gregory-Laflamme) point. Changing r_H iteratively yields “fully fledged” hairy solutions.

Numerical procedure

- Desingularization of the equations at the horizon to be able to start exactly at $r = r_H$.
- Using converging integral equation for $r > r_{\max} \gg r_H$.
- Integration from two sides in the region $[r_H, r_{\max}]$: from $r = r_H$ toward large r and from $r = r_{\max}$ toward small r via the **multiple shooting** until the two solutions match.

Asymptotically flat Hairy Black Holes

- Are labeled by values of r_H and depend on the theory parameters c_3, c_4 and $\kappa_1 \cos^2 \eta, \kappa_2 = \sin^2 \eta$.
- Close to the GL point ($r_H = 86$) solutions are very close to Schwarzschild. If r_H deviates from 0.86, solutions deviate from Schwarzschild in the near horizon region where the massive hair is located.
- Solutions cease to exist beyond a minimal r_H^{\min} or maximal r_H^{\max} values of the event horizon size. These values depend on c_3, c_4, η .

Solution profiles

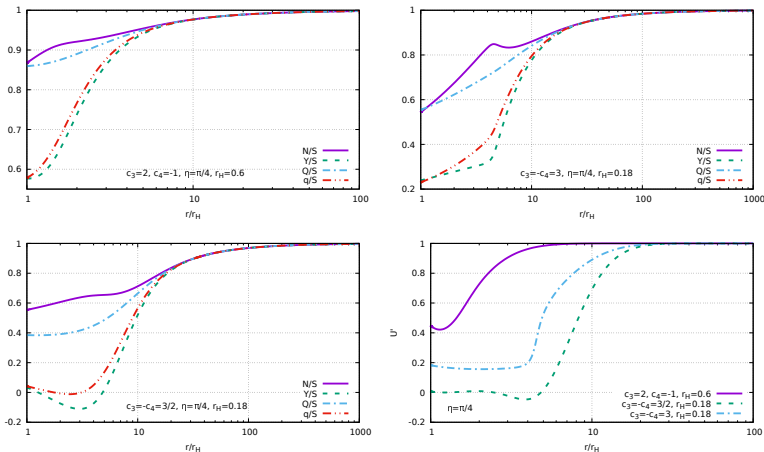


Figure: Profiles of N/S , Y/S , Q/S , q/S with $S = \sqrt{1 - r_H/r}$ and that of U' for various values of r_H, c_3, c_4 .

Duality

The bigravity is invariant under

$$g_{\mu\nu} \leftrightarrow f_{\mu\nu}, \quad \kappa_1 \leftrightarrow \kappa_2, \quad b_k \leftrightarrow b_{4-k}$$

which translates to

$$\kappa_1 \leftrightarrow \kappa_2, \quad Q \leftrightarrow q, \quad N \leftrightarrow Y, \quad U \leftrightarrow r, \quad c_3 \rightarrow 3 - c_3, \quad c_4 \rightarrow 4c_3 + c_4 - 6$$

If for some η, c_3, c_4 there is a hairy black hole solution for some

$$r_H \quad \text{and} \quad U_H$$

then for the dual set of parameters

$$\tilde{\eta} = \pi/2 - \eta, \quad \tilde{c}_3 = 3 - c_3, \quad \tilde{c}_4 = 4c_3 + c_4 - 6$$

there is the dual solution characterized by

$$\tilde{r}_H = U_H \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{U}_H = r_H$$

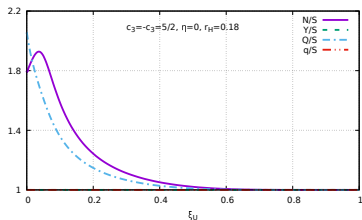
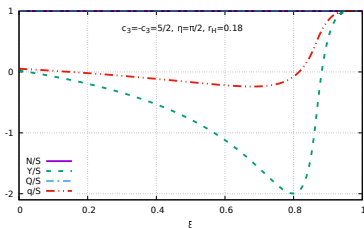
Duality changes the black hole size: if $r_H < 0.86$ then $\tilde{r}_H > 0.86$.

Hairy Schwarzschild

Particularly interesting are hairy Schwarzschild solutions for $\kappa_1 = 0$ or $\kappa_2 = 0$ when one of the metric becomes exactly Schwarzschild but the other remains hairy, because

$$G^\mu{}_\nu(g) = \kappa_1 T^\mu{}_\nu(g, f), \quad G^\mu{}_\nu(f) = \kappa_2 \mathcal{T}^\mu{}_\nu(g, f)$$

For $\kappa_1 \sim 10^{-34}$ hairy black holes must be very close to the hairy Schwarzschild.



Left: $\kappa_1 = 0, \kappa_2 = 1$, g-metric is Schwarzschild, f-metric is hairy.
Right: $\kappa_2 = 0, \kappa_1 = 1$, f-metric is Schwarzschild.

Stability analysis

Time-dependent fields spherically symmetric fields

$$ds_g^2 = -Q^2 dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{N^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2,$$

$$ds_f^2 = -(q^2 - \alpha^2 Q^2 N^2) dt^2 + \left(\frac{U^2}{Y^2} - \alpha^2 \right) dr^2 + U^2 d\Omega^2 \\ - 2\alpha \left(q + \frac{QNU'}{Y} \right) dt dr$$

where, expanding around a static background

$$Q(r, t) = Q^{(0)}(r) + \delta Q(r, t), \quad q(r, t) = q^{(0)}(r) + \delta q(r, t), \\ N(r, t) = N^{(0)}(r) + \delta N(r, t), \quad Y(r, t) = Y^{(0)}(r) + \delta Y(r, t), \\ U(r, t) = U^{(0)}(r) + \delta U(r, t), \quad \alpha(r, t) = \delta \alpha(r, t)$$

Master equation

Assuming the harmonic time-dependence for all amplitudes

$$\delta Q(r, t) = e^{i\omega t} \delta Q(r), \quad \delta N(r, t) = e^{i\omega t} \delta N(r), \dots$$

the temporal variable separates and the linearized field equations reduce (after heavy transformations) to a one-channel equation

$$\frac{d^2 \Psi}{dr_*^2} + (\omega^2 - V(r)) \Psi = 0 \quad (\spadesuit)$$

describing the [scalar polarization](#) of the massive graviton. Here Ψ is a linear combination of perturbations, $V(r)$ is made of the background amplitudes, and the tortoise coordinate

$$r_* \in (-\infty, \infty) \quad \text{when} \quad r \in [r_H, \infty)$$

Negative modes of (\spadesuit) , that is bound state solutions with $\omega^2 < 0$, correspond to [unstable modes](#).

Unstable solutions

All solutions with $\kappa_1 = \kappa_2 = 1/2$ ($\eta = \pi/4$) previously found by the Portuguese group are unstable.

A puzzle: what they decay to ? Not to Schwarzschild, because it is also unstable. Can they radiate away all their energy such that the horizon disappear ? In GR such a process is classically impossible. What about bigravity ?

Hairy black holes become stable in the physically interesting case of small $\kappa_1 = \cos^2 \eta$!

Parameter space

Parameters

Solutions depend in 4 parameters r_H, c_3, c_4, η . A complete classification is very difficult.

Strategy: choose representative values

$$c_3 = -c_4 = 5/2$$

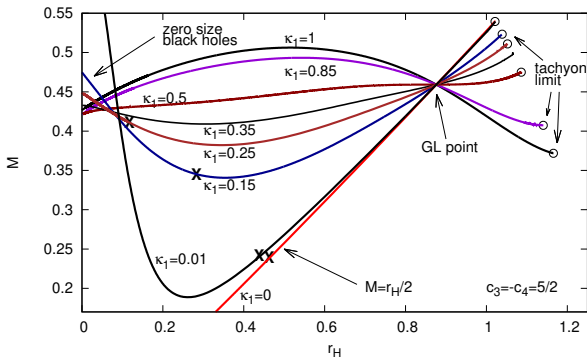
and classify all solutions depending on $r_H, \kappa_1 = \cos^2 \eta$.

Perform the duality to obtain

$$c_3 = 1/2, \quad c_4 = 3/2$$

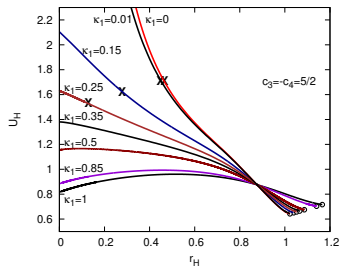
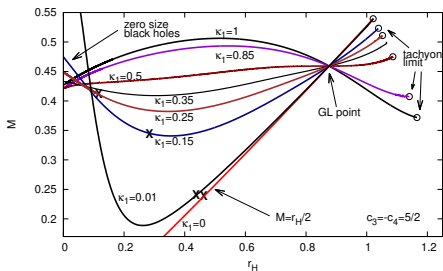
and classify again.

ADM mass $M(r_H)$ for different η



r_H in units of $1/m$ and M in units of $(\mathbf{M}_{\text{Pl}}/m) \mathbf{M}_{\text{Pl}}$. GL point: $r_H = 0.86 = 2M$. The mass M is the same with respect to each metric and almost always close to the mass of Schwarzschild black hole of size $\sim 1/m$. For this not to be too large one should choose $1/m \sim 10^6$ km and $\kappa_1 = 10^{-34} \Rightarrow$ the maximal mass of hairy black holes is $\sim 10^6 M_{\odot} =$ typical mass of supermassive black holes.

ADM mass



$$M_{ADM} = \frac{r_H}{2} + \kappa_1 \int_{r_H}^{\infty} r^2 T_{00} dr \equiv M_{\text{bare}} + M_{\text{hair}}$$

the hair mass M_{hair} can be positive or negative. The physical value $\kappa_1 = 10^{-34}$ is very close to $\kappa_1 = 0 \Rightarrow M(r_H)$ is very close to $r_H/2$ and can be small. For $r_H \rightarrow 0$ the g-metric develops a naked singularity but the ADM mass remains finite. For $r_H \rightarrow r_H^{\text{max}}$ solutions disappear via fusion of roots and show regions where the effective graviton mass becomes imaginary.

Parameter space for $c_3 = -c_4 = 5/2$

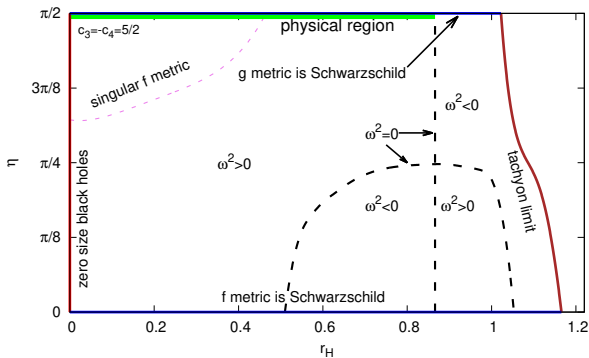


Figure: $\kappa_1 = \cos^2 \eta$ and $\kappa_2 = \sin^2 \eta$. The dashed black $\omega^2 = 0$ lines separate **stable and unstable sectors**. The upper left corner contains solutions with a singular f-metric, but their g-geometry is regular.

$$G_{\nu}^{\mu}(g) = \kappa_1 T_{\nu}^{\mu}(g, f), \quad G_{\nu}^{\mu}(f) = \kappa_2 \mathcal{T}_{\nu}^{\mu}(g, f),$$

where $\kappa_1 = 10^{-34}$ ($\kappa_2 = 1 - \kappa_1 \approx 1$) \Rightarrow the physical g-metric is extremely close to Schwarzschild, all the hair is contained in the f-metric which is directly invisible.

Normally the hairy black holes cannot be distinguished from Schwarzschild. However, in violent processes like black hole collisions the source $T_{\nu}^{\mu}(g, f)$ can become strong enough to overcome the 10^{34} suppression \Rightarrow the hairy features can become visible.

It is possible that “hairy signatures” are contained in GW signals from black hole mergers. **These signatures should be stronger for small black holes.**

Approximation for small κ_1

$$G_{\mu\nu}(g) = \kappa_1 T_{\mu\nu}(g, f), \quad G_{\mu\nu}(f) = \kappa_2 \mathcal{T}_{\mu\nu}(g, f),$$

1. Set $\kappa_1 = 0$ then g =Schwarzschild of radius r_H .
2. Solve $G_{\mu\nu}(f) = \mathcal{T}_{\mu\nu}(g, f)$ to find f as function of r_H .
3. Use the solution to compute the source $T_{\mu\nu}(g, f)$.
4. Return to $\kappa_1 \neq 0$ can compute the mass

$$M_{ADM} \approx \frac{r_H}{2} + \kappa_1 \int_{r_H}^{\infty} r^2 T_{00}(g, f) dr$$

Steps 2 and 3 give interesting result: the components of $f_{\mu\nu}$ and $T_{00}(g, f)$ become very large as $r_H \rightarrow 0$.

Solution for $f_{\mu\nu}$ on Schwarzschild background

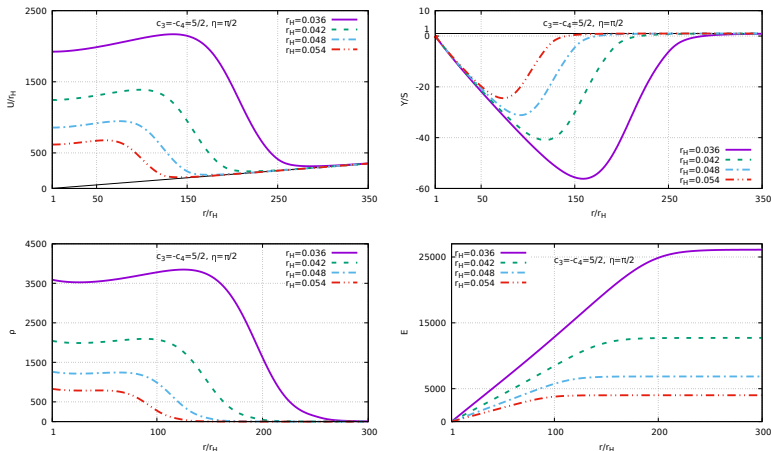


Figure: The amplitudes U , Y in the f-metric, the "hair energy density" $T_{00}(g, f)$ and its integral $E(r)$ become very large for small r_H .

Approximation for M for small κ_1

$$M(r_H) \approx \frac{r_H}{2} + \kappa_1 \frac{0.005}{(r_H)^{4.6}}$$

Assuming $\kappa_1 = \gamma^2 \times 10^{-34}$ (with $\gamma \in [0, 1]$) the minimum is

$$(r_H)_{\min} \approx 0.52 \gamma^{1.35} \text{ km}, \quad \mathbf{M}_{\min} \approx 0.2 \gamma^{1.35} \times M_{\odot}$$

\Rightarrow size and mass of the **lightest hairy black hole**. As for the heaviest,

$$(r_H)_{\max} \sim 10^6 \text{ km}, \quad M_{\min} \sim 3 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$$

Summary of results

The ghost-free bigravity theory admits indeed stationary and asymptotically flat solutions describing black holes with a massive graviton hair.

For them not to be unphysically heavy, one is bound to assume the graviton mass to be $1/m = \gamma \times 10^6$ km with $\gamma \in [0, 1]$. The agreement with the cosmological data is then achieved by assuming that $\kappa_1 = \gamma^2 \times (M_{\text{ew}}/M_{\text{Pl}})^2 = \gamma^2 \times 10^{-34}$.

Stable hairy black holes are described by a g-metric which is extremely close to Schwarzschild, but their f-metric is different. Their mass ranges from $0.2 \gamma^{1.35} \times M_{\odot}$ to $0.3 \times 10^6 \gamma^{1.35} \times M_{\odot}$. Yet heavier black holes in the theory should be “bald”.

If the bigravity theory indeed applies to describe physics, the astrophysical black holes cannot be **bald Schwarzschild** because it is unstable. They should be **hairy Schwarzschild hiding hair in the f-metric**.

Summary of results

The f -metric is not coupled to matter and cannot be directly probed, while the deviation of the “visible” g -metric from Schwarzschild is suppressed by the factor of 10^{-34} . Therefore, **in usual conditions hairy black holes should be undistinguishable from the usual GR black holes.**

In black hole collisions the interaction between the two metrics may produce $T_{\mu\nu}(g, f)$ strong enough to overcome the 10^{-34} suppression in $G_{\mu\nu}(g) = \kappa_1 T_{\mu\nu}(g, f)$. Then the deviation from GR may become visible, perhaps it is contained in signals from black hole mergers detected by LIGO/VIRGO.

The **effect should be larger for small black holes** because the $f_{\mu\nu}$ components are very large for small r_H thus enhancing $T_{\mu\nu}(g, f)$. It is possible that **hair imprints** will be visible when smaller mass mergers are detected. The observed bound $m < 10^{-23}$ eV is also presumably because only massless GW have been seen so far.