# TGD interpretation for the new discovery about galactic dark matter

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#### Abstract

A rather precise correlation has been discovered between the gravitational acceleration produced by visible baryonic dark matter and the observed acceleration usually thought to be determined to a high degree by the presence of dark matter halo. This correlation challenges the halo model model and might even kill it. It turns out that the TGD based model in which galactic dark matter is at long cosmic strings having galaxies along it like pearls in necklace allows to interpret the finding and to deduce a formula for the density from the observed correlation. The model contains only single parameter: the contribution of cosmic string gravitational potential determining the asymptotic velocity of distant stars.

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#### 1 Introduction

A very interesting new result related to the problem of dark matter has emerged: see the ScienceDaily article "In rotating galaxies, distribution of normal matter precisely determines gravitational acceleration" (see http://tinyurl.com/htcgpqe). The original article [E3] can be found at arXiv.org (see http://tinyurl.com/julxz4b).

What is found that there is rather precise correlation between the gravitational acceleration produced by visible baryonic dark matter and and the observed acceleration usually though to be determined to a high degree by the presence of dark matter halo. According to the article, this correlation challenges the halo model model and might even kill it.

It turns out that the TGD based model in which galactic dark matter is at long cosmic strings having galaxies along it like pearls in necklace allows to interpret the finding and to deduce a formula for the density from the observed correlation.

1. The model contains only single parameter, the rotation velocity of stars around cosmic string in absence of baryonic matter defining asymptotic velocity of distant stars, which can be determined from the experiments. Besides this there is the baryonic contribution to matter

density which can be derived from the empirical formula. In halo model this parameter is described by the parameters characterizing the density of dark halo.

- 2. The gravitational potential of baryonic matter deduced from the empirical formula behaves logarithmically, which conforms with the hypothesis that baryonic matter is due to the decay of short cosmic string. Short cosmic strings be along long cosmic strings assignable to linear structures of galaxies like pearls in necklace.
- 3. The critical acceleration appearing in the empirical fit as parameter corresponds to critical radius. The interpretation as the radius of the central bulge with size about 10<sup>4</sup> ly in the case of Milky Way is suggestive.

# 2 The formula for the correlation between the observed acceleration and the contribution of baryonic mass to it

The article represents a nice formula expressing the correlation. The empirical result states that gravitational acceleration created by dark matter correlates very precisely with that produced by baryonic matter. The challenge is to see whether TGD based model could explain the correlation. The model would be remarkably simple since it would contain only single parameter, the rotation velocity of distant stars in absence of baryonic matter determined byt the string tension of cosmic strings.

#### 2.1 Formulation of the model

Consider first the general formulation of the model.

1. Denote by  $a_{obs}$  the observed acceleration of stars. At large distances, where the density of baryonic matter satisfies  $\rho_B \sim 0$ , the contribution of total baryonic mass  $M_B$  to the acceleration is small one has  $v^2 = v_{obs}^2$  reflecting the fact that the gravitational potential behaves like  $v_{obs}^2/R$  as function of distance.

Denote by  $a_B$  the acceleration created by the baryonic matter. In the region  $\rho_B \simeq 0$   $a_B$  is due the total baryonic mass  $M_B$  and given by

$$a_B = \frac{v_B^2}{R} = -\partial_R \Phi_B = \frac{GM_B}{R^2} \quad . \tag{2.1}$$

- 2. Newton's law with a spherically symmetric mass distribution requires  $v^2/R = -\partial_R \Phi_R$ , which requires that gravitational potential behaves as  $log(R/R_0)$  for large distances. To understand this in terms of halo model, one must assume that the dark mass inside sphere of radius R behaves like  $M(R) \propto R$  so that gravitational potential  $\Phi(R)$  behaves like  $log(R/R_0)$ .
- 3. The empirical formula expressing the finding goes as follows:

$$a_{obs}(R) = \frac{a_B(R)}{1 - exp(-x)}$$
 ,  $v_{obs}^2(R) = \frac{v_B^2(R)}{1 - exp(-x)}$  ,  $x = \sqrt{\frac{a_B}{a_{cr}}}$  . (2.2)

What this says that the observed acceleration is related to the acceleration that would be created by mere baryonic matter by an algebraic formula in the quite long range of distances: this is something unexpected. For large distances  $a_B$  approaches zero like  $1/R^2$  and the first two terms in the Taylor expansion of the exponent are important. This gives the approximation

$$a_{obs}(R) \simeq \sqrt{a_B a_{cr}}$$
 (2.3)

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This formula is consistent with  $a_{obs} = v_{obs}^2/R$ . If the baryonic mass density vanishes above  $R_{cr}$  corresponding to  $a_{cr} = GM_B/R_{cr}^2$ , one obtains for  $R > R_{cr}$  in approximation  $1 - exp(-x_{cr}) = x_{cr}$ 

$$v_{as}^2 = \frac{GM_B}{R_{cr}(1 - exp(-x_{cr}))} = \frac{R_{S,B}}{2R_{cr}(1 - exp(-x_{cr}))} . {(2.4)}$$

 $r_{S,B}=2GM_B$  is the Schwartchild radius assignable to the baryonic matter. If one has  $\rho_B\sim 0$  at  $R_{cr}$ , one has  $a_{cr}\equiv -\partial_R\Phi_B=GM_B/R_{cr}^2$ . Otherwise one expects a different value of  $a_{cr}$ .

4. There are two cases to consider. Baryonic mass density is non-vanishing above  $R_{cr}$  (General case) or vanishes in good approximation above  $R_{cr}$  (Special case). Accordingly, one has

$$v_{obs}^2 = R\sqrt{a_B a_{cr}}$$
 for  $R \ge R_{cr}$  (General case) , 
$$v_{obs}^2 = v_{as}^2 = \frac{R_{S,B}}{2R_{cr}(1 - exp(-x_{cr}))}$$
 for  $R \ge R_{cr}$  (Special case) . 
$$(2.5)$$

### 3 TGD based model

Can one interpret the finding in TGD Universe and what implications it has for a model of galaxy?

- 1. In TGD Universe dark matter does not form a halo but is concentrated at dark cosmic string (thickened magnetic flux tube) along which galaxies are organized like pearls in necklace. The cosmic string corresponds to a geodesic sphere of  $CP_2$ , which can be either homologically trivial or non-trivial. In the first case both Kähler action and volume term contribute to string tension T, in the latter case only volume term. Criticality hypothesis states that the string tensions are same: this condition relates their transverse cross-sectional areas [L1].
- 2. The basic implication is that the gravitational potential depends on the orthogonal distance  $\rho$  from the cosmic string only and has a logarithmic dependence so that constant velocity spectrum follows automatically at large distances. The motion along cosmic string is free apart from self-gravitation of baryonic matter. Constant velocity spectrum is modified by the presence of the baryonic matter but the modification is small at large distances. The general prediction for the velocity in the region with  $\rho_B = 0$  is

$$v_{as}^2 = nTG (3.1)$$

where n is numerical constant. If one takes seriously the quantum criticality hypothesis [L1], T is expressible in terms of the basic parameters of TGD (cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  in recent cosmology,  $CP_2$  radius, Kähler coupling strength  $\alpha_K \simeq \alpha_{U(1)}$  [K2], and the area S of transversal section of cosmic string, which approaches the area S of  $CP_2$  geodesic sphere in primordial cosmology for homologically non-trivial (magnetically charged) cosmic strings [K3] [L1].

3. This gives for the two options

$$v_{as}^2 = nTG = \sqrt{\frac{R_{S,B}a_{cr}}{2}} \quad \text{(General case)} \quad ,$$

$$v_{as}^2 = \frac{R_{S,B}}{2R_{cr}(1 - exp(-x_{cr}))} \quad \text{(Special case)} \quad .$$

$$(3.2)$$

From either formula one could estimate the value of T and  $R_{cr}$  if  $M_B$  and  $v_{obs}^2$  are known. The assumption that the value of T is universal need not hold true but would predict that  $R_{cr}$  is proportional to  $r_{S,B}$  and thus to the baryonic mass  $M_B$ . This prediction could be tested by studying velocity spectra for galaxies along big cosmic string.

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4. The general condition gives in the region with  $\rho_B \sim 0$  the equation

$$v_{obs}^{2}(R) = v_{B}^{2} \times f(x)$$
 ,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 - exp(-x)} = \frac{1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^{2}}{12} + \dots}{x}$  ,  $x = x_{a} = \sqrt{\frac{a_{B}}{a_{cr}}}$  (General case) ,  $x = x_{b} = \frac{R_{cr}}{R}$  (Special case) . (3.3)

5. In the region  $\rho_B \sim 0$  Newton's equations allow to solve  $v_{obs}^2(R)$ 

$$v_{obs}^2(R) = v_{as}^2 + v_B^2 = v_{as}^2 + \frac{R_{S,B}}{2R}$$
, (3.4)

Note that in halo model  $v_{as}^2$  is replaced with the velocity squared associated with the dark model halo and is function of R.

Comparing with the previous formula one obtains in this region the consistency condition

$$f(x) = 1 + \frac{v_{as}^2}{v_B^2} = 1 + \frac{2v_{as}^2 R}{R_{S,B}} . {3.5}$$

The expression for  $v_{obs}^2(R)$  can be written in the region  $\rho_B \sim 0$  in terms of x

$$v_{obs}^2 = v_{as}^2 + Kx ,$$

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{R_{S,B}a_{cr}}{2}} , \quad x = x_a = \sqrt{\frac{a_B}{a_{cr}}} \text{ (General case)} ,$$

$$K = \frac{R_{S,B}}{2R_{cr}} , \quad x = x_b = \frac{R_{cr}}{R} \text{ (Special case)} .$$

$$(3.6)$$

6. At smaller distances one can express  $v^2/R$  as sum of stringy and baryonic accelerations require consistency with the empirical formula:

$$v_{as}^2 + Ra_{cr}x^2 = v_B^2 f(x) = Ra_{cr}x^2 f(x) , \quad x = \sqrt{\frac{a_B}{a_{cr}}}$$
 (3.7)

giving a highly non-linear transcendental equation for x. This allows a numerical determination of x.

7. One can deduce also  $\rho_B$  as the source of the baryonic gravitational potential in terms of the Laplace equation

$$\partial_R a_B + \frac{2}{R} a_B = kG\rho_B \quad . \tag{3.8}$$

Here k is a numerical constant. Note that spherical symmetry is assumed for  $\rho_B$ . Expressing this equation in terms of  $x_a = \sqrt{a_B a_{cr}}$  using  $a_B = x_a^2/a_{cr}$  one obtains

$$\rho_B = 2 \frac{a_{cr}}{4\pi G} \left[ x_a \frac{dx_a}{dR} + \frac{x_a^2}{R} \right] \quad . \tag{3.9}$$

Therefore it is possible to solve  $\rho_B$  numerically essentially uniquely. One must also use the approximate condition of Eq. ?? determining  $a_{cr}$ .

#### 3.1 Consistency condition for large distances

The first thing coming in mind is that one could solve  $\rho_B$  iteratively from Eqs. 3.7 and 3.9. Consider first the lowest order approximation at large distances.

Recall that the general consistency condition reads as

$$v_{as}^{2} + Kx = v_{B}^{2} f(x) = Rx^{2} a_{cr} f(x)$$
 ,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-x}}$  .   
 $K = \sqrt{\frac{R_{S,B} a_{cr}}{2}}$  ,  $x = x_{a} = \sqrt{\frac{a_{B}}{a_{cr}}}$  (General case) , (3.10)   
 $K = \frac{R_{S,B}}{2R_{cr}}$  ,  $x = x_{b} = \frac{R_{cr}}{R}$  (Special case) .

Consider first this condition for large values of R for which the approximation  $f(x) \simeq 1/x$  holds true.

1. Using the approximation  $f(x) \simeq 1/x$  one obtains

$$x = \frac{v_{as}^{2}}{a_{cr}} \frac{1}{R - R_{min}} , \qquad R_{min} = \frac{K}{a_{cr}} ,$$

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{R_{SB}a_{cr}}{2}} \text{ (General case)} \quad K = \frac{R_{SB}}{R_{cr}} \text{ (Special case)} ,$$

$$a_{B} = a_{cr}x^{2} = \frac{v_{as}^{4}}{a_{cr}} \frac{1}{(R - R_{min})^{2}} .$$
(3.11)

In the region, where one has  $\rho_B \sim 0$  the expression for  $a_B$  must reduce to  $R_{S,B}/2R^2$  in good approximation and this gives the consistency condition

$$a_{cr} = \frac{2v_{a_s}^4}{R_{S,B}}$$
,  $a_B = \frac{R_{SB}}{2(R - R_{min})^2}$  (General case) . (3.12)

The expression differs from the acceleration field of point mass  $M_B$  only by the shift  $R \to R - R_{min}$ . One expects that the emergence of of singularity at  $R_{min}$  is due to the failure of the fact that the first term in the Taylor expansion of 1 - exp(-x) is not a good approximation.  $R_{min}$  could however have physical counterpart too.

For the (Special case) one obtains and additional consistency condition allowing to determine the value of  $R_{cr}$ 

$$R_{cr} = \frac{R_{SB}}{2v_{as}}$$
 (Special case) . (3.13)

For Milky Way (see http://tinyurl.com/hqr6m27) one has  $M_B \sim 10^{10}$  solar masses. From  $R_{S,Sun} \sim 3$  km one has  $R_{S,B} \sim 1$  ly. For Milky with  $R_{SB} \sim 1$  ly one has  $R_{cr} \sim 10^3$  ly to be compared with the radius of high density bulk about  $10^4$  ly. This looks rather reasonable. For the general solution  $R_{cr} = R_{min}$  is a free parameter and the natural guess is  $R_{cr} = R_{min} \sim 10^4$  ly. Note that  $R_{cr}$  is of same order of magnitude as the smallest radius in the determination of the correlation between  $v_{obs}$  and  $v_{B}$  [E3].

The solution becomes singular at  $R = R_{min} = R_{cr}$ . This gives

$$R_{min} = R_{cr}$$
 (General case) ,  $R_{min} = R_{cr} = \frac{R_{SB}}{2v_{as}}$  (Special case) . (3.14)

Taking the limit  $R \to \infty$  the equation for  $a_B$  should should give  $a_B \simeq R_{S,B}/2R^2$ . This is true for (Special case) in this region. It seems however that in this case is predicts too small

 $R_{min}$ . This suggests that  $R_{min}$  as a free parameter should have identification as the radius of galactic bulk. The formulas for  $R_{cr}$  and  $a_{cr}$  depend only on string tension and galactic Schwartschild radius. Interestingly, the proposal for the Bohr quantization of planetary orbits using gravitational Planck constant  $h_{gr} = GMm/v_{obs}$  leads to analogous formulas for their radii [K1].

2. One obtains an estimate for  $\rho_B$  from Eq. 3.9 as

$$\rho_B = \frac{2v_{as}^2 R_{SB}}{4\pi G} \frac{R_{min}}{R(R - R_{min})^3} , \quad R_{min} = R_{cr} = \frac{R_{SB}}{2v_{as}} \text{ (Special case)} .$$
(3.15)

Near  $R_{min}$  the density would become singular as  $1/(R-R_{min})^3$ , a symptom about the failure of the approximation. At distances  $R >> R_{min}$  one has

$$\rho_B = \frac{2v_{as}^2 R_{SB} R_{cr}}{4\pi G} \frac{1}{R^4} = \frac{v_{as} R_{SB}^2}{4\pi G} \frac{1}{R^4} \ . \tag{3.16}$$

The total baryonic mass  $M_B(R_1, R_2)$  for any region  $R_{min} < R_1 < R < R_2$  is finite and for  $R_1 >> R_{min}$  one can express it has

$$\frac{M_B(R_1,R_2)}{M_B} = C \frac{R_{SB}(R_2-R_1)}{R_1R_2} \quad , \quad C = 8\pi \frac{v_{as}^2 R_{cr}}{R_{SB}M_B} \quad \text{for (General case)}$$

$$C = \frac{v_{as}M_B}{3} \quad \text{(Special case)} \quad . \tag{3.17}$$

The fraction is very small since the size scale of say Milky way is  $10^5$  ly and the formula states that the contribution to the total baryonic mass from the regions, where the approximation makes sense, is essentially zero. It is certainly not sensible to assume that most of the baryonic mass comes from region near  $R_{min}$ . The higher order contributions must be crucial since the expression for f(x) is proportional to the factor 1/(1 - exp(-x)) diverging for large values of x (small values of R).

#### 3.2 Consistency condition for small distances

One can study the consistency condition in the lowest order approximation also for small radii (large value of x).

1. At the limit of small radii one has f(x) = 1. Substituting this to the consistency condition of Eq. 3.7, one obtains

$$v_{obs}^2 + Kx = Rx^2 a_{cr}$$
 ,  $K = \sqrt{\frac{R_{SB} a_{cr}}{2}}$  for (General case) , 
$$K = \frac{R_{SB}}{2R_{cr}}$$
 (Special case) . (3.18)

allowing to solve x and  $a_B$  as

$$x = \frac{R_{SB}}{4v_{as}R} \left[ 1 + \epsilon \sqrt{1+z} \right] \quad z = \frac{8v_{as}^2}{R_{SB}} R \quad \epsilon = \pm 1 \quad .$$
 (3.19)

Here also the option  $\epsilon = -1$  is excluded because it leads to negative density.

2. Acceleration  $a_B$  and and the baryonic contribution to the velocity squared  $v_B^2 = Ra_B$  are given as

$$4\pi a_B = \frac{R_{SB}}{8R^2} \left[ 1 + \sqrt{1+z} \right]^2 , \quad v_B^2(R) = \frac{R_{SB}}{8R} \left[ 1 + \sqrt{1+z} \right]^2 .$$
 (3.20)

Note that their is no dependence on  $R_{cr}$ .  $a_B$  approaches zero roughly like  $1/R^2$  for small values of z: the interpretation is in terms of the gravitational field of point like mass.  $a_B$  behaves like 1/R large values of R: the interpretation is in terms of cosmic string dominance. The result conforms with the observed slow gradual increase of  $v_{obs}^2(R)$ .  $\Phi_B$  can be integrated from  $a_B$  as  $\Phi = -\int a_B dR$ .

3. Only the terms involving square root term in  $a_B$  contribute to  $\rho_B$ , and one obtains the expression

$$\rho_B = \frac{v_{as}^2 m_P}{4\pi l_P R^2} \times \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+z}} \right] \quad , \quad z = \frac{8v_{as}^2}{R_{SB}} R \quad , \quad . \tag{3.21}$$

 $\rho_B$  is proportional to  $1/R^2$  but for the physically acceptable option  $\epsilon = 1$  it becomes infinite at  $R_{cr}$  suggesting in TGD framework the presence of dark matter shell around which baryonic dark matter is condensed.

In the case of Milky Way the order of magnitude for  $\rho_B$  near  $R = R_{S,B}$ , where the contribution from z-dependent term is small, is

$$\rho_B \sim \frac{v_{as}^2 m_P}{8\pi l_P R_{S,B}^2} \ .$$

For  $v_{obs}=2^{-11}$  one would have  $\rho_B\sim 8\times 10^{16}m_p$  per cubic meter. At smaller radii the density increases as  $1/R^2$ .

The numerical iteration of the consistency condition Eq. 3.7 combined with the mass formula 3.9 is possible by solving x at the left hand side of the consistency condition by substituting the previous value for  $x_a$  to the right hand side of Eq. 3.7.

#### 3.3 Velocity curves of galaxies decline in the early Universe

A new twist in the galactic dark matter puzzles emerged as Sabine Hossenfelder gave a link to a popular article "Declining Rotation Curves at High Redshift" (see http://tinyurl.com/16lpgk2) telling about a new strange finding about galactic dark matter. The rotation curves are declining in the early Universe meaning distances about 10 billion light years [E1] (see http://tinyurl.com/jvp6fey). In other words, the rotation velocity of distant stars decreases with radius rather than approaching constant - as if dark matter would be absent and galaxies were baryon dominated. This challenges the halo model of dark matter. For the illustrations of the rotation curves see the article. Of course, the conclusions of the article are uncertain.

Some time ago also a finding about correlation of baryonic mass density with density of dark matter emerged: the ScienceDaily article "In rotating galaxies, distribution of normal matter precisely determines gravitational acceleration" can be found at http://tinyurl.com/htcgpqe. The original article [E3] can be found in arXiv.org (see http://tinyurl.com/julxz4b). TGD explanation involves only the string tension of cosmic strings and predicts the behavior of baryonic matter on distance from the center of the galaxy.

In standard cosmology based on single-sheeted GRT space-time large redshifts mean very early cosmology at the counterpart of single space-time sheet, and the findings are very difficult to understand. What about the interpretation of the results in TGD framework? Let us first summarize the basic assumptions behind TGD inspired cosmology and view about galactic dark matter.

- 1. The basic difference between TGD based and standard cosmology is that many-sheeted space-time brings in fractality and length scale dependence. In zero energy ontology (ZEO) one must specify in what length scale the measurements are carried out. This means specifying causal diamond (CD) parameterized by moduli including the its size. The larger the size of CD, the longer the scale of the physics involved. This is of course not new for quantum field theorists. It is however a news for cosmologists. The twistorial lift of TGD allows to formulate the vision quantitatively.
- 2. TGD view resolves the paradox due to the huge value of cosmological constant in very small scales. Kähler action and volume energy cancel each other so that the effective cosmological constant decreases like inverse of the p-adic length scale squared because these terms compensate each other. The effective cosmological constant suffers huge reduction in cosmic scales and solves the greatest (the "most gigantic" would be a better attribute) quantitative discrepancy that physics has ever encountered. The smaller value of Hubble constant in long length scales finds also an explanation [K4]. The acceleration of cosmic expansion due to the effective cosmological constant decreases in long scales.
- 3. In TGD Universe galaxies are located along cosmic strings like pearls in necklace, which have thickened to magnetic flux tubes. The string tension of cosmic strings is proportional to the effective cosmological constant. There is no dark matter hallo: dark matter and energy are at the magnetic flux tubes and automatically give rise to constant velocity spectrum for distant stars of galaxies determined solely by the string tension. The model allows also to understand the above mentioned finding about correlation of baryonic and dark matter densities [L2].

What could be the explanation for the new findings about galactic dark matter?

- 1. The idea of the first day is that the string tension of cosmic strings depends on the scale of observation and this means that the asymptotic velocity of stars decreases in long length scales. The asymptotic velocity would be constant but smaller than for galaxies in smaller scales. The graphs of http://tinyurl.com/16lpgk2 show that in the velocity range considered the velocity decreases. One cannot of course exclude the possibility that velocity is asymptotically constant.
  - The grave objection is that the scale is galactic scale and same for all galaxies irrespective of distance. The scale characterizes the object rather than its distance for observer. Fractality suggests a hierarchy of string like structures such that string tension in long scales decreases and asymptotic velocity associated with them decreases with the scale.
- 2. The idea of the next day is that the galaxies at very early times have not yet formed bound states with cosmic strings so that the velocities of stars are determined solely by the baryonic matter and approach to zero at large distances. Only later the galaxies condense around cosmic strings somewhat like water droplets around blade of grass. The formation of these gravitationally bound states would be analogous to the formation of bound states of ions and electrons below ionization temperature or formation of hadrons from quarks but taking place in much longer scale. This model explains the finding about the decline of the rotation velocities [E1]: the early galaxies are indeed baryon dominated.

## 3.4 Further support for TGD view about galactic dark matter

The newest finding is described in popular article "This Gigantic Ring of Galaxies Could Bring Einstein's Gravity Into Question" (see http://tinyurl.com/jwnfanl). What has been found that in a local group of 54 galaxies having Milky Way and Andromeda near its center the other dwarf galaxies recede outwarts as a ring. The local group is in good approximation in plane and the situation is said to look like having a spinning umbrella from which the water droplets fly radially outwards.

The authors of the article "Anisotropic Distribution of High Velocity Galaxies in the Local Group" [E2] (see http://tinyurl.com/mtm5vcm) argue that the finding can be understood aif Milky Way and Andromeda had nearly head-on collision about 10 billion light-years ago. The Milky Way and Andromeda would have lost the radially moving dwarf galaxies in this collision

during the rapid acceleration turning the direction of motion of both. Coulomb collision is good analog.

There are however problems. The velocities of the dwards are quite too high and the colliding Milky Way and Andromeda would have fused together by the friction caused by dark matter halo.

What says TGD? In TGD galactic dark matter (actually also energy) is at cosmic strings thickened to magnetic flux tubes like pearls along necklace. The finding could be perhaps explained if the galaxies in same plane make a near hit and generate in the collision the dwarf galaxies by the spinning umbrella mechanism.

In TGD Universe dark matter is at cosmic strings and this automatically predicts constant velocity distribution. The friction created by dark matter is absent and the scattering in the proposed manner could be possible. The scattering event could be basically a scattering of approximately parallel cosmic strings with Milky Way and Andromeda forming one pearl in their respective cosmic necklaces.

But were Milky Way and Andromeda already associated with cosmic strings at that time? The time would be about 10 billion years. One annot exclude this possibility. Note however that the binding to strings might have helped to avoid the fusion. The recent finding [E1] (see http://tinyurl.com/16lpgk2) about effective absence of dark matter about 10 billion light years ago - velocity distributions decline at large distances - suggests that galaxies formed bound states with cosmic strings only later. This would be like formation of neutral atoms from ions as energies are not too high!

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