

dominantly Higgsino DM, which occurs around  $m_\chi = 500$  GeV.

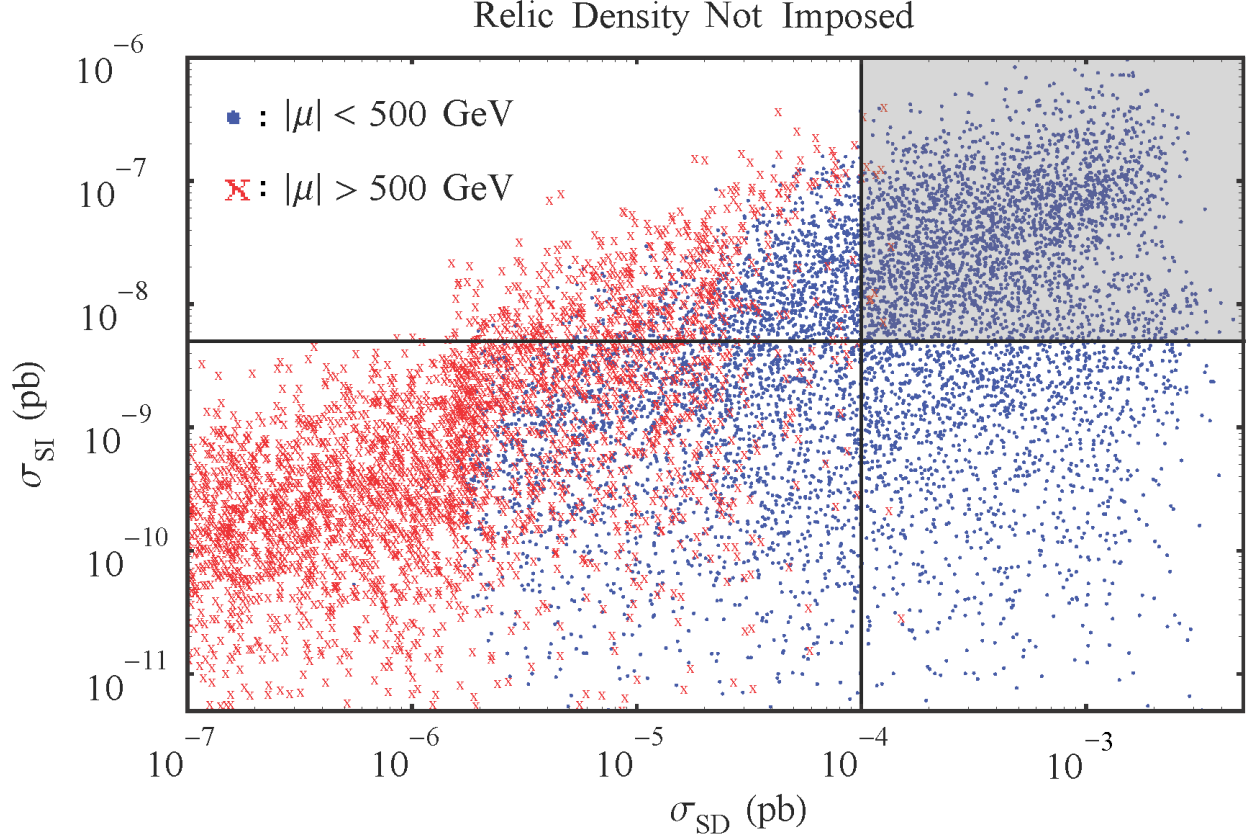


FIG. 3: The  $\max(\sigma_{\text{SI}}^p, \sigma_{\text{SI}}^n)$  vs.  $\sigma_{\text{SD}}^p$  cross sections in pb for the MSSM. The dots (in blue) and crosses (in red) correspond to  $|\mu| < 500$  GeV and  $|\mu| > 500$  GeV respectively. The horizontal (vertical) line refers to the projected sensitivity for the next generation of SI (SD) experiments. We have shaded the near-term probeable region. Note that we are neglecting the dependence of this sensitivity on the neutralino mass. We have *not* imposed the thermal relic density constraint – all points are taken to have  $\rho_{\text{DM}} = 0.3 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$ , regardless of thermal abundance. All sfermions have masses of  $\mathcal{O}(2 \text{ TeV})$ . If one takes the decoupling limit, there is a maximum value for  $\sigma_{\text{SD}} = 3 \times 10^{-8}$  pb.