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Updates to the chemical freeze-out line from the new data in p+p and A+A collisions

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New results of the NA61/SHINE Collaboration at the CERN SPS on mean hadron multiplicities in protonproton interactions are analyzed within the transport models and the hadron resonance gas (HRG) statistical model. The chemical freeze-out parameters in p+p interactions and central Pb+Pb or Au+Au (A+A) collisions are found and compared with each other in the range of the center of mass energy of the nucleon pair $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 3.2–17.3 GeV. The canonical ensemble formulation of the HRG model is used to describe mean hadron multiplicities in p+p interactions and the grand canonical ensemble in central A+A collisions. The chemical freeze-out temperatures in p+p interactions are found to be larger than the corresponding temperatures in central A+A collisions. The largest difference is at small collision energies, because temperature in p+p mildly decreases, while in A+A it drops almost to zero when collision energy decreases, following the famous freezeout line. The updated NA49 data at the SPS suggest a different freeze-out line for A+A collisions, which implies T=157 MeV at the LHC, similar to the HRG fits to the data at the LHC, see arXiv:1512.08025 for details.

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