

~~the point that $[Fe/H]$ (or equivalently $[Z/H]$) does not map directly to a given Z .~~

Note $[Fe/H] = [Z/H] = \log\left(\frac{Z}{Z_{\odot,pro}}\right) - \log\left(\frac{X}{X_{\odot,pro}}\right) \neq \log(Z/Z_{\odot})$ (1)

$$= \log\left(\frac{Z}{X}\right) - \log\left(\frac{Z_{\odot,pro}}{X_{\odot,pro}}\right)$$

subscript 0 means protosolar metal and hydrogen mass frac. (not present-day, photospheric abundances)

where $X = 1 - Y - Z$,

$$Y = Y_p + \underbrace{\left(\frac{Y_{\odot,protosolar} - Y_p}{Z_{\odot,protosolar}}\right)}_{\Delta} Z$$

so in fact

$$[Z/H] = \log\left(\frac{Z}{Z_{\odot,protosolar}}\right) - \log\left(\frac{1 - Y - Z}{X_{\odot,protosolar}}\right)$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{Z}{Z_{\odot,protosolar}}\right) - \log\left(\frac{1}{X_{\odot,pr}} \left[1 - Y_p - \left(\frac{Y_{\odot,pro} - Y_p}{Z_{\odot,pro}}\right)Z - Z\right]\right)$$

$$[Z/H] = \log\left(\frac{Z}{Z_{\odot,pro}}\right) - \log\left(\frac{1}{X_{\odot,pro}} \left[1 - Y_p - Z\left(1 + \frac{Y_{\odot,pro} - Y_p}{Z_{\odot,pro}}\right)\right]\right)$$

so yes, given Z , you do get a definite $[Z/H]$.

(& vice versa: given $[Fe/H]$, get Z :)

$$[Z/H] = \log\left(\frac{Z}{Z_{\odot,pro}} \frac{X_{\odot,pro}}{X}\right)$$

$$\frac{[Fe/H]}{10} = \log\left(\frac{Z}{Z_{\odot,pro}} \frac{X_{\odot,pro}}{(1 - Y_p - Z(1 + \Delta))}\right)$$

so

$$\frac{Z_{\odot,pro}}{X_{\odot,pro}} (1 - Y_p - Z(1 + \Delta)) = Z$$

rearranging ...

$$10^{[Fe/H]} z_{0,pro} (1 - Y_p - z(1 + \Delta)) = X_{0,pro} z$$

$$10^{[Fe/H]} z_{0,pro} (1 - Y_p) = z (X_{0,pro} + (1 + \Delta) z_{0,pro} 10^{[Fe/H]})$$

$$z = \frac{10^{[Fe/H]} z_{0,pro} (1 - Y_p)}{X_{0,pro} + (1 + \Delta) z_{0,pro} 10^{[Fe/H]}} \quad (2)$$

Limiting case: $[Fe/H] = 0$. Then

$$z = \frac{z_{0,pro} (1 - Y_p)}{X_{0,pro} + (1 + \Delta) z_{0,pro}} = \frac{z_{0,pro} (1 - Y_p)}{X_{0,pro} + \left(\frac{Y_{0,pro} - Y_p}{z_{0,pro}} + 1 \right) z_{0,pro}}$$

$$= \frac{z_{0,pro} (1 - Y_p)}{X_{0,pro} + Y_{0,pro} - Y_p + z_{0,pro}}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = z_{0,pro} \quad \text{good}$$

note
 $X + Y + z = 1$
 regardless of
 subscript

so the grid I did was

$$z = 10^{-1} z_0, 10^{-0.75} z_0, 10^{-0.5} z_0, 10^{-0.25} z_0, z_0, 10^{0.25} z_0, 10^{0.5} z_0$$