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## Research Article



# Trend of SO<sub>2</sub> Gas Dry Deposition in Vietnam

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## Abstract

This research used the calculating method of dry deposition to estimate SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition value and evaluate its trend in 5 recent years. The results indicate that SO<sub>2</sub> emission at Northern sites is more changing than Southern ones in months by affecting meteorology and weather. Summer and autumn seasons have SO<sub>2</sub> emitted concentrations higher than other seasons in 2019, 2020, and 2022 year at Yen Bai, Hoa Binh, and Ha Noi stations. The 2021 year has the highest SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition and the 2019 year has the lowest SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition in 5 recent years. The Hanoi site has the highest SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition value from 2019 to 2022 year. Hoa Binh site has the highest SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition at 2.45 kg/ha/year in 2023. High SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition occurs normally in the summer and autumn (from April to August). Southern sites have lower SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition amounts with not much change than the Northern sites of Vietnam. The increasing trend of SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition happened from 1999 to 2023 year and it increases sharply from 1999 to 2021. Therefore, SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition will have a light-increasing trend in the future.

## Introduction

Acid deposition is one of the serious environmental pollution issues because it is formed in polluted atmospheric conditions due to excessive gas emissions from industrial waste sources. Acid deposition includes wet and dry deposition, in which wet deposition is collected through rainy water, and dry deposition is drawn from the air via monitoring stations. The dry deposition process controls the transfer of pollutants from the atmosphere to the surface [1]. In a dry deposition, acid substances exist under the gas form or dust particles and are emitted from natural sources such as volcanoes [2] and artificial sources including industry, energy, land-based transport, shipping, and biomass-burning [2-4]. They are blown by the wind, then fall down the ground, and trees and enter the river system. Sulfur dioxide is emitted from. Dry deposition depends so much on wind speed, temperature, humidity, solar radiation, precipitation amount, and cloud cover factors. Moreover, dry deposition normally is represented by strong acids, which can dissolve metal oxides and dust in the air and soil leading to reduce the pH of water when raining. This acid deposition causes crop damage and reduces productivity, threatening animal and plant living, and affecting human health.

Acid concentration monitoring in the air is one of the basic monitoring items in EANET [5]. EANET is an international organization of Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East

Asia with the cooperation of 13 countries with Vietnam as one of the participants and the acid deposition system has been operating for 25 years. Monitoring stations in Vietnam are covered from the North to South of Vietnam whereas dry deposition stations include 5 stations and are monitored frequently, weekly. Origin data is sent to EANET yearly to save and publish on the EANET website. However, publication data have only each year and it has not revealed the trend of acid deposition in many years. Furthermore, the estimation of dry deposition is calculated by multiplying measured concentrations and deposition velocities [6-8]. Therefore, this research estimates sulfur dioxide gas dry deposition in 5 recent years and displays the trend of sulfur dioxide gas dry deposition in 5 years. This research helps planners to take out environmental policy and make plans to reduce gas emissions into the air.

## Methodology

This study uses the inferential method to estimate sulfur dioxide gas dry deposition based on the equation [9,10] as follows:

$$F_i = V_d^i \times C_i$$

Whereas:

$F_i$  is the dry deposition of SO<sub>2</sub> gas type

$V_d$  is the deposition velocity of  $\text{SO}_2$  gas type

$C_i$  is the atmospheric concentration of  $\text{SO}_2$  gas type.

Deposition velocity  $V_d$  is applied by the resistance model [8,11] and considering meteorological factors, deposition surface, and land use [10] to estimate deposition velocity. It is presented by the following equation:

$$V_d = \frac{1}{r_a + r_b + r_c}$$

Whereas:

$V_d$  is the deposition velocity

$R_a$  is the aerodynamic resistance

$R_b$  is the quasi-laminar layer resistance

$R_c$  is the surface resistance

The  $R_a$  and  $R_b$  parameters are calculated by the parameterizations of Erisman and Draaijers [12].  $R_c$  is estimated by the equation of Wesely and Erisman [13] including stomal parameter, mesophyll, and surface resistance parameters. Data for wind speed, temperature, relative humidity, solar radiation, and precipitation are surveyed at the monitoring stations and used in calculating  $V_d$ .

## Results and discussion

Total  $\text{SO}_2$  concentration data are collected from monitoring stations and calculated  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition for all of Vietnam. The trend of  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition is presented in 5 years, from 2019 to 2023 years.

### Concentration of $\text{SO}_2$ gas

From monitoring stations in Vietnam, data on  $\text{SO}_2$  concentration is extracted and indicated that  $\text{SO}_2$  emitted concentration is about 0.06 ppb to 0.75 ppb for all years. Vietnam's weather normally is separated into four seasons, including spring season, summer, autumn, and winter season. However, Southern Vietnam due to its geographic location is near the equator, so the temperature is higher, and sunny days are more than in Northern Vietnam, from that it forms 4 undistinctive seasons, which are the dry season and rainy season. Nevertheless, this research depends still on the 4 seasons of Northern to evaluate the emission of  $\text{SO}_2$  gas and estimate its dry deposition.

Figure 1 and Table 1 show that  $\text{SO}_2$  emission at Northern sites is more changing than at Southern ones in months by being affected by meteorology and weather. Moreover, the summer and autumn seasons have  $\text{SO}_2$  emitted concentrations higher than other seasons in 2019, 2020, and 2022 year at Yen Bai, Hoa Binh, and Ha Noi stations, especially in June and August due to this time weather is normally hot and dry, leading to increase temperature, reduce humidity, diminishing  $\text{SO}_2$  dry

deposition by raining, from that causing  $\text{SO}_2$  concentration is more spreading into the air. In contrast, the spring season has high humidity and lower temperature making the existence of  $\text{SO}_2$  in the air shorter, therefore  $\text{SO}_2$  concentration is lower than in other seasons. Furthermore, nowadays, winter time is not long and cold because of climate change and it also appears more rainy in the winter, especially in the Southern parts rain occurs with high intensity leading to lower  $\text{SO}_2$  concentration in the air as well. In addition to climate change in recent times,  $\text{SO}_2$  concentration has changed unordinary at the Hanoi site in the spring with high  $\text{SO}_2$  concentration. Generally,  $\text{SO}_2$  concentration at sites monthly has changed clearly, especially in 2019 and 2022 years.

### Dry deposition of $\text{SO}_2$ gas

Based on calculating equations of dry deposition to estimate  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition. High or low  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition depends significantly on wind speed, temperature, humidity, solar radiation, precipitation amount, and cloud cover factors.

Table 2 indicates that total national  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition in 5 years was 9.18 kg/ha/2019 year; 11.15 kg/ha/2020 year; 12.98 kg/ha/2021 year; 10.38 kg/ha/2022 year; and 11.06 kg/ha/2023 year. Thus, 2021 year has the highest  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition and 2019 year has the lowest  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition in 5 recent years. Furthermore, when considering  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition in each year shows that the Hanoi site has the highest  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition value from 2019 to the 2022 year as 2.22 kg/ha/year; 3.1 kg/ha/year; 4.04 kg/ha/year; and 2.66 kg/ha/year. However, in the 2023 year, Hanoi's  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition is only 4<sup>th</sup> ranking while the Hoa Binh site has the highest  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition at 2.45 kg/ha/year in 2023. Moreover, the Hoa Binh site has an  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition value from 1.89 to 2.45 kg/ha/year in 5 years. Southern sites reveal a lower  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition amount than Northern sites, including the Ho Chi Minh site from 1.6 to 1.89 kg/ha/year with the highest  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition value in 2022. Can Tho site presented an  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition value from 1.86 to 2.34 kg/ha/year with the highest  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition amount in the 2023 year. Yen Bai site is a Northern area of Vietnam, which reveals  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition value from 1.99-2.96 kg/ha/year with the best  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition amount in the 2022 year. When considering medium  $\text{SO}_2$  concentration in 5 years, 2021 year has a high  $\text{SO}_2$  emitted concentration versus left years and the highest fluctuation amplitude in monthly.

When considering  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition monthly, Figure 2 presents that the  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition value is changed from 0-0.75kg/ha/month, in which the best  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition value is in April at the Hanoi site.  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition amount changes monthly and in season.

Figure 2 reveals high  $\text{SO}_2$  dry deposition occurs normally in the summer and autumn (from April to August). Especially,

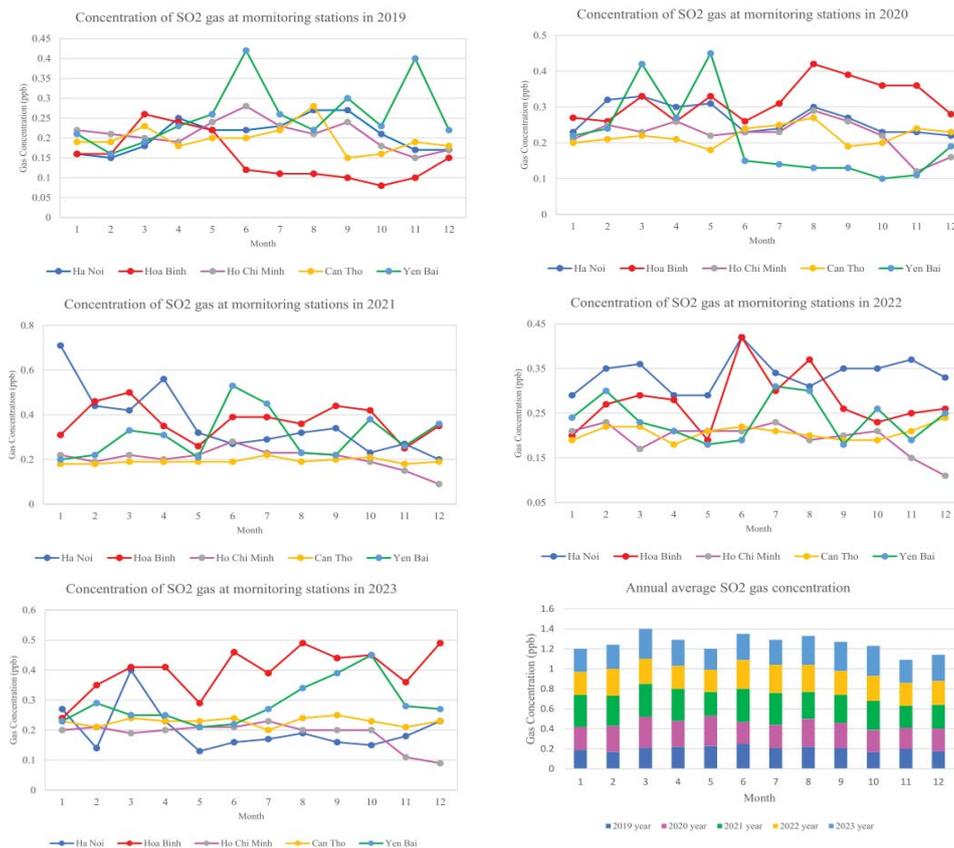


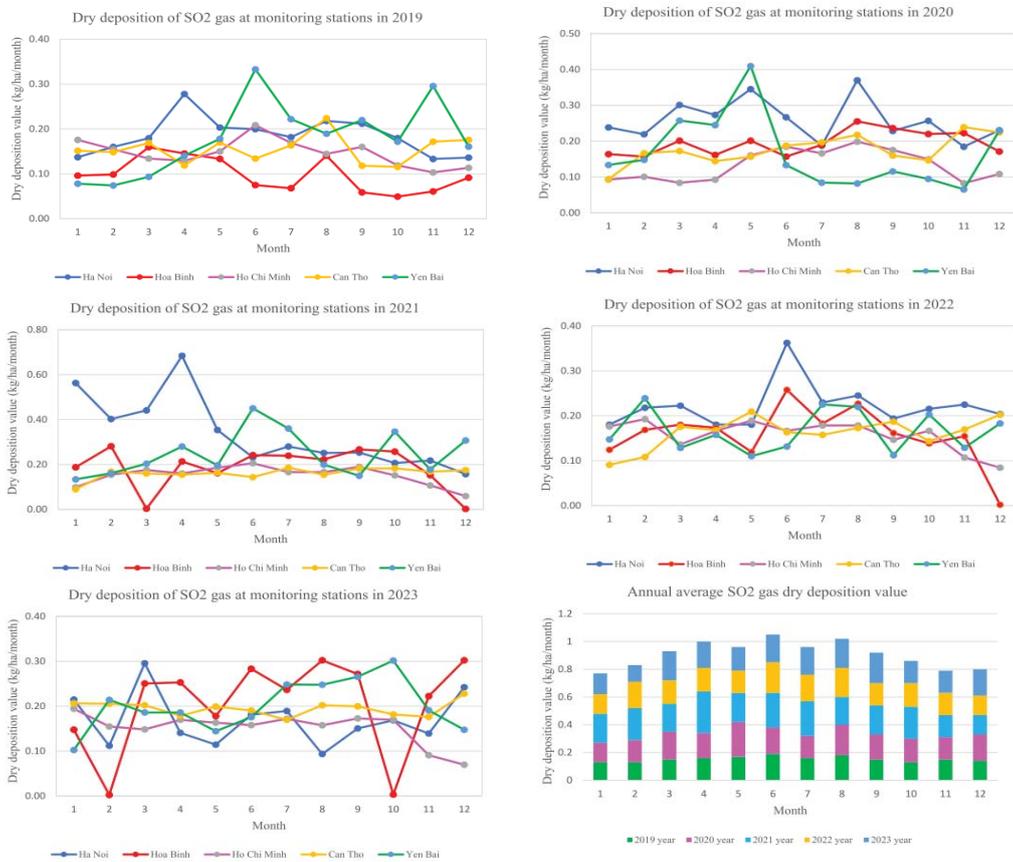
Figure 1: Changing of SO<sub>2</sub> concentration at stations in Vietnam.

Table 1: Concentration of SO<sub>2</sub> gas at stations in Vietnam (unit: ppb).

Station/month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sum 2019
Ha Noi	0.16	0.15	0.18	0.25	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.27	0.27	0.21	0.17	0.17	2.5
Hoa Binh	0.16	0.16	0.26	0.24	0.22	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.1	0.08	0.1	0.15	1.81
Ho Chi Minh	0.22	0.21	0.2	0.19	0.24	0.28	0.23	0.21	0.24	0.18	0.15	0.17	2.52
Can Tho	0.19	0.19	0.23	0.18	0.2	0.2	0.22	0.28	0.15	0.16	0.19	0.18	2.37
Yen Bai	0.21	0.16	0.19	0.23	0.26	0.42	0.26	0.22	0.3	0.23	0.4	0.22	3.1
Station/month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sum 2020
Ha Noi	0.23	0.32	0.33	0.3	0.31	0.23	0.24	0.3	0.27	0.23	0.23	0.22	3.21
Hoa Binh	0.27	0.26	0.33	0.26	0.33	0.26	0.31	0.42	0.39	0.36	0.36	0.28	3.83
Ho Chi Minh	0.21	0.25	0.23	0.26	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.29	0.26	0.22	0.12	0.16	2.68
Can Tho	0.2	0.21	0.22	0.21	0.18	0.24	0.25	0.27	0.19	0.2	0.24	0.23	2.64
Yen Bai	0.22	0.24	0.42	0.27	0.45	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.1	0.11	0.19	2.55
Station/month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sum 2021
Ha Noi	0.71	0.44	0.42	0.56	0.32	0.27	0.29	0.32	0.34	0.23	0.27	0.2	4.37
Hoa Binh	0.31	0.46	0.5	0.35	0.26	0.39	0.39	0.36	0.44	0.42	0.25	0.35	4.48
Ho Chi Minh	0.22	0.19	0.22	0.2	0.22	0.28	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.19	0.15	0.09	2.44
Can Tho	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.22	0.19	0.2	0.21	0.18	0.19	2.31
Yen Bai	0.2	0.22	0.33	0.31	0.21	0.53	0.45	0.23	0.22	0.38	0.26	0.36	3.7
Station/month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sum 2022
Ha Noi	0.29	0.35	0.36	0.29	0.29	0.42	0.34	0.31	0.35	0.35	0.37	0.33	4.05
Hoa Binh	0.2	0.27	0.29	0.28	0.19	0.42	0.3	0.37	0.26	0.23	0.25	0.26	3.32
Ho Chi Minh	0.21	0.23	0.17	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.23	0.19	0.2	0.21	0.15	0.11	2.33
Can Tho	0.19	0.22	0.22	0.18	0.21	0.22	0.21	0.2	0.19	0.19	0.21	0.24	2.48
Yen Bai	0.24	0.3	0.23	0.21	0.18	0.19	0.31	0.3	0.18	0.26	0.19	0.25	2.84
Station/month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sum 2023
Ha Noi	0.27	0.14	0.4	0.23	0.13	0.16	0.17	0.19	0.16	0.15	0.18	0.23	2.41
Hoa Binh	0.24	0.35	0.41	0.41	0.29	0.46	0.39	0.49	0.44	0.45	0.36	0.49	4.78
Ho Chi Minh	0.2	0.21	0.19	0.2	0.21	0.21	0.23	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.11	0.09	2.25
Can Tho	0.23	0.21	0.24	0.23	0.23	0.24	0.2	0.24	0.25	0.23	0.21	0.23	2.74
Yen Bai	0.23	0.29	0.25	0.25	0.21	0.22	0.27	0.34	0.39	0.45	0.28	0.27	3.45

**Table 2: Dry deposition of SO<sub>2</sub> gas at stations in Vietnam.**

Station/month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sum 2019
Ha Noi	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.28	0.2	0.2	0.18	0.22	0.21	0.18	0.13	0.14	2.22
Hoa Binh	0.1	0.1	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.07	0.07	0.14	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.09	1.18
Ho Chi Minh	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.13	0.15	0.21	0.17	0.14	0.16	0.12	0.1	0.11	1.76
Can Tho	0.15	0.15	0.17	0.12	0.17	0.13	0.16	0.22	0.12	0.12	0.17	0.18	1.86
Yen Bai	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.14	0.18	0.33	0.22	0.19	0.22	0.17	0.3	0.16	2.16
Station/month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sum 2020
Ha Noi	0.24	0.22	0.3	0.27	0.35	0.27	0.19	0.37	0.23	0.26	0.18	0.23	3.1
Hoa Binh	0.16	0.16	0.2	0.16	0.2	0.16	0.19	0.26	0.24	0.22	0.22	0.17	2.34
Ho Chi Minh	0.09	0.1	0.08	0.09	0.16	0.18	0.17	0.2	0.18	0.15	0.08	0.11	1.6
Can Tho	0.09	0.17	0.17	0.14	0.16	0.19	0.2	0.22	0.16	0.15	0.24	0.22	2.11
Yen Bai	0.13	0.15	0.26	0.25	0.41	0.13	0.08	0.08	0.12	0.09	0.07	0.23	2
Station/month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sum 2021
Ha Noi	0.56	0.4	0.44	0.68	0.35	0.23	0.28	0.25	0.25	0.21	0.22	0.16	4.04
Hoa Binh	0.19	0.28	0	0.21	0.16	0.24	0.24	0.22	0.27	0.26	0.15	0	2.23
Ho Chi Minh	0.1	0.15	0.18	0.16	0.19	0.21	0.17	0.17	0.19	0.15	0.11	0.06	1.82
Can Tho	0.09	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.14	0.19	0.15	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.18	1.93
Yen Bai	0.13	0.16	0.2	0.28	0.2	0.45	0.36	0.2	0.15	0.35	0.18	0.31	2.96
Station/month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sum 2022
Ha Noi	0.18	0.22	0.22	0.18	0.18	0.36	0.23	0.25	0.19	0.22	0.22	0.2	2.66
Hoa Binh	0.12	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.12	0.26	0.18	0.23	0.16	0.14	0.15	0	1.89
Ho Chi Minh	0.18	0.19	0.14	0.17	0.19	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.15	0.17	0.11	0.08	1.89
Can Tho	0.09	0.11	0.18	0.17	0.21	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.19	0.14	0.17	0.2	1.95
Yen Bai	0.15	0.24	0.13	0.16	0.11	0.13	0.23	0.22	0.11	0.2	0.13	0.18	1.99
Station/month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sum 2023
Ha Noi	0.21	0.11	0.3	0.14	0.11	0.18	0.19	0.09	0.15	0.17	0.14	0.24	2.04
Hoa Binh	0.15	0	0.25	0.25	0.18	0.28	0.24	0.3	0.27	0	0.22	0.3	2.45
Ho Chi Minh	0.19	0.15	0.15	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.09	0.07	1.82
Can Tho	0.21	0.21	0.2	0.18	0.2	0.19	0.17	0.2	0.2	0.18	0.18	0.23	2.34
Yen Bai	0.1	0.21	0.19	0.19	0.14	0.18	0.25	0.25	0.27	0.3	0.19	0.15	2.41



**Figure 2: Changing of SO<sub>2</sub> gas dry deposition at stations in Vietnam.**

April, May, and June have higher SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition than other months from 1999 to 2023 year, and it happens at Northern stations of Vietnam as Hanoi and Yen Bai sites. In contrast, the Southern sites have lower SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition amounts with not much change monthly as Can Tho and Ho Chi Minh sites. Besides, the Hoa Binh site indicates a big SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition change in 12 months, particularly in the 2023 year with SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition amount from 0-0.3 kg/ha/month, in which February and October have SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition amount near zero while summer months exist still at high value versus other sites in the same year. Generally, the Northern site has a higher SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition value than the left sites in 5 years. If considering medium SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition value with yearly presents 2021 year has a higher SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition amount than other years and the biggest fluctuation amplitude in 5 years.

### The trend of SO<sub>2</sub> in 5 years

The figure below (Figure 3) shows the trend of SO<sub>2</sub> gas dry deposition in 5 years, it indicates the increasing trend of SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition from 1999 to 2023 year. Especially, the sharp increase from 1999 to 2021, then its trend is lightly decreasing to the 2022 year and light growth to 2023 year. With increasing trend reveals that SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition will be light growth in future years at sites in Vietnam.

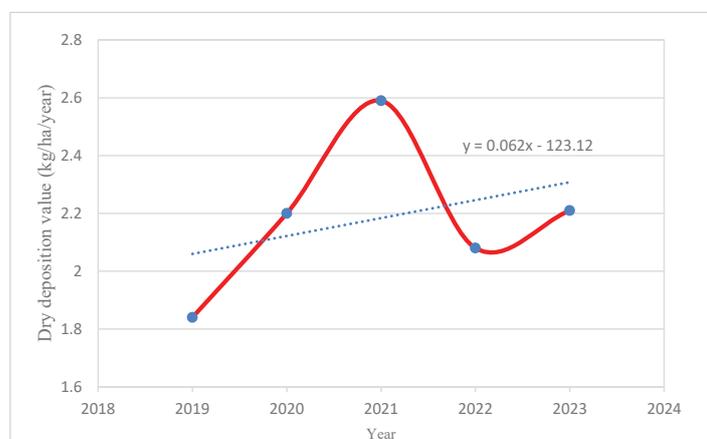


Figure 3: Trend of SO<sub>2</sub> gas dry deposition in 1999-2023 year.

### Conclusion

From determining SO<sub>2</sub> emitted concentration via stations in Vietnam and estimating SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition amount in sites, this research has drawn some significance as SO<sub>2</sub> emission at Northern sites is more changing than Southern ones in months being affected by meteorology and weather. Summer and autumn seasons have SO<sub>2</sub> emitted concentrations higher than other seasons in 2019, 2020, and 2022 year at Yen Bai,

Hoa Binh, and Ha Noi stations. The 2021 year has the highest SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition and the 2019 year has the lowest SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition in 5 recent years. The Hanoi site has the highest SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition value from 2019 to 2022 year. Hoa Binh site has the highest SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition at 2.45 kg/ha/year in 2023. High SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition occurs normally in the summer and autumn (from April to August). Southern sites have lower SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition amounts with not much change than the Northern sites of Vietnam. The increasing trend of SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition happened from 1999 to 2023 year and it increases sharply from 1999 to 2021. SO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition will have a light increasing trend in the future.

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