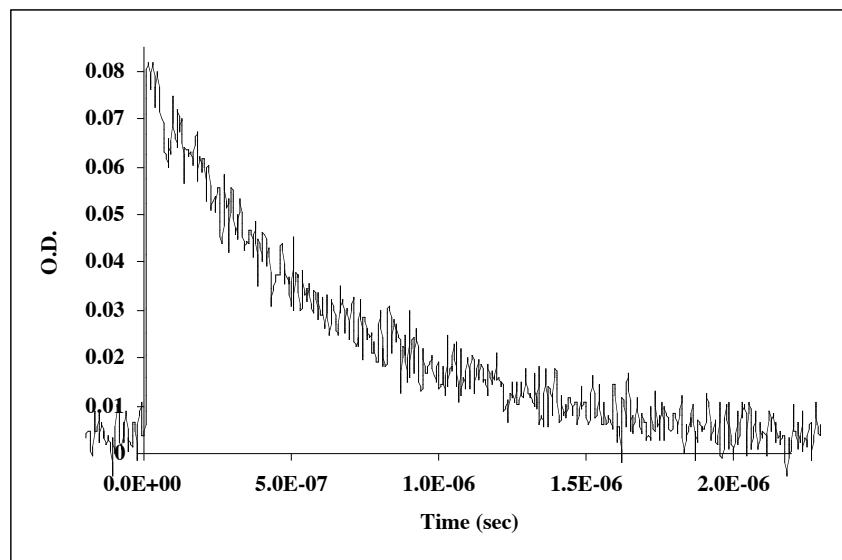


**Figure 2.** Transient absorption spectrum of  $\mathbf{1}^+$  in dry dichloroethane, collected 20 ns after excitation with 308 nm laser pulse,  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 370$  nm.



**Figure 3.** Decay kinetics of  $\mathbf{1}^+$  in dry dichloroethane, monitored at  $\lambda = 370$  nm. Similar lifetimes were observed at  $\lambda = 520$  and 720 nm.