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Description

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The software associated with the Opticon System is fairly simple to use as it is divided into three stages: experimental setup and programming, run initiation and status, and data analysis. Protocols are easily edited and saved using pull-down menus. A nice feature of this software is the quick-load application that allows users to repeatedly load and use the same saved experimental protocol without having to set it up every time. Using the initiation and status portion of the software allows the user to monitor which step is currently running, how much time is left in the run, and the current temperature of the sample and the lid. The data analysis stage generates graphs and plots data in very easy to understand formats and allows for easy adjustment of threshold values. Graphs can be made using fluorescence versus cycle number, log quantity versus threshold cycle, or both.

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