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Field quality of the 4.5 m long MQXFA pre-series magnets for the Hi-Lumi LHC Upgrade as observed during magnet assembly

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The U.S. High-Luminosity LHC Accelerator Upgrade Project (HL-LHC AUP) is developing MQXFA magnets, a series of 4.5 m long 150 mm aperture high-field Nb₃Sn quadrupole magnet for the Hi-Luminosity LHC upgrade at CERN. Five Pre-Series magnets, MQXFA03 through MQXFA07, have been developed. During the magnet assembly stage, we perform magnetic measurements of the coil packs and magnets to track the field quality for two purposes. First, it serves as a quality assurance tool to check if the magnet field quality meets the acceptance criteria. Magnetic measurements are used to understand if/how magnetic shims are needed to compensate low-order field errors and to meet the field quality targets. Second, the measurements during the assembly stage can also help understand the field quality, in particular the geometric field errors for Nb₃Sn accelerator magnets. Here we summarize the measurement results of the pre-series MQXFA magnets, including the magnetic axis and twist angle. We also report the correlation between the coil geometry and the observed field errors. The results will provide useful feedback for the series magnet production and on the optimization of field quality of accelerator magnets based on wind-and-react Nb₃Sn technology.

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