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1003-57-690 Patrick M. Gilmer* (gilmer@math.lsu.edu), Department of Mathematics, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, and Gregor Masbaum. Integral lattices in TQFT. Preliminary report.

We find explicit bases for naturally defined lattices over a ring of algebraic integers in the SO(3)-TQFT-modules of surfaces at roots of unity of odd prime order. The corresponding mapping class group representations preserve a hermitian form on these lattices. If p > 3, the genus is greater than two this form is not unimodular. We discuss an application to the Frohman Kania-Bartoszyńska ideal. This gives an obstruction to embedding certain homology circles in \mathbb{R}^3 . (Received September 27, 2004)