## Abstract Submitted for the MAR08 Meeting of The American Physical Society

Evidence of Fermi surface reconstruction and the formation of small hole pockets in underdoped  $La_{2-x}Sr_xCuO_4$ : Far Infrared Hall measurements<sup>1</sup> D.C. SCHMADEL, G.S. JENKINS, H.D. DREW, CNAM, University of Maryland at College park, I. TSUKADA, T. ANDO, Materials Science Research Laboratory, CRIEPI, Tokyo, Japan — The Hall Effect in  $La_{2-x}Sr_xCuO_4$  films is measured from 3 to 100 meV as a function of temperature from 5K to 300K and carrier doping ranging from severely underdoped (x = 0.03) to optimal doped (x = 0.15). The behavior of the infrared Hall angle with temperature and frequency is found to be consistent with a simple extended Drude model at all dopings. A significant reduction of the Hall mass is observed when the hole doping level is reduced from optimal doping, which is consistent with a drastic reduction of the Fermi surface volume. These results are similar to earlier mid-IR Hall measurements obtained in underdoped YBCO, [1] and related to the recent observations of quantum oscillations reported in YBCO. [2]

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