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Fermi surface arcs and the infrared conductivity of underdoped  $YBa_2Cu_3O_{6.5}^{-1}$  JUNGSEEK HWANG, University of Florida, JULES P CAR-BOTTE, THOMAS TIMUSK, McMaster University — Using recent finding, that the electronic states lost below the pseudogap energy ( $\Delta_{pg}$ ) are recovered in the energy region immediately above it, we analyze the in-plane far infrared conductivity data in underdoped orthoII YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub> and are able to find evidence for the opening of a pseudogap on part of the Fermi surface with the remaining ungaped piece proportional to the temperature. These results are similar to recent angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy data in underdoped  $Bi_2Sr_2CaCu_2O_{8+\delta}$ .

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