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The Fermi Large Area Telescope (LAT) is a space-based observatory conceived to study high-energy gamma rays, but also capable to detect charged cosmic-ray electrons and positrons. It is operating in low Earth orbit since June 2008 and thanks to its large acceptance, has collected the largest high-energy cosmic-ray electron sample to date, with more than 10k events above 1 TeV. The new Pass 8 event-level analysis, recently released by the Fermi-LAT Collaboration, provides several improvements, from the instrument simulation to the reconstruction algorithms, and opens new opportunity for cosmic-ray studies. In this talk we describe the instrument capabilities as a cosmic-ray detector and review its previous results. Recent new measurements and future prospects will also be discussed.

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