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In this study, a deep-learning semantic segmentation method was adopted. Based on the pore-net model, the pore intelligent identification and quantitative characterization of shale SEM images were realized. The results show that the pore-net model has better performance than the traditional method. This method can accurately calculate the porosity of shale SEM images and provides a reliable reference value for shale reservoir evaluation.

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In this paper, three special kinds of microscopic ionic capacitors models were promoted, which are (I) the intergranular pore microscopic ionic capacitor model, (II) the particle with isolated pore microscopic ionic capacitor model, and (III) the pyrite or graphite or other organics microscopic ionic capacitor model. Finally, the characteristics of microscopic ion capacitors are summarized: irregular polar area and varying distance between poles, varying charges with time, and salinity of the formation water.

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Based on the relationship between geology and productivity, this paper establishes the evaluation index system of high productivity controlling factors by the mathematical method. Quantitative analysis and evaluation of the relative importance of each indicator are used to determine the key controlling factors affecting productivity. The result shows that the high productivity of ultradeep gas wells in the Qixia Formation is mainly controlled by the degree of dolomitization, the distribution of high-energy shoal-mound complexes, and the degree of fracture development. It can be used to guide the deployment of new productive wells.

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