

pyglenn — Cheat Sheet

v0.2.0 · 2,035 species · 3,779 intervals · zero runtime dependencies

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30-second start

```
pip install pyglenn          # PyPI
conda install conda-forge::pyglenn  # conda-forge
```

```
from pyglenn import ThermochemicalCalculator

with ThermochemicalCalculator() as calc:
    sid = calc.get_available_species('CO2', exact_match=True)[0].id
    prop = calc.calculate_properties(sid, 1000.0)

    print(f"Cp = {prop.cp:.2f} J/(mol·K)")
    print(f"H° = {prop.h_relative:.1f} J/mol")
    print(f"S° = {prop.s:.3f} J/(mol·K)")
```

Recipes

Find a species

```
# Exact match (recommended) – 'N2' returns N2, not Be3N2
calc.get_available_species('N2', exact_match=True)[0].id

# Substring search
calc.get_available_species('CH4')

# Full alphabetical listing (single query)
calc.list_all_species()
```

Single-point properties

```
p = calc.calculate_properties(species_id, 1000.0)
# p.cp          → J/(mol·K)
# p.h_relative  → J/mol (absolute H°(T), NASA-7 convention)
# p.s          → J/(mol·K)
# p.species_name → 'CO2'
# p.phase       → 'gas' | 'condensed'
# p.temp_interval → (T_min, T_max) # tuple
```

Temperature sweep

```
sid = calc.get_available_species('CO2', exact_match=True)[0].id

# Typed, ordered list – loads intervals once (fast for long sweeps)
props = calc.calculate_properties_range(sid, [300, 500, 1000, 1500])

# Temperature-keyed dict (legacy)
by_t = calc.get_properties_range(sid, [300, 500, 1000, 1500])
# → {300.0: ThermoProperties, 500.0: ThermoProperties, ...}
```

Enthalpy

```
# Formation at 298.15 K
hf = calc.calculate_formation_enthalpy(species_id) # J/mol

# Sensible ΔH between two temperatures
dh = calc.calculate_enthalpy_change(species_id, 298.15, 1000.0) # J/mol
```

Error handling

```
from pyglenn import ThermoCalcError

try:
    p = calc.calculate_properties(sid, T)
except ThermoCalcError as e:
    print(f"Failed: {e}")
```

Exception	Meaning	Context carried
<code>ThermoCalcError</code>	Base — catches all pyglenn errors	—
<code>DatabaseNotConnectedError</code>	Forgot <code>.connect()</code> or context manager	—
<code>SpeciesNotFoundError</code>	Invalid species ID	<code>.species_id</code>
<code>TemperatureOutOfRangeError</code>	T outside valid intervals	<code>.temperature</code> , <code>.species_name</code> , <code>.temp_bounds</code>

NASA-7 Polynomials

pyglenn evaluates the standard NASA-7 (Gordon–McBride) form:

$$\frac{C_p^\circ}{R} = \frac{a_1}{T^2} + \frac{a_2}{T} + a_3 + a_4 T + a_5 T^2 + a_6 T^3 + a_7 T^4$$

$$\frac{H^\circ}{RT} = -\frac{a_1}{T^2} + a_2 \frac{\ln T}{T} + a_3 + a_4 \frac{T}{2} + a_5 \frac{T^2}{3} + a_6 \frac{T^3}{4} + a_7 \frac{T^4}{5} + \frac{b_1}{T}$$

$$\frac{S^\circ}{R} = -\frac{a_1}{2T^2} - \frac{a_2}{T} + a_3 \ln T + a_4 T + a_5 \frac{T^2}{2} + a_6 \frac{T^3}{3} + a_7 \frac{T^4}{4} + b_2$$

Dimensional values are obtained by denormalizing with the **dataset**

reference gas constant `R_GLENN` (read automatically from the database `metadata` table) — not the modern universal value:

Constant	Value (J/(mol·K))	Meaning
<code>R_GLENN</code>	8.314510	NASA Glenn/CEA <code>thermo.inp</code> reference (CODATA 1986) — used for denormalization
<code>R_UNIVERSAL</code>	8.31446261815324	CODATA 2018/2022 universal value — legacy fallback

Using the universal value instead of `R_GLENN` introduces a systematic

~5.7 ppm bias in every dimensional result.

CLI

```
pyglenn query -s O2           # quick lookup
pyglenn build -i thermo.inp -o my.db -v  # rebuild database
pyglenn migrate-metadata -d my.db        # add dataset metadata to legacy DB
pyglenn validate -d my.db              # read-only integrity checks
```

Tips

 Do	 Don't
Use context manager (<code>with</code>)	Call <code>.connect()</code> / <code>.close()</code> manually
<code>exact_match=True</code>	Rely on substring search for exact species
Catch <code>ThermoCalcError</code>	Assume a missing species returns <code>None</code>
<code>calculate_properties_range()</code> for sweeps	Loop <code>calculate_properties()</code> for many points
Use attribute access (<code>props.cp</code>)	Index results like dicts (<code>props['cp']</code>)
Bundled <code>thermo.db</code> (no path needed)	Ship your own DB unless customised

Migrating to v0.2.0

```
# BEFORE (v0.1.x — dicts)           # AFTER (v0.2.0 — dataclasses)
props = calc.calculate_properties(sid, T)  props = calc.calculate_properties(sid, T)
cp    = props['cp']                    cp    = props.cp
name  = props['species_name']          name  = props.species_name
```

- Public methods (`calculate_properties` , `get_available_species` , `find_species` , `get_species_data` , `get_statistics` , ...) now return frozen dataclasses instead of `dict` .
- To recover the old `dict` shape:
`from dataclasses import asdict; asdict(props)` .
- Legacy databases are migrated automatically on `connect()` (metadata only — thermochemical rows are never touched).
- `R` remains available as an alias of `R_UNIVERSAL` ; denormalization now uses the dataset's `R_GLENN` reference constant.

API at a glance

Symbol	Purpose
<code>ThermochemicalCalculator</code>	High-level — properties, enthalpy, species lookup
<code>ThermoDBQuery</code>	Low-level — SQL access, coefficient evaluation, validation
<code>ThermoDBBuilder</code>	Build DB from FORTRAN <code>thermo.inp</code>
<code>ThermoProperties</code> , <code>SpeciesInfo</code> , <code>NASACoefficients</code> , <code>IntervalData</code> , <code>SpeciesData</code> , <code>DatabaseStats</code>	Typed result dataclasses
<code>R_GLENN</code> , <code>R_UNIVERSAL</code> , <code>R</code>	Dataset reference constant, universal constant, alias
<code>ThermoCalcError</code> (+ 3 subclasses)	Exception hierarchy