Awkward Array: JSON-like data, NumPy-like idioms

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array = ak.Array([
    [{"x": 1.1, "y": [1]}, {"x": 2.2, "y": [1, 2]}, {"x": 3.3, "y": [1, 2, 3]}],
    [],
    [{"x": 4.4, "y": [1, 2, 3, 4]}, {"x": 5.5, "y": [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]}]
])
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output = []
for sublist in python_objects:
    tmp1 = []
    for record in sublist:
        tmp2 = []
        for number in record["y"][1:]:
            tmp2.append(np.square(number))
        tmp1.append(tmp2)
    output.append(tmp1)
```

2.3 minutes to run (22 GB footprint)

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output = np.square(array["y", ..., 1:])
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[
    [[], [4], [4, 9]],
    [],
    [[4, 9, 16], [4, 9, 16, 25]]
]
```

4.6 seconds to run (2.1 GB footprint)

(single-threaded on a 2.2 GHz processor with a dataset 10 million times larger than the one shown)