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There's a paradigm shift happening in geoscience education thanks to virtual globes and 3D visualization techniques. Regions that could previously only be viewed as 2D now have added depth with topography, sliders and cut-aways. The concept is explored in "Google Earth Models with COLLADA and WxAzygy Transparent Interface: An Example From Grotto Creak, Front Ranges, Canadian Cordillera" (Boggs, Dordevic and Shipley) in the series Canada GESE (short for Geospatial Earth and Environmental Science Explorations) launching in this year's Geoscience Canada.

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