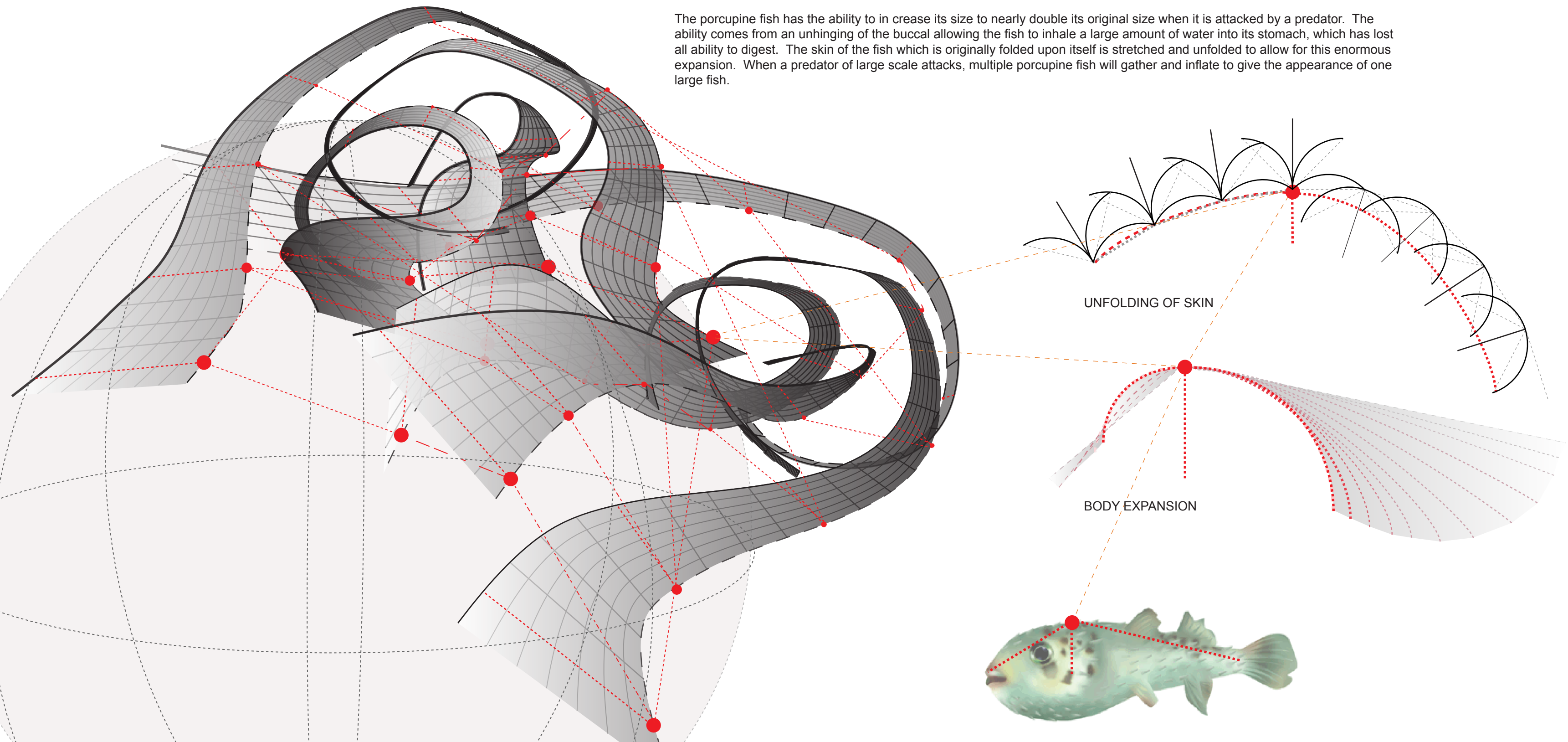


The porcupine fish has the ability to increase its size to nearly double its original size when it is attacked by a predator. The ability comes from an unhinging of the buccal allowing the fish to inhale a large amount of water into its stomach, which has lost all ability to digest. The skin of the fish which is originally folded upon itself is stretched and unfolded to allow for this enormous expansion. When a predator of large scale attacks, multiple porcupine fish will gather and inflate to give the appearance of one large fish.



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