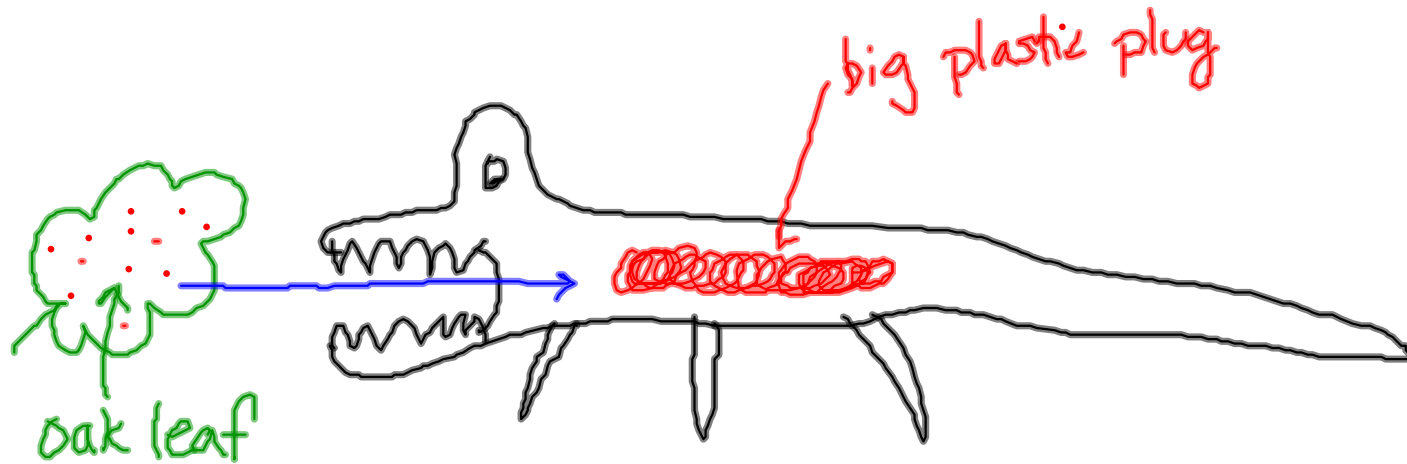


Litter = Dead leaves/branches!

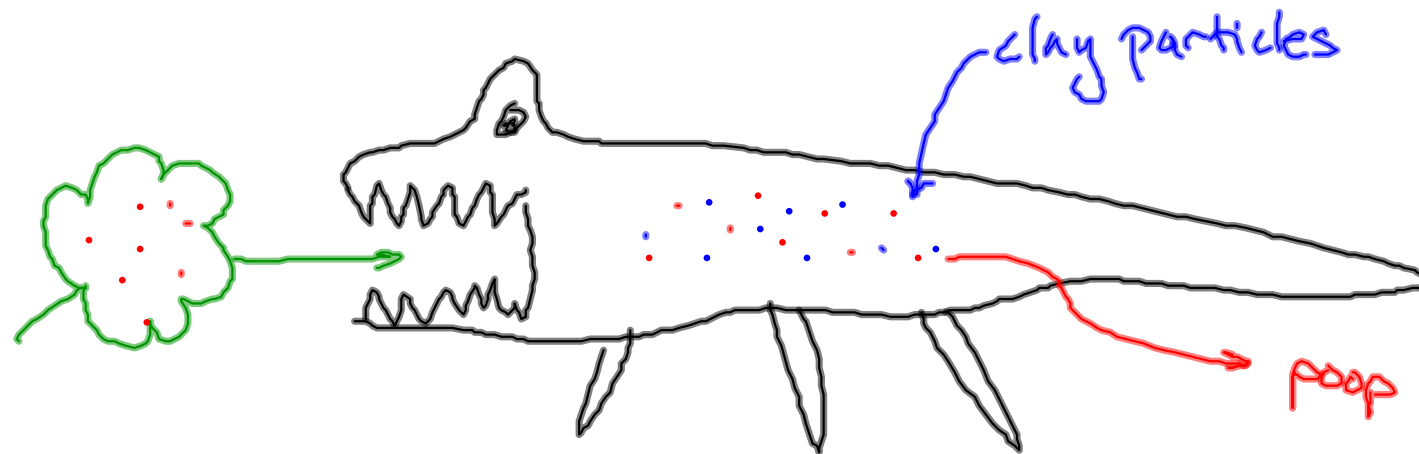


sandy soils:



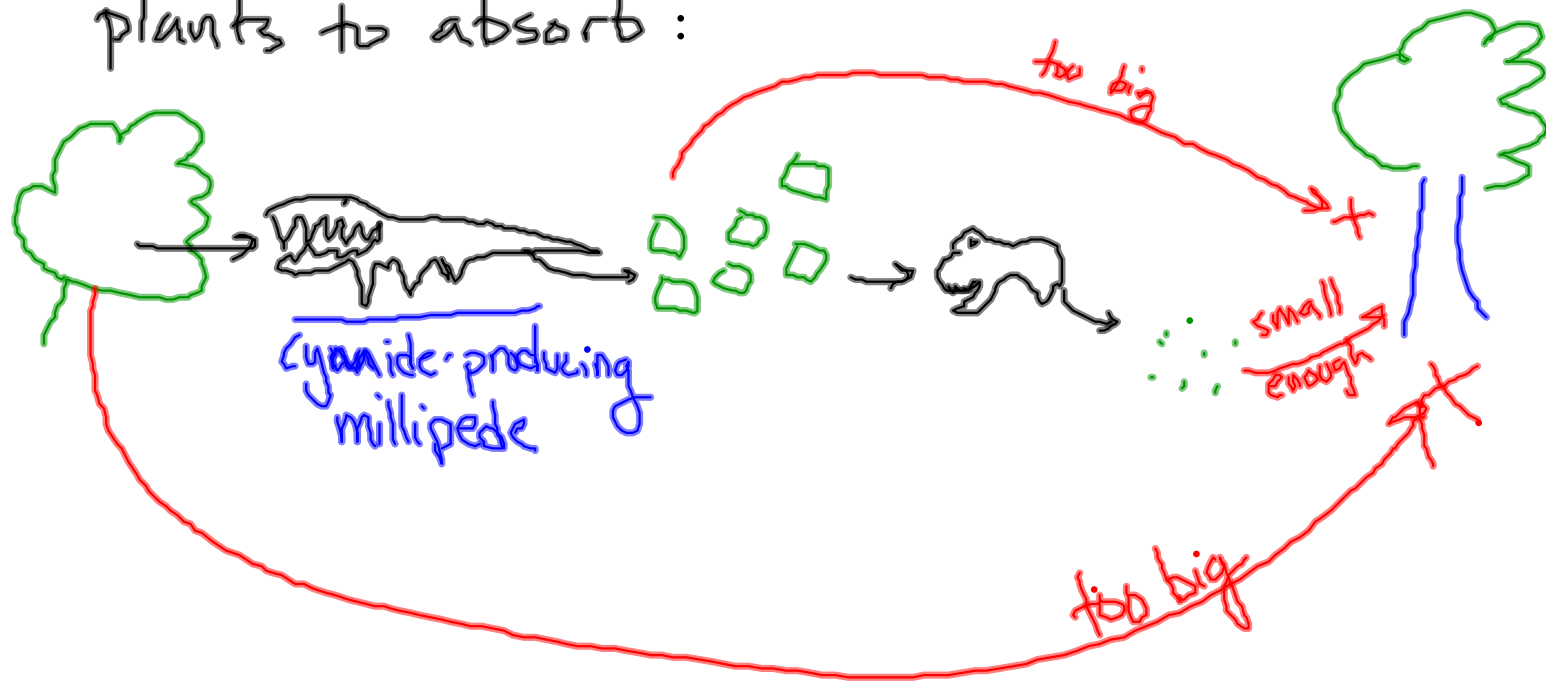
fatal constipation
= they have to eat slowly

clay soils



→ they can eat more quickly

Soil orgs. regulate (control) nutrient cycling
because without them, nutrients will never
get broken down into pieces small enough for
plants to absorb :



BPGT: "Bug poop grows trees"

Cyanide-producing millipede is responsible for a lot of the "first stage" breakdown of plant debris. W/O it, nutrient cycling would slow down dramatically.