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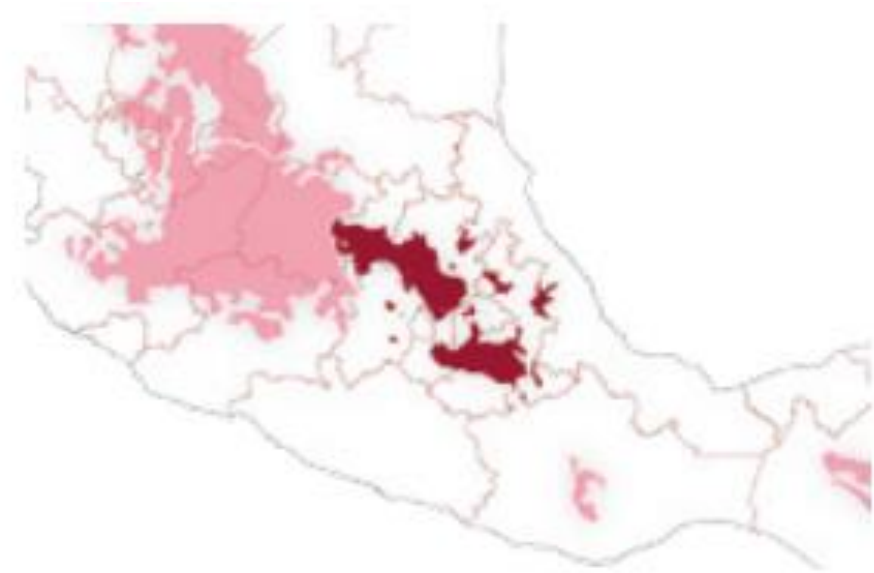
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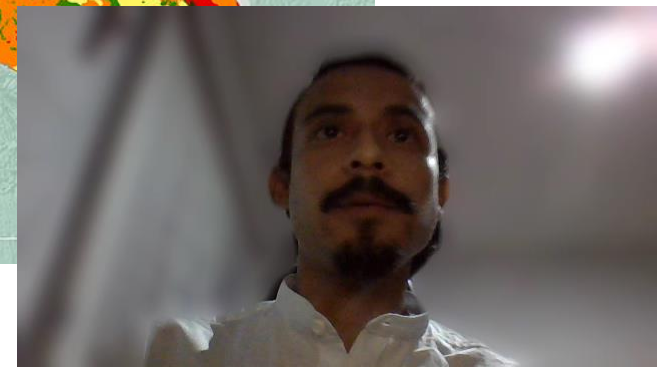
# Apple in Mexico



Fuente: Elaboración propia con datos del SIAP y el SIAVI, 2017.



Historically apple-producing regions and with development potential in Mexico



# Methodology

## Biological material and isolation



Experimental garden in Amealco, Qro. Trees of the variety 'Golden Delicious'.



3 ripe fruits per tree in one cycle.



Wash with epiphyte buffer and sonication



Inoculation in NYDA

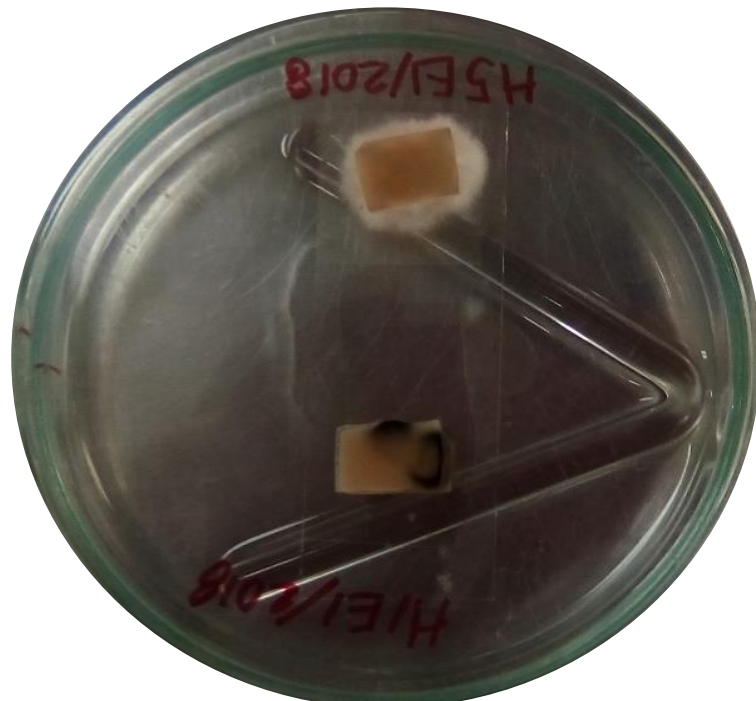


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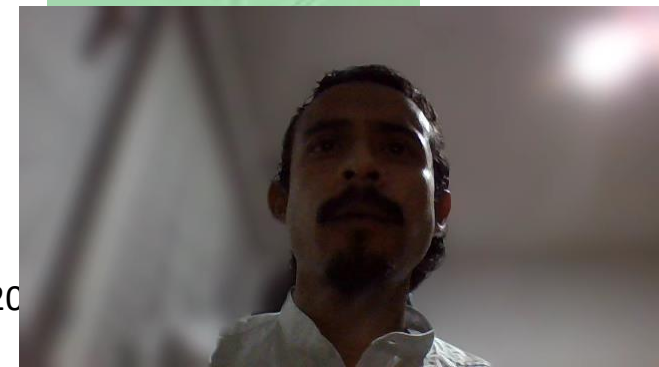
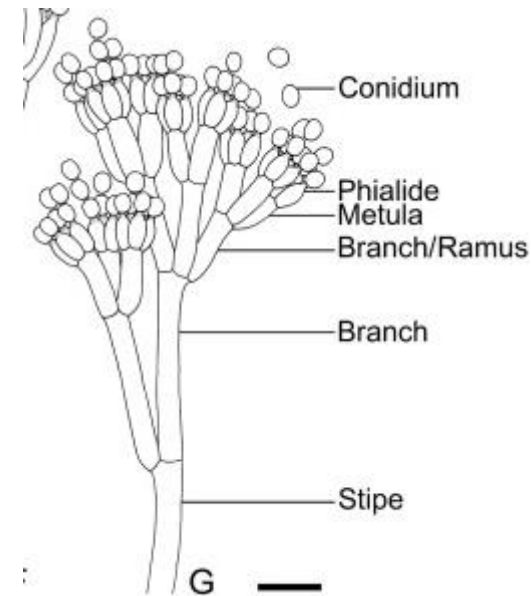
# Methodology

## Genus level identification

Preparation of samples for microscope observation.



Comparison using taxonomic keys



(Klich, 1988; Pitt, 1991; Denman et al., 2003; Domsch, 20

# Methodology

## Determination of phytopathogenic activity.

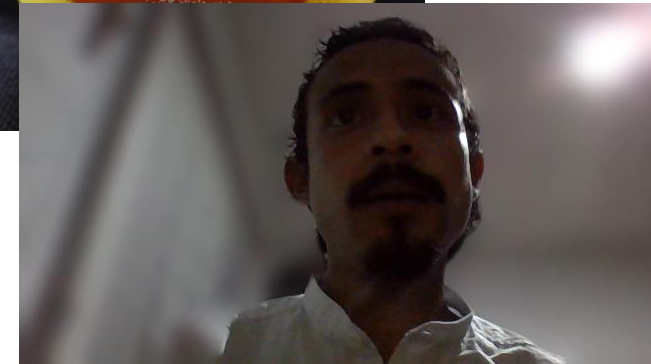
Disinfection of fruit  
and perforation.



Inoculation of active  
mycelium (5 x 5 mm).  
Positive control:  
*Penicillium expansum*.



Evaluation of damage  
in fruit 10 dai.



# Results

## Isolation and nomenclature

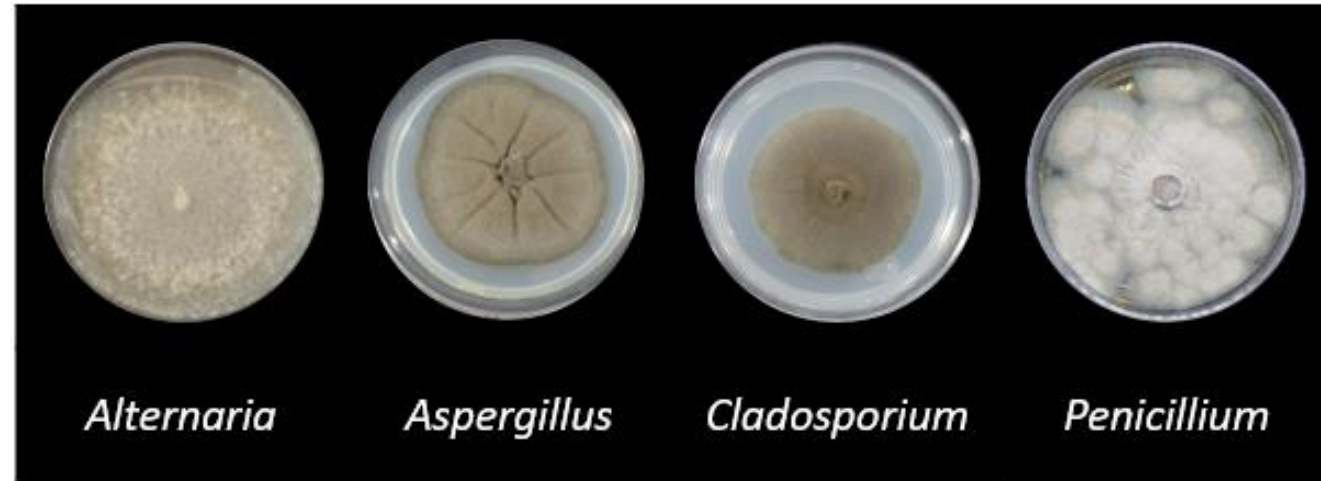
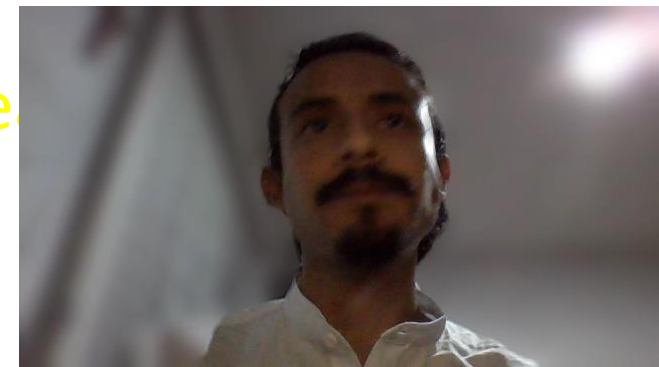


Figure 1. Examples of fungal morphotypes founded

Fungi                      Number                      Stage                      Year

   H5GDE3 2018

‘Golden Delicious’



# Results

- a) H4DGE3 2018 / *Aspergillus*,
- b) H9DGE3 2018 / *Aspergillus*,
- c) H10DGE3 2018 / *Aspergillus*,
- d) H11DGE3 2018 / *Aspergillus*,
- e) H2DGE3 2018 / *Cladosporium*,
- f) H5DGE3 2018 / *Cladosporium*,
- g) H7DGE3 2018 / *Cladosporium*,
- h) H8DGE3 2018 / *Alternaria*,
- i) H3DGE3 2018 / *Penicillium*,
- j) H6DGE3 2018 / *Penicillium*.

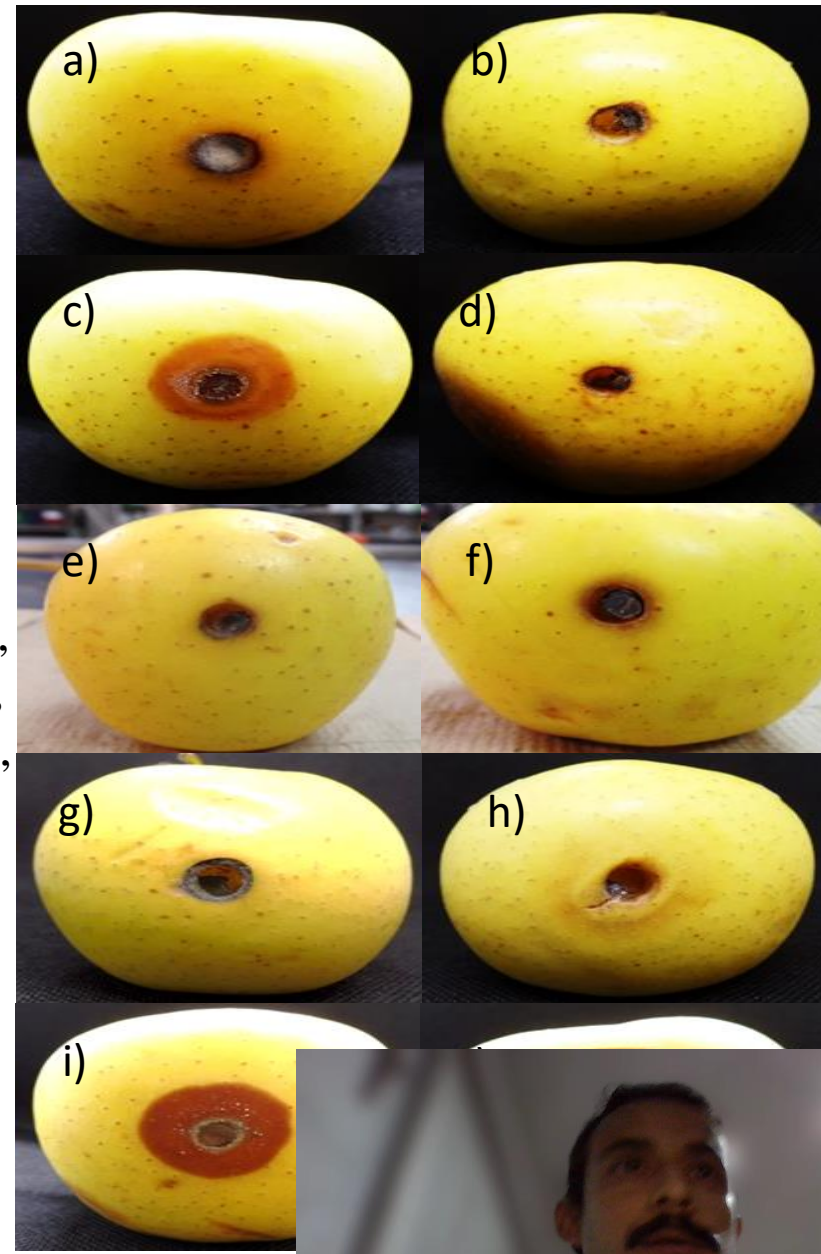


Figure 3. Inocu

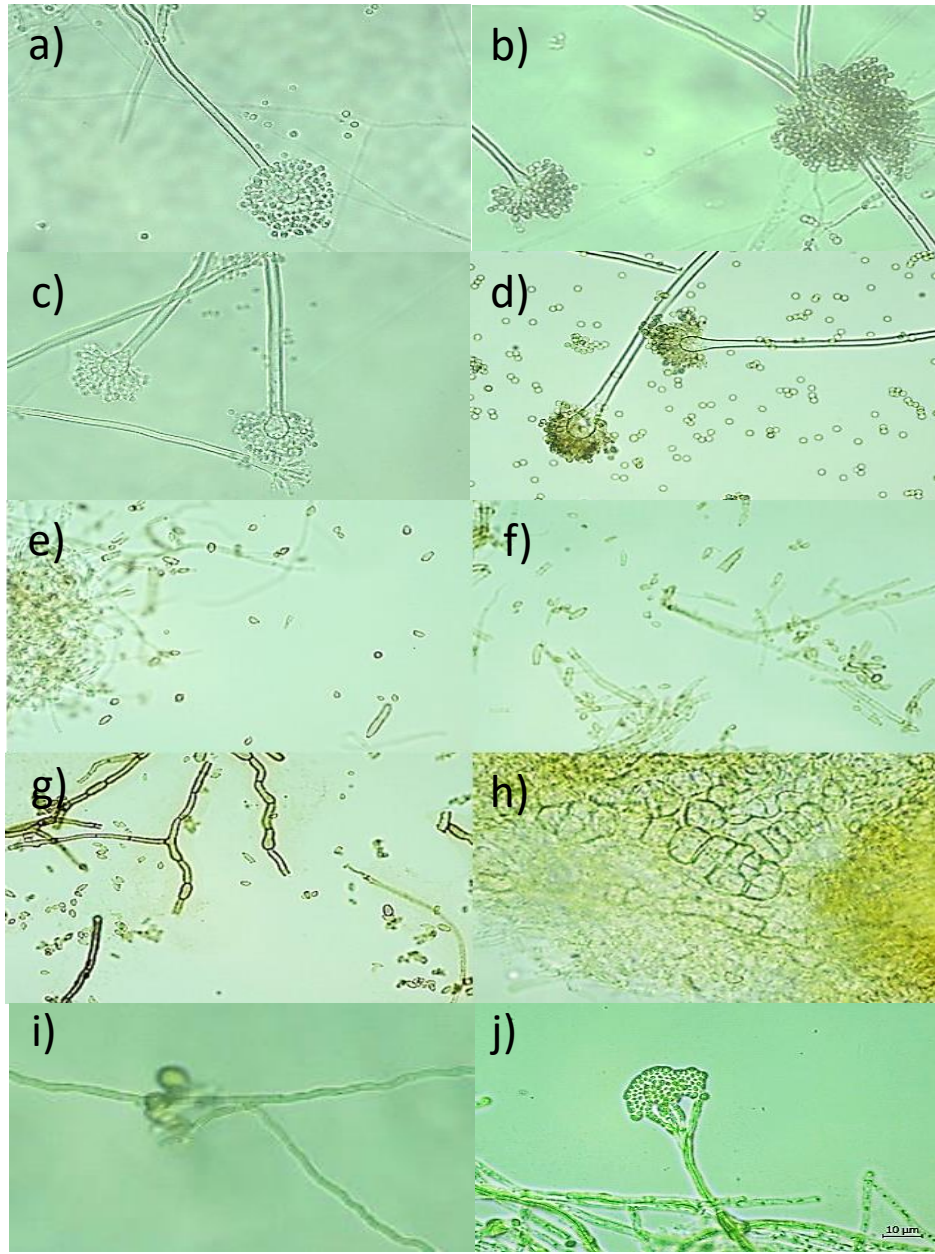
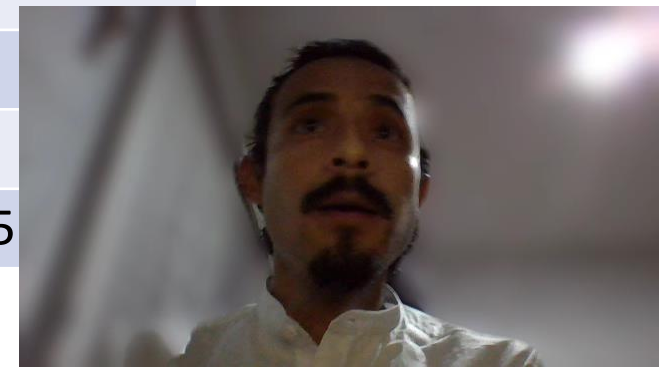


Figure 2. Fungal structures at 40x.

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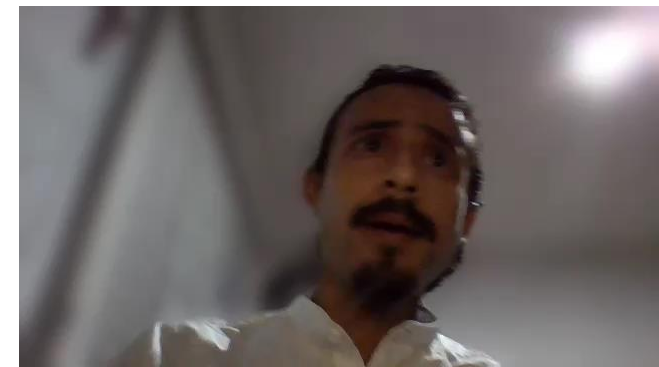
| Isolate          | Genus                | Damage compared to control (%) |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Positive control | Penicillium expansum | 100                            |
| H8GDE3 2018      | Alternaria           | 67.27                          |
| H4GDE3 2018      | Aspergillus          | 29.22                          |
| H9GDE3 2018      | Aspergillus          | 35.45                          |
| H10GDE3 2018     | Aspergillus          | 48.06                          |
| H11GDE3 2018     | Aspergillus          | 33.49                          |
| H2GDE3 2018      | Cladosporium         | 22.63                          |
| H5GDE3 2018      | Cladosporium         | 12.33                          |
| H7GDE3 2018      | Cladosporium         | 60.48                          |
| H3GDE3 2018      | Penicillium          | 59.13                          |
| H6GDE3 2018      | Penicillium          | 100.95                         |





# Conclusion

- It was determined that various genera (*Aspergillus*, *Alternaria*, *Cladosporium* and *Penicillium*), ecologically associated with apple trees in the state of Querétaro, manage to cause considerable damage with respect to a common pathogen of the fruit (*Penicillium expansum*), which is also identified in the present isolates. In conclusion, the genera identified are considered as potential phytopathogens.



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