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Autonomous trucks should be treated like planes with auto-pilot. Even though the plane is on auto-pilot there are still pilots in that seat prepared to take over in any emergency situation. Computers can't be programmed to prepare for every emergency situation so that's why a human being should be prepared to be in control in any given situation. A new emergency may pop up and if that computer hasn't been programmed to handle that emergency then how will the autonomous truck respond? Truck drivers are there to make the appropriate call on what action to take based on many conditions such as weather conditions, road conditions, traffic conditions, etc.

Example: What move will an autonomous truck make in severe weather like hail or snow and then all of a sudden a deer or cow suddenly runs in front of the truck? Slowing down or stopping may not be the best idea based on what the road is like and what lies ahead such as if cars are stopped on the side of the road or maybe there is no place to stop. I don't think a programmer can account for every possible situation so that's why a human still needs to be behind the wheel.