# **Best Paper Awards of ANNIE 2005**

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### **Best Paper**

Probabilistic Neural Network: Comparison of the Cross-Validation Approach and a Fast Heuristic to Choose the Smoothing Parameters

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# First Runner-Up

Use of Neural Networks to Develop Robust Backcalculation Algorithms for Nondestructive Evaluation of Flexible Pavement Systems

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# Second Runner-Up

Optimal Asset Allocation Using Reinforcement Learning: A Case Study

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