

Text. S1. Computational Complexity Analysis. The BHD strategy falls into the general category of immunization algorithms based on the self-avoiding walks [1]. Starting with a self-avoiding walk at a randomly chosen node, we examine the overlap and the existence of links from f_t (i.e., all the neighbors of the last node after step t) back to \mathcal{F}_{t-1} (i.e., the union of the friendship circles of all the visited nodes up to step $t - 1$) in the trail of the walk, and this examination procedure is taken after every step once the walk has visited three or more sites.

For a randomly chosen node, it takes time $O(1)$. A self-avoiding walk takes the worst-case time $O(N \ln N)$ [2], where N is network size. Following the above examination procedure, the connection relations between each node in f_t and all the nodes in \mathcal{F}_{t-1} are examined after each step of the walk, which takes the worst-case time $O(\langle k \rangle N)$, where $\langle k \rangle$ is the average degree of the network. As N nodes may be visited at most by the walker, the whole process of this examination takes the worst-case time $O(\langle k \rangle N^2)$. When a walk stops, one bridge node and one bridge hub are identified. Thus, an identification process based on the self-avoiding walks takes the worst-case time $O(1 + N \ln N + \langle k \rangle N^2) = O(\langle k \rangle N^2)$. To achieve the desired immunization ratio f , the entire algorithm runs in time $O(f \langle k \rangle N^3)$. Analogously, the ACQ and CBF take the worst-case run times that go like $O(fN)$ [3] and $O(fN^3)$, respectively.

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