For these interfaces, bridge, vxlan and veth, batman-adv currently uses the 1Mbit/s default throughput. Also see: https://github.com/freifunk-gluon/gluon/issues/1728

For vxlan Matthias is currently working on a patch to inherit the properties from its parent device (similar to what vlan does).

For veth ethtool reports 10Gbit/s, which is way more reasonable value for an in-kernel connection than our 1MBit/s default value:

$ ethtool veth0
Settings for veth0:
  Supported ports: [ ]
  Supported link modes: Not reported
  Supported pause frame use: No
  Supports auto-negotiation: No
  Supported FEC modes: Not reported
  Advertised link modes: Not reported
  Advertised pause frame use: No
  Advertised auto-negotiation: No
  Advertised FEC modes: Not reported
  Speed: 10000Mb/s
  Duplex: Full
  Port: Twisted Pair
  PHYAD: 0
  Transceiver: internal
  Auto-negotiation: off
  MDI-X: Unknown
  Link detected: yes

However batman-adv uses the default 1MBit/s throughput value due to auto-negotiation being disabled. We could add an exception in batman-adv for veth to disregard the auto-negotiation property, however that would not be sufficient for applications with for instance v(x)lans stacked on top of veth.

For bridge interfaces it is even more tricky.

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Approaches that could be worth discussing:

- Should veth be patched to advertise auto-negotiation=on?
- Should batman-adv be patched to disregard auto-negotiation property for veth?
- Should the bridge be patched to advertise the minimum speed of all bridge ports?
- Should there be a user, per hard-iface option in batman-adv to always fetch the speed regardless of the auto-negotiation flag?
- Should the auto-negotiation flag check in batman-adv be removed and instead applying the default throughput to a list of specific interface types, only? (e.g. tap, l2tp, ...)

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