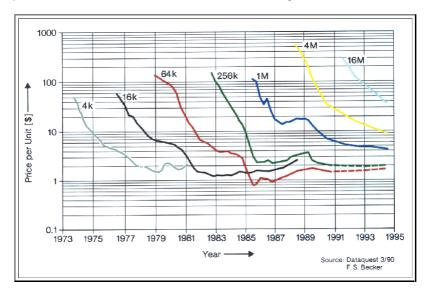
Prize Decay for Memory Chips

Shown are the average prizes for **DRAMs** as a function of time for each generation



- Note that the scale is logarithmic!
 - While you may get around \$100 for chip for a short time, you will be down to a few \$ within 3 4 years!
 - There are influences beyond your control. In bad years the Dollar exchange rate may kill you (chips are always sold in \$\$). If you are lucky, trade restrictions (by the Americans in 87/88) make the commodity scarce and prizes go actually up (see the 1 Mbit; very unusual!).
- What this prize decay really means is very graphically illustrated below where the cost of **1 Mbit** of 1 Mbit memory is expressed in every day items

