Prize Decay for Memory Chips
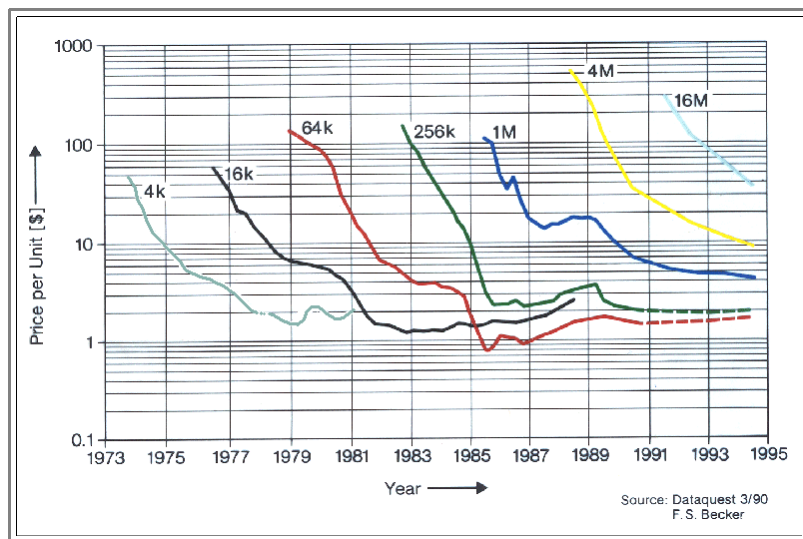
▰ Shown are the average prizes for **DRAMs** as a function of time for each generation

▰ 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