

A common implementation of RSA decryption:  $x = c^d$  in  $Z_N$

decrypt mod  $p$ :  $x_p = c^d$  in  $Z_p$   
decrypt mod  $q$ :  $x_q = c^d$  in  $Z_q$  } combine to get  $x = c^d$  in  $Z_N$

Suppose error occurs when computing  $x_q$ , but no error in  $x_p$

Then: output is  $x'$  where  $x' = c^d$  in  $Z_p$  but  $x' \neq c^d$  in  $Z_q$

$\Rightarrow (x')^e = c$  in  $Z_p$  but  $(x')^e \neq c$  in  $Z_q \Rightarrow \gcd((x')^e - c, N) = p$