Reduction in negative contracted forms and variation in *because* in Lancashire (Bolton) English

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AIMS

1/ When do we use disyllabic and monosyllabic forms of *because*?

2/ Is there age-grading in the use of the variants?

3/ What about traces of /dɪnt/ /kʊnt/ /wʊnt/?
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进一步孤立的例子

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-some evidence for age-grading
  -older speakers use fewer forms of *because*
  -older speakers still use [dɪnt]
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

