Reduction in negative contracted forms and conjunctions in Lancashire (Bolton) English

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3/ Traces of */dɪnt/, */kʊnt/, */wʊnt/, and */ʃʊnt/ (with some speakers)
BECause

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disyllabic

/bɪ'kɔ:z/ ~ /bə-/ ~ /-s/
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/bɪ'kəz/ ~ /bə-/  /'kəz/ ~ /'kəs/
/bəkəz/  /'kəz/ ~ /'kəs/
/pks/  /kz/ ~ /ks/

monosyllabic
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should not > shouldn't > jʊnt
did not > didn't > dɪnt
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*didn't mean*

SCt [dɪnt]
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-use of double negatives correlates with speech style
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!
REFERENCES


