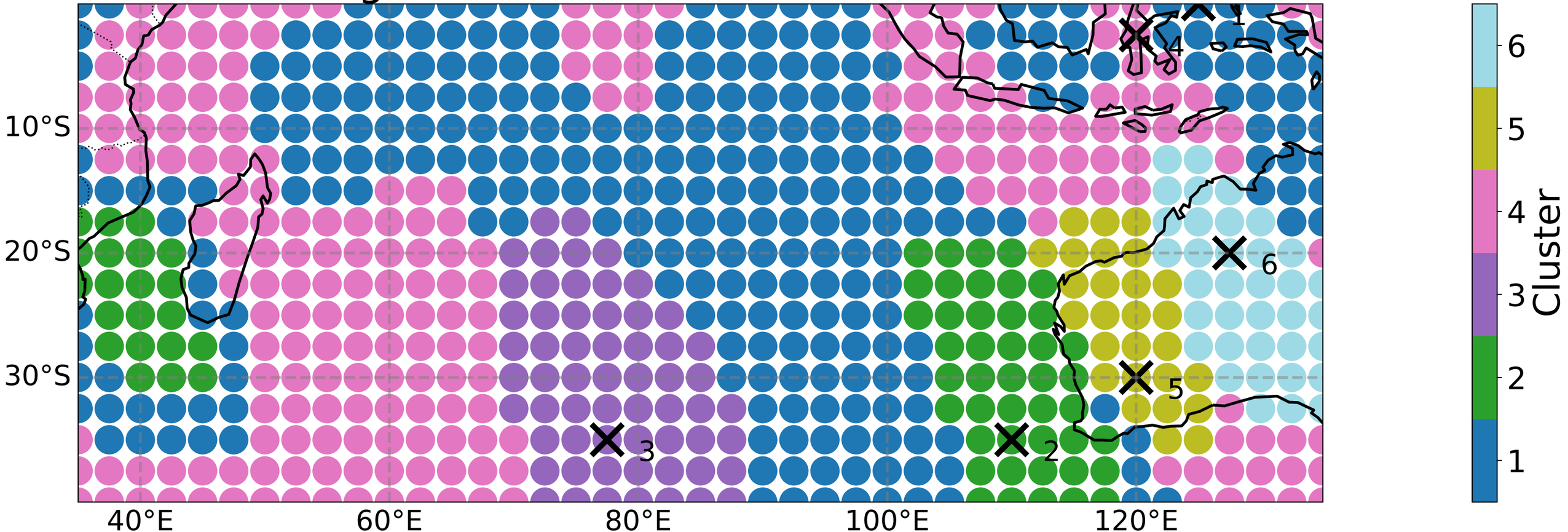Zonal gradient of meridional wind at 600 hPa