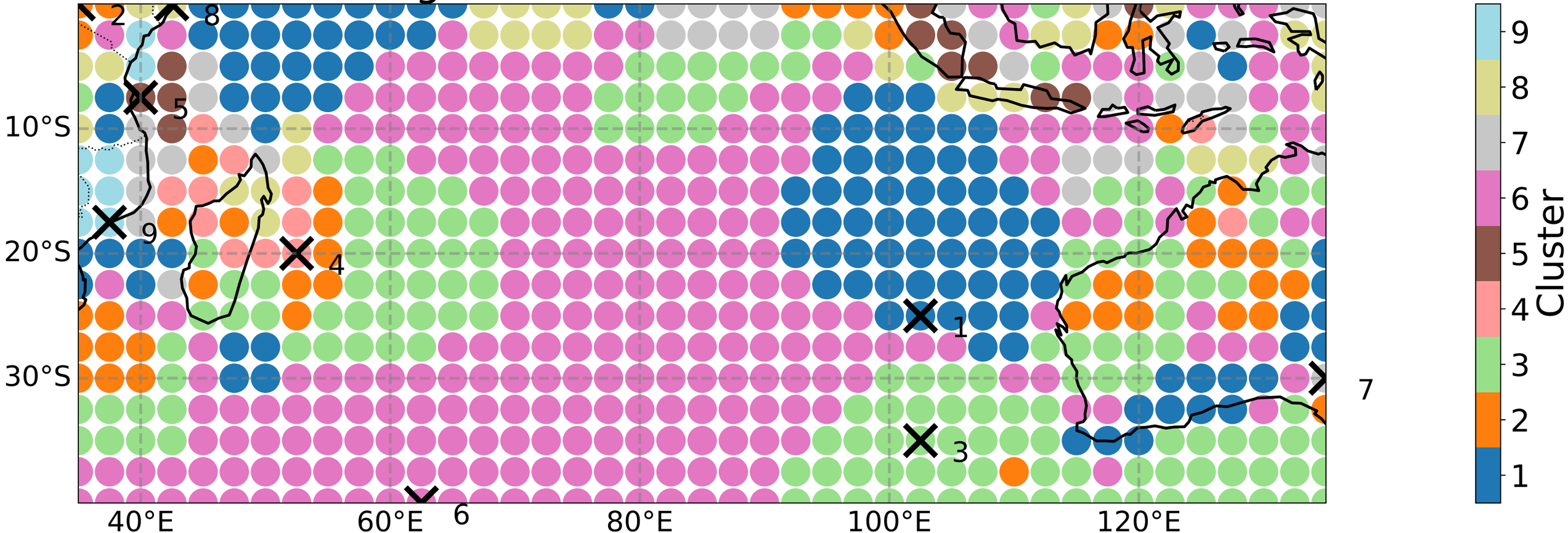Zonal gradient of zonal wind at 850 hPa