SO and BECAUSE

When do we use 'so' and when do we use 'because'? How is the meaning different?



first

I was tired, **SO** I went to bed.

then





"I was tired" happened first.

It is the reason for going to bed.



I went to bed because I was tired.

first

It is the **result** of feeling tired.

"I went to bed" happened after feeling tired.



then