New Tool for building semantic layer (expand functionality of Tableau Data Source)

I know Tableau is very proud of the lack of a 'Traditional BI' architecture, but in an organization that uses Tableau in place of 'Traditional BI', having 'Traditional BI' components within Tableau is increasingly necessary. A good first step would be to differentiate a separate tool for building and managing semantic layers outside of Tableau Desktop.

Also, there are some improvements that would provide scalability, usability, and general happiness among those responsible for managing data sources:

Aesthetic/User Interaction
- Allow folders/sub-folders
- Combine Dimensions and Measures into one 'Object' folder structure (differentiate between the two with icons), or Extend 'Folders' into both 'Dimension' and 'Measure' panes (ex: If I create a 'Sales - USD' Folder in Dimensions, a 'Sales - USD' Folder also appears in Measures)
- Differentiate User Calculated Fields (local to the workbook) from dimensions/measures/calculated fields that are in the TDS

Semantic Layer
- A new object type that is 'Filter' or 'Condition' and allows complex filtering (using OR, for example)
- Include tables in the data model without a join condition (ex: a table or view for 'current date' variations that would be used for filtering)
- A way to parameterize the connection strings. Ex: I can redirect a data source to use a different server (if database and table are the same), but I cannot easily redirect a data source to use a different database on the same server. (using SQL Server).

(Anyone familiar with Business Objects would sense that I'm essentially asking for Information Design Tool)