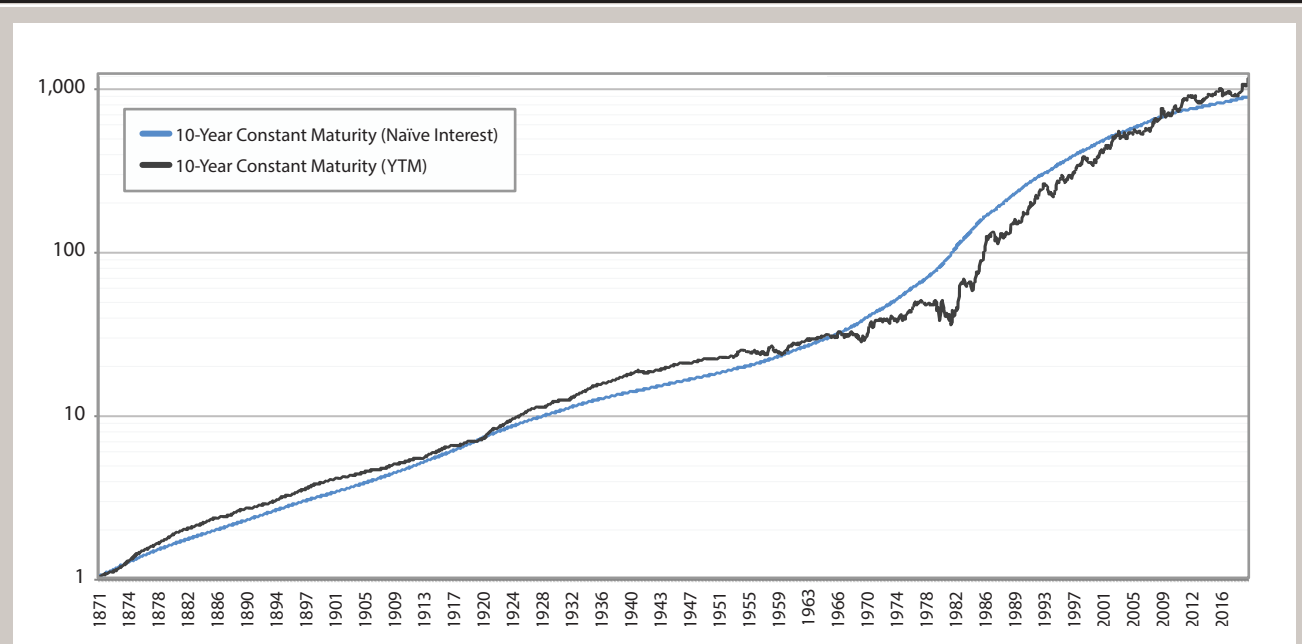


Figure 4: Bond Fund Growth Comparison



Notes: The Naïve Interest" approach (light blue curve) treats the bond YTM as if it were a monthly interest rate, which means that there is never any loss of capital even when rates rise. This can lead to overestimating safe withdrawal rates. A more accurate calculation (dark gray curve) accounts for price fluctuations by properly pricing bonds at the beginning and end of each month according to the current YTM.