heterogenisation of active complexes by standard organic reactions may increase the interest of industrial chemists.

Heterogenisation may not only find application in catalytic reactions, one should also keep in mind the strong bonding of the platinum group metals to organofluorophosphines, a property which may be useful in the recovery of these expensive metals from solutions and mixtures in organic solvents, by absorption using polymeric organofluorophosphines.

Lastly, $Pt(PF_3)_4$ has been used for the preparation of special platinum metal catalysts by thermal decomposition (24). Because of the high toxicity and volatility of PF_3, which is split off during this reaction, it may be better to use organofluorophosphine ligands instead.

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