A Survey and Forms Catalogue for Dome and Transitional Element Usage in the Early Ottoman Architecture

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Abstract This paper aims to present a forms catalogue and a terminology study for the domes, and other superstructural and transitional elements used in the 14th and 15th century Ottoman bathhouse buildings, as well as the different combinations, frequency and changing preferences in usage of these elements with the aid of several visual materials and statistics.

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