



# Practical session: Rendering digitized objects



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# Paper providing digital scenes aligned with photos

- We can test these scenes in different renderers to see how well different shaders can represent the appearance of these objects.

<https://eco3d.compute.dtu.dk/pages/appearance>



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## Alignment of rendered images with photographs for testing appearance models

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We propose a method for direct comparison of rendered images with a corresponding photograph in order to analyze the optical properties of physical objects and test the appropriateness of appearance models. To this end, we provide a practical method for aligning a known object and a point-like light source with the configuration observed in a photograph. Our method is based on projective transformation of object edges and silhouette matching in the image plane. To improve the similarity between rendered and photographed objects, we introduce models for spatially varying roughness and a model where the distribution of light transmitted by a rough surface influences direction-dependent subsurface scattering. Our goal is to support development toward progressive refinement of appearance models through quantitative validation. © 2020 Optical Society of America

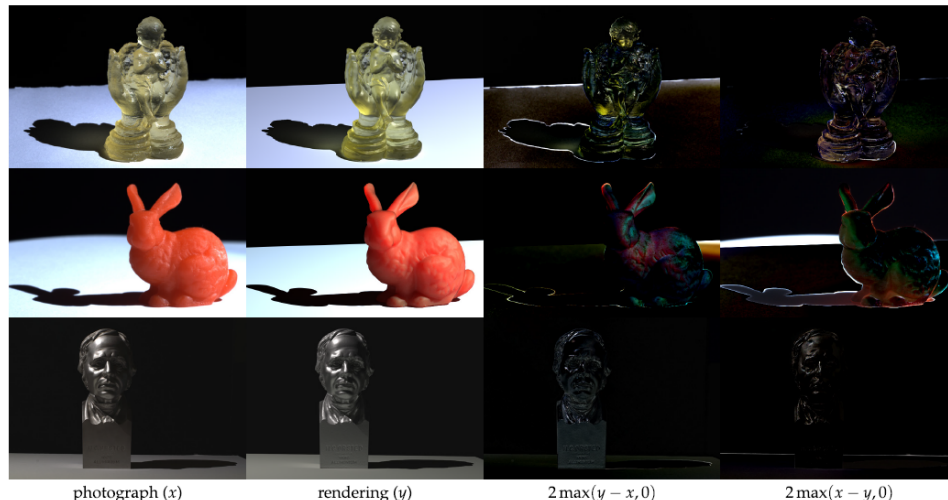
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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Photorealistic rendering has many applications: product appearance prediction, digital prototyping, inverse rendering to acquire optical properties, 3D soft proofing, etc. In most of these applications, it is important to validate the photorealism

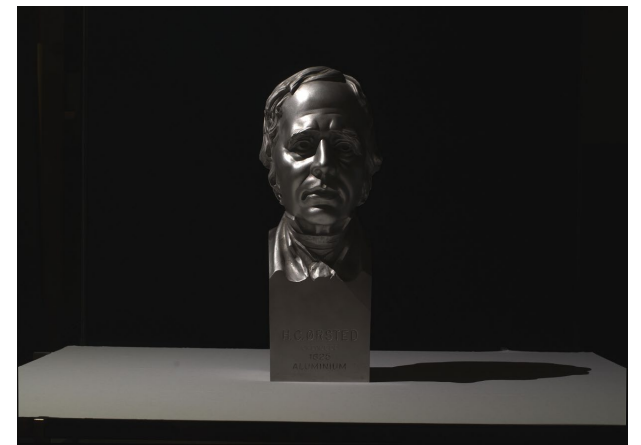
for light source estimation [10,11]. However, as we estimate the object pose, we may as well use the pose for light source estimation. Moreover, if we use the cast shadow for estimating the light position, we can use it to improve the estimate of the object pose as well.

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**Fig. 1.** Pixel-by-pixel comparison of renderings with a photograph enables a detailed investigation of the virtues and deficiencies of an appearance model. Our practical alignment technique is here used for testing different models: rough transparent (top), rough translucent (middle), and metallic (bottom). The signed difference images to the right have been scaled by a factor of 2.

# HC Ørsted bust (aluminium, 3D scanned)



Reference photograph

- Bust geometry: hc\_orsted.obj (no transformation)
- Table geometry: hco\_ground.obj (rotated 90 degrees around X)
- Point light position:  $[-0.15290257842979774, 0.0010295320183712445, 0.827301670159169]$
- Point light intensity: 0.28 W/sr (multiply by  $4\pi$  to get power)
- Background ambient light: 0.001137 W/(sr m<sup>2</sup>)
- Camera position:  $[0.28255452843554596, -1.4590566335764603, 0.15820198110093153]$
- Camera matrix inverted ( $K^{-1}$ ):  
 $[9.179619514177686e-05, 0.0, -0.2318790936563762;$   
 $0.0, 9.15419203472016e-05, -0.18786894023818881;$   
 $0.0, 0.0, 1.0]$
- Camera rotation matrix ( $R$ ):  
 $[0.9999265930643305, 0.0019213613603717853, 0.011963145626623345;$   
 $0.012015137318730981, -0.029819251871890606, -0.9994830907489195;$   
 $-0.001563636138289551, 0.999553460595442, -0.02984014835257065]$
- Camera resolution in photo: 4928x3264 (in reference image: 1232x816)

# Cupped angel figurine (transparent photopolymer, 3D print of 3D scan)

- Bust geometry: `cupped_angel.obj` (no transformation)
- Table geometry: `angel_ground.obj` (rotated 90 degrees around X)
- Point light position: `[0.20854106219638083, -0.08139660855818596, 0.2523233614684882]`
- Point light intensity: 0.72 W/sr (multiply by  $4\pi$  to get power)
- Background ambient light: 0.003922 W/(sr m<sup>2</sup>)
- Camera position: `[-0.05167859563134386, -0.3561413717418296, 0.18034507441318026]`
- Camera matrix inverted ( $K^{-1}$ ):  
`[8.218682193244396e-05, 0.0, -0.12377012589190535;`  
`0.0, 8.218682193244396e-05, -0.08779393983401078;`  
`0.0, 0.0, 1.0]`
- Camera rotation matrix ( $R$ ):  
`[0.9537464434892957, -0.2982955615814877, 0.03724888551761668;`  
`-0.06963864670446258, -0.3397778871228487, -0.9379240088128162;`  
`0.2924349165484359, 0.8919477256897501, -0.34483485064620684]`
- Camera resolution in photo: 2736x2192 (in reference 1026x822)

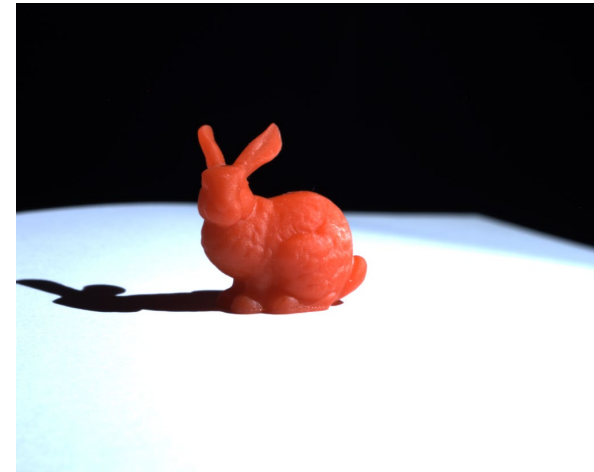


Reference photograph

# Printed bunny

(translucent photopolymer, 3D print of 3D scan)

- Bust geometry: bunny04.obj (no transformation)
- Table geometry: bunny04\_ground.obj (rotated 90 degrees around X)
- Point light position: [9.343711424663437, -5.051846268311006, 11.491433391899964]
- Point light intensity: 1800 W/sr (multiply by  $4\pi$  to get power)
- Background ambient light: 0.003875 W/(sr m<sup>2</sup>)
- Camera position: [-7.13180226739496, -22.1455586142838, 4.7383204218931496]
- Camera matrix inverted ( $K^{-1}$ ):  
[0.00021403041584432212, 0.0, -0.1096905881202151;  
0.0, 0.00021403041584432212, -0.08785948570409423;  
0.0, 0.0, 1.0]
- Camera rotation matrix ( $R$ ):  
[0.9489066004753113, -0.31471002101898193, 0.02310689352452755;  
-0.03442377597093582, -0.17602573335170746, -0.9837836027145386;  
0.3136739134788513, 0.9327232241630554, -0.17786549031734467]
- Camera resolution in photo: 1024x820 (and in reference)



Reference photograph

# Vision to graphics camera conversion

- If the ray generation is modifiable, we use the camera matrices directly (as described in the paper).
- For a camera in a rendering system, we
  - convert the rotation matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  to Euler angles [Slabaugh 1999, e.g.],
  - convert the camera calibration matrix  $\mathbf{K}$  to camera focal length, sensor width, and shift of principal point, and
  - set the render resolution to have the same aspect ratio as the photograph.

## 5. RENDERING [Hannemose et al. 2020]

We implemented a progressive unidirectional path tracer using OptiX [69]. To include subsurface scattering, we sample a new set of surface positions for each progressive update. For each update and within each pixel, the ray tracer generates a random position  $\mathbf{x}_p$  in pixel coordinates. With the rotation of the camera relative to the object  $\mathbf{R}$  and the camera intrinsic matrix  $\mathbf{K}$ , we get the direction of the corresponding ray using

$$\vec{\omega} = (\mathbf{KR})^{-1} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x}_p. \quad (12)$$

Since the intrinsic matrix  $\mathbf{K}$  is locked to the resolution of the camera ( $W_c \times H_c$ ), which is usually very high, we use the scaling matrix  $\mathbf{S} = \text{diag}(W_r/W_c, H_r/H_c, 1)$  to enable rendering in a different resolution ( $W_r \times H_r$ ).

Hannemose et al. 2020: See slide 2.

Slabaugh, G. Computing Euler angles from a rotation matrix. Technical report. August 1999.

# Rotation matrix to Euler ZYX angles

- Rotation matrices

$$\mathbf{R}_x(\psi) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \psi & -\sin \psi \\ 0 & \sin \psi & \cos \psi \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{R}_y(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{R}_z(\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Combined

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_z(\phi) \mathbf{R}_y(\theta) \mathbf{R}_x(\psi) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \phi & \sin \psi \sin \theta \cos \phi - \cos \psi \sin \phi & \cos \psi \sin \theta \cos \phi + \sin \psi \sin \phi \\ \cos \theta \sin \phi & \sin \psi \sin \theta \sin \phi + \cos \psi \cos \phi & \cos \psi \sin \theta \sin \phi + \sin \psi \cos \phi \\ -\sin \theta & \sin \psi \cos \theta & \cos \psi \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} & R_{23} \\ R_{31} & R_{32} & R_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solution option for the three angles

$$(\psi_1, \theta_1, \phi_1) = \left( \operatorname{atan2} \left( \frac{R_{32}}{\cos \theta_1}, \frac{R_{33}}{\cos \theta_1} \right), -\operatorname{asin} R_{31}, \operatorname{atan2} \left( \frac{R_{21}}{\cos \theta_1}, \frac{R_{11}}{\cos \theta_1} \right) \right)$$

- Another solution  $(\psi_2, \theta_2, \phi_2)$  is with  $\theta_2 = \pi - \theta_1$
- If  $|R_{31}| - 1 < \varepsilon$ , we can use  $(\psi_1, \theta_1, \phi_1) = \left( \operatorname{atan2}(sR_{12}, sR_{13}), s\frac{\pi}{2}, 0 \right)$  with  $s = -\operatorname{sgn}(R_{31})$ .
- Since the up-direction of the real camera is often flipped, we may need to use  $\pi - \psi_1$ .

# Decomposing the camera calibration matrix

- Suppose the resolution of a given photograph is  $W \times H$ .
- The camera calibration matrix:

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_x & \gamma & c_x \\ 0 & \alpha_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & K_{13} \\ 0 & K_{22} & K_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- If  $f$  is the focal length of the camera in mm, while  $m_x^{-1}$  and  $m_y^{-1}$  are the width and the height of a pixel in mm, we have  $(\alpha_x, \alpha_y) = (m_x, m_y)f$  and the principal point in pixels is  $(c_x, c_y)$ .
- This means that the focal length  $f$  and shift of principal point  $(s_x, s_y)$  of a corresponding virtual pinhole camera are

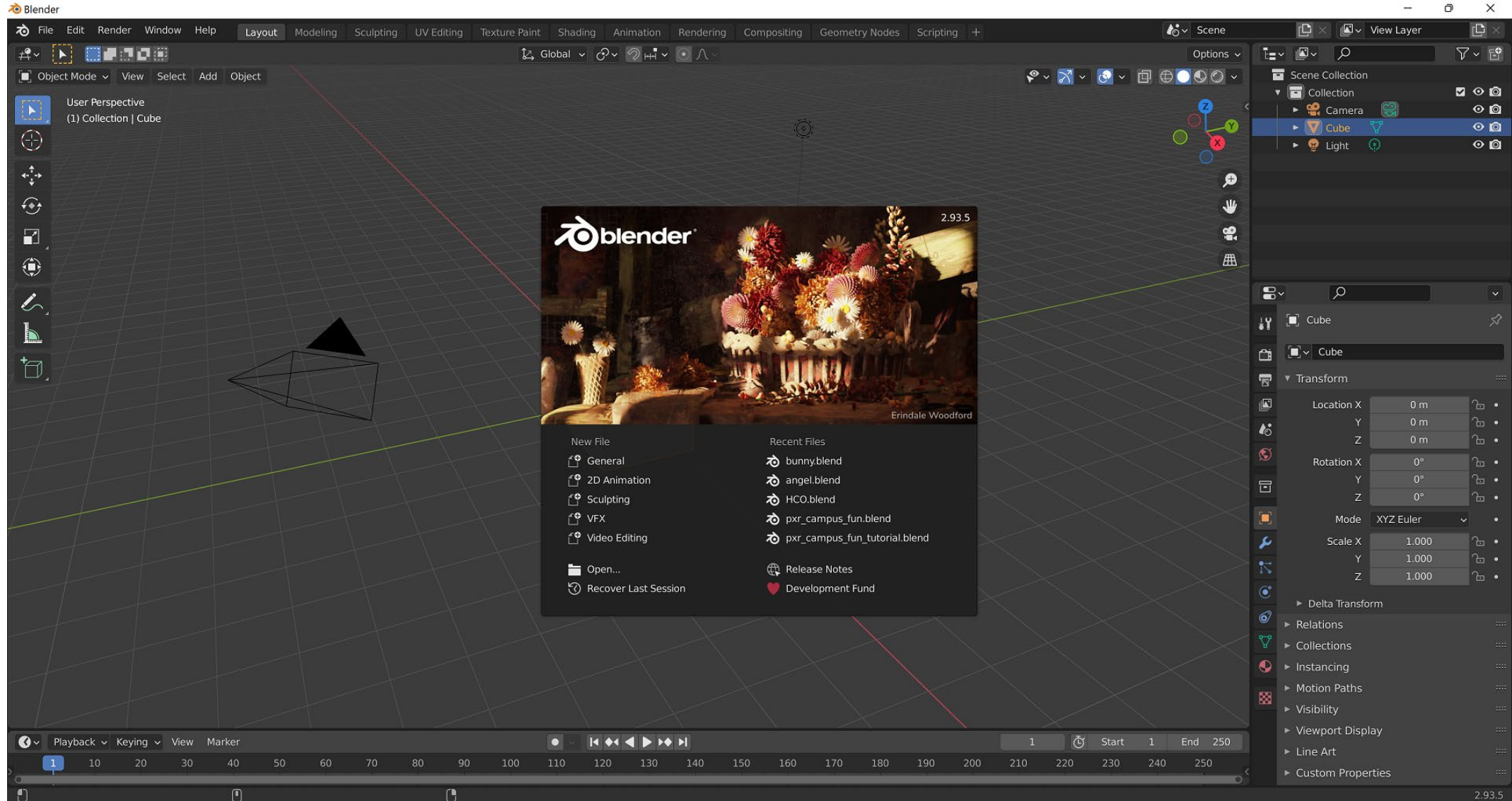
$$f = \frac{h}{H} K_{22}, \quad (s_x, s_y) = \frac{1}{H} \left( \frac{W}{2} - K_{13}, K_{23} - \frac{H}{2} \right).$$

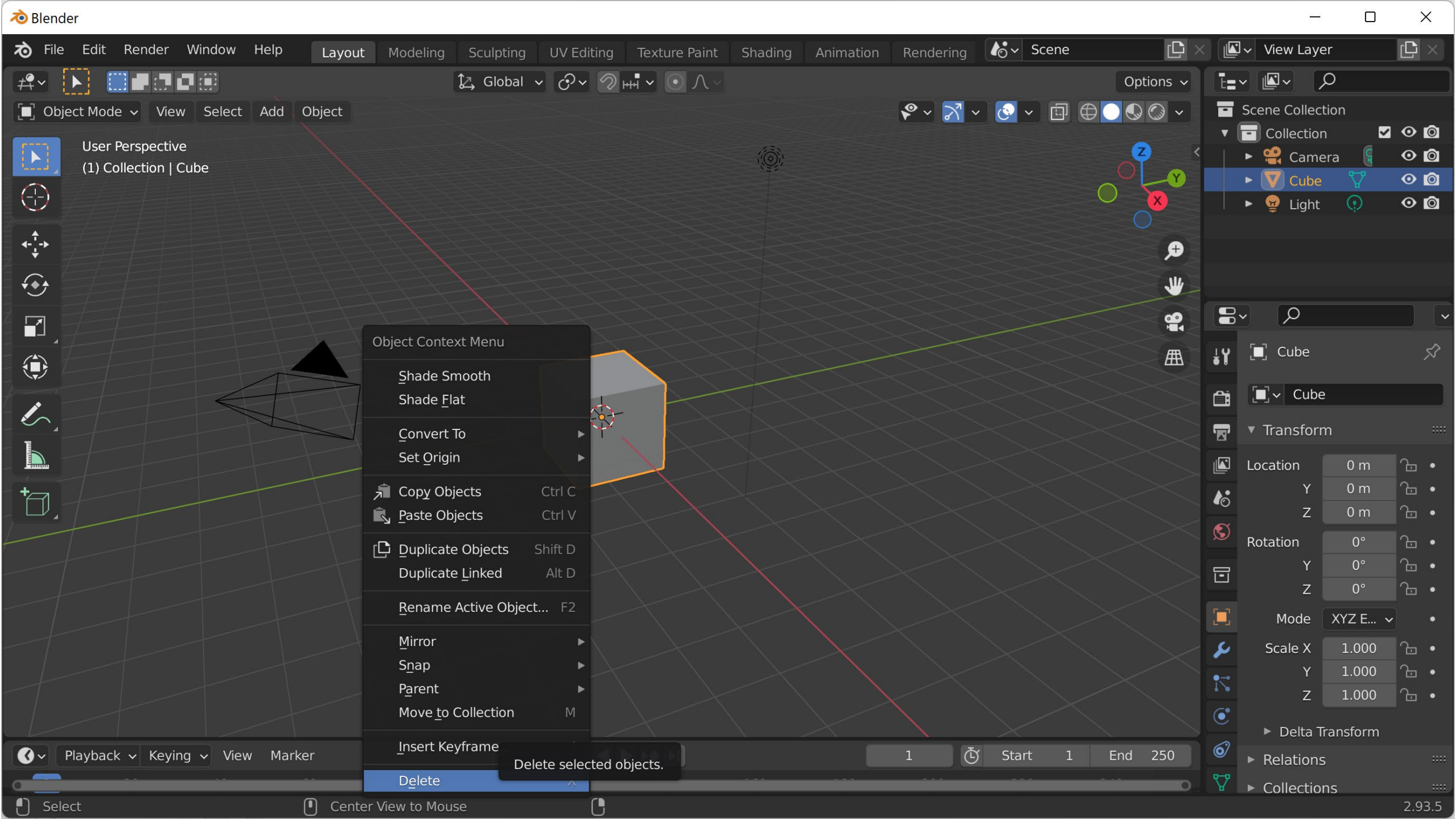
- In a graphics camera, the height of the image in the image plane is usually  $h = 1$ . We can in this way specify the camera vertically.
- If we want to specify the camera horizontally instead, we can use

$$w = \frac{c_x m_x^{-1}}{c_y m_y^{-1}} = \frac{K_{22} K_{13}}{K_{11} K_{23}}, \quad f = \frac{w}{W} K_{11}, \quad (s_x, s_y) = \frac{1}{W} \left( \frac{W}{2} - K_{13}, K_{23} - \frac{H}{2} \right)$$



# Blender with Cycles as a case study





- Object Context Menu
- Shade Smooth
  - Shade Flat
  - Convert To
  - Set Origin
  - Copy Objects Ctrl C
  - Paste Objects Ctrl V
  - Duplicate Objects Shift D
  - Duplicate Linked Alt D
  - Rename Active Object... F2
  - Mirror
  - Snap
  - Parent
  - Move to Collection M
  - Insert Keyframe
  - Delete**

Delete selected objects.

Scene Collection

- Collection
- Camera
- Cube**
- Light

Cube

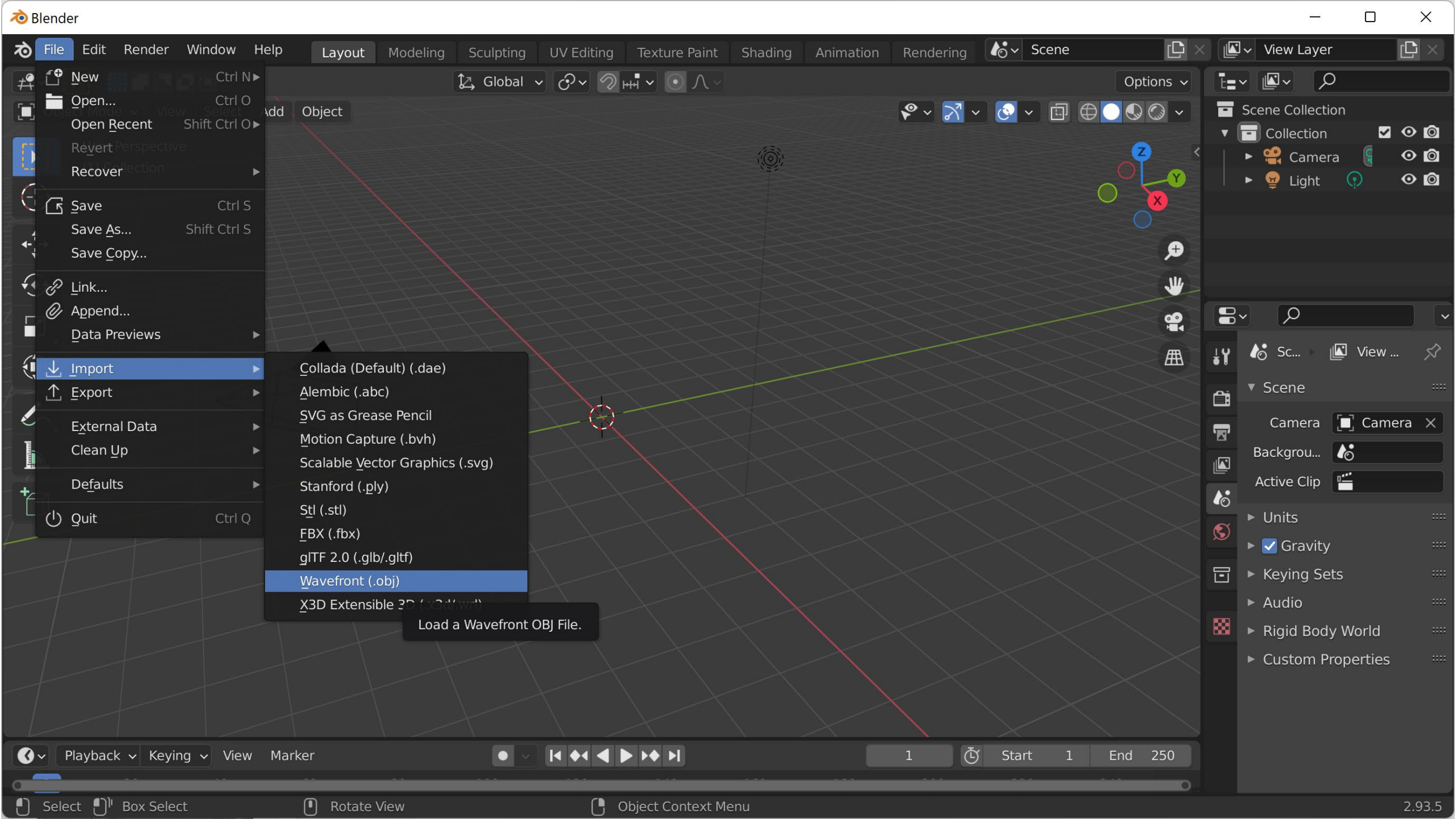
Transform

Location	0 m	•
Y	0 m	•
Z	0 m	•
Rotation	0°	•
Y	0°	•
Z	0°	•
Mode	XYZ E...	•
Scale X	1.000	•
Y	1.000	•
Z	1.000	•

Delta Transform

Relations

Collections



- New (Ctrl N)
- Open... (Ctrl O)
- Open Recent (Shift Ctrl O)
- Revert Perspective
- Recover Selection
- Save (Ctrl S)
- Save As... (Shift Ctrl S)
- Save Copy...
- Link...
- Append...
- Data Previews
- Import**
- Export
- External Data
- Clean Up
- Defaults
- Quit (Ctrl Q)

- Object
- Collada (Default) (.dae)
- Alembic (.abc)
- SVG as Grease Pencil
- Motion Capture (.bvh)
- Scalable Vector Graphics (.svg)
- Stanford (.ply)
- Stl (.stl)
- FBX (.fbx)
- glTF 2.0 (.glb/.gltf)
- Wavefront (.obj)**
- X3D Extensible 3D (.x3d)

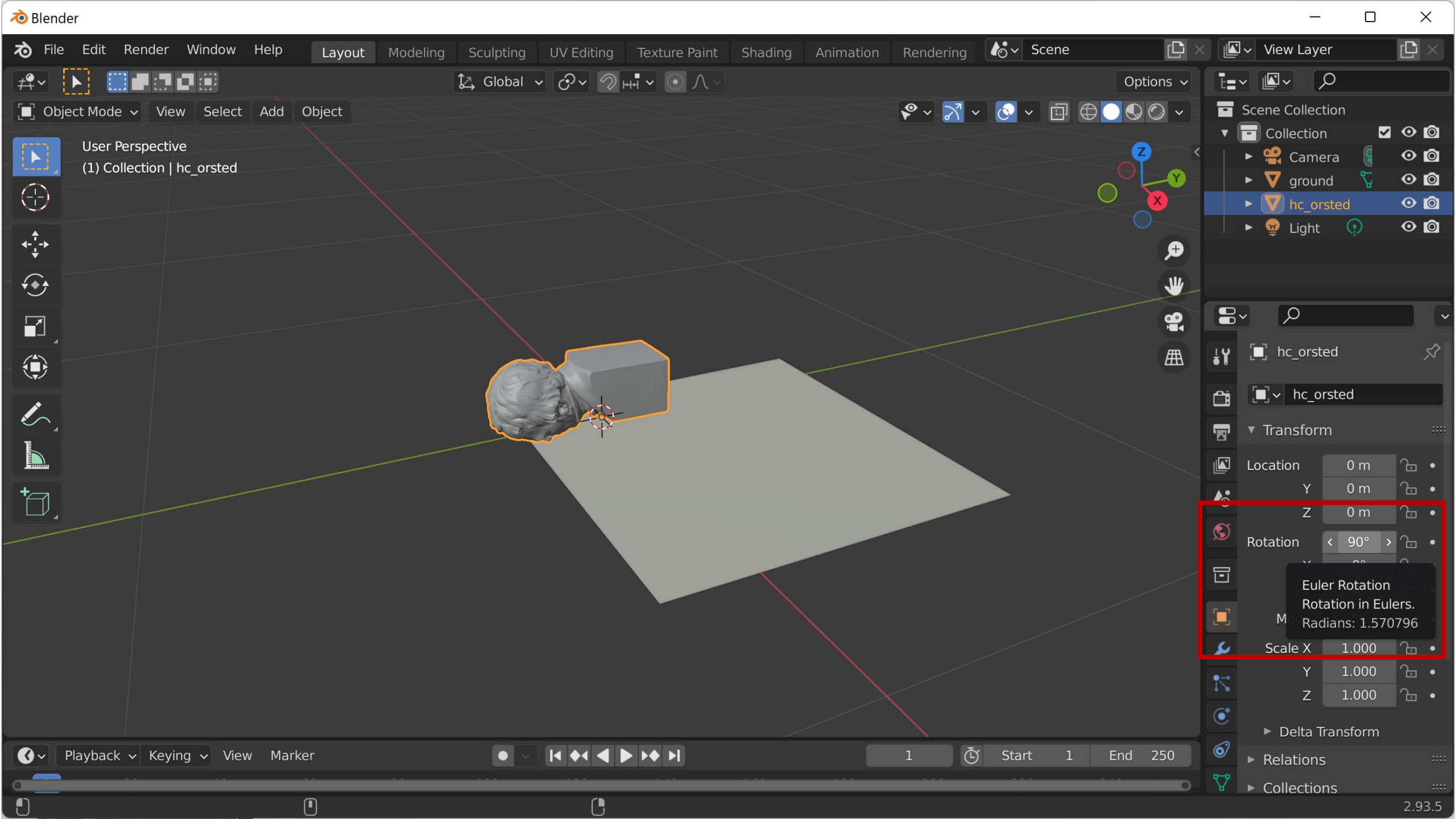
Load a Wavefront OBJ File.

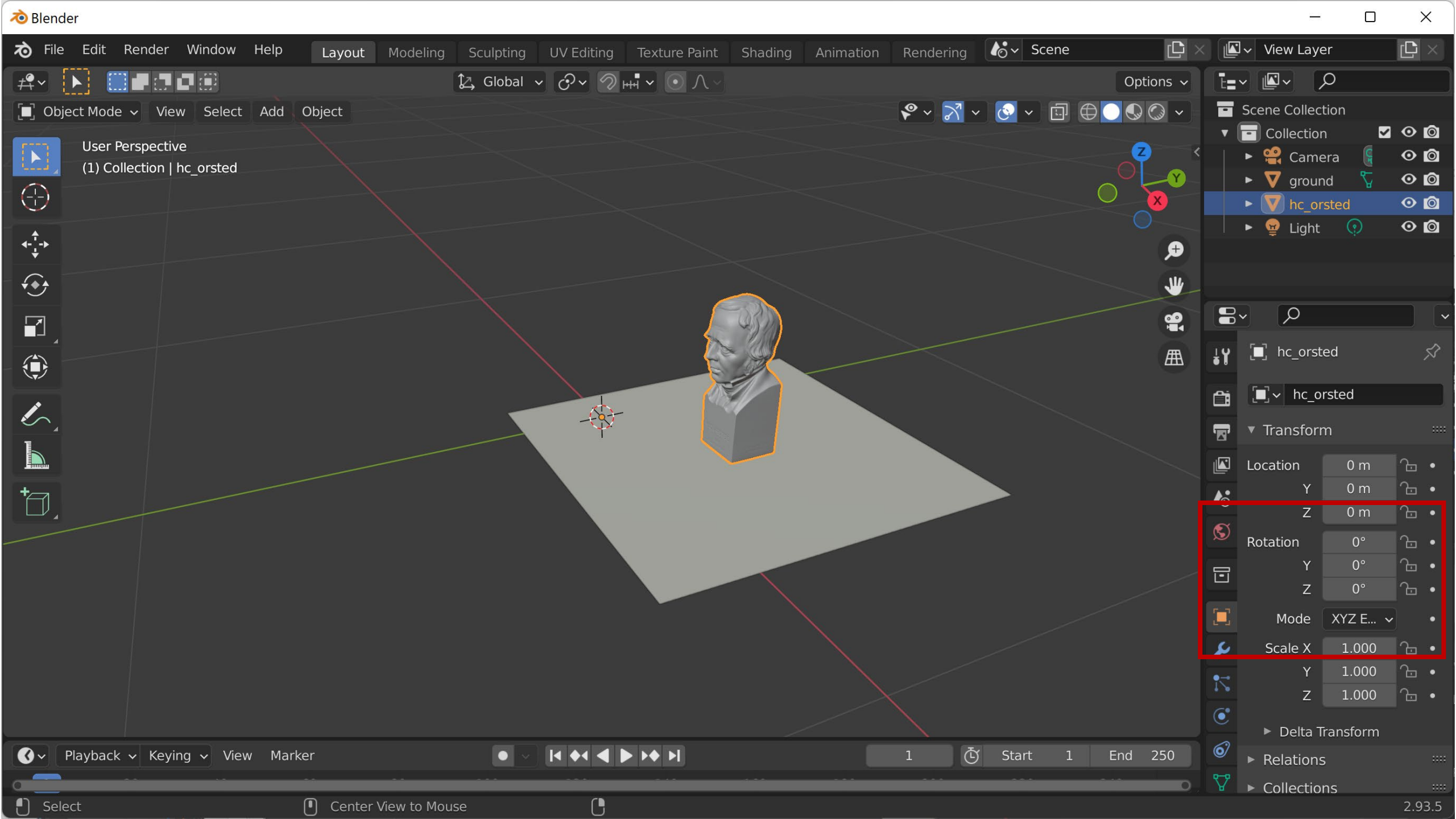
Scene Collection

- Collection
- Camera
- Light

Scene

- Camera [Camera]
- Background [Light]
- Active Clip [Image]
- Units
- Gravity
- Keying Sets
- Audio
- Rigid Body World
- Custom Properties





Global

Options

Object Mode View Select Add Object

User Perspective  
(1) Collection | hc\_orsted



Scene Collection

- Collection
- Camera
- ground
- hc\_orsted**
- Light

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Transform

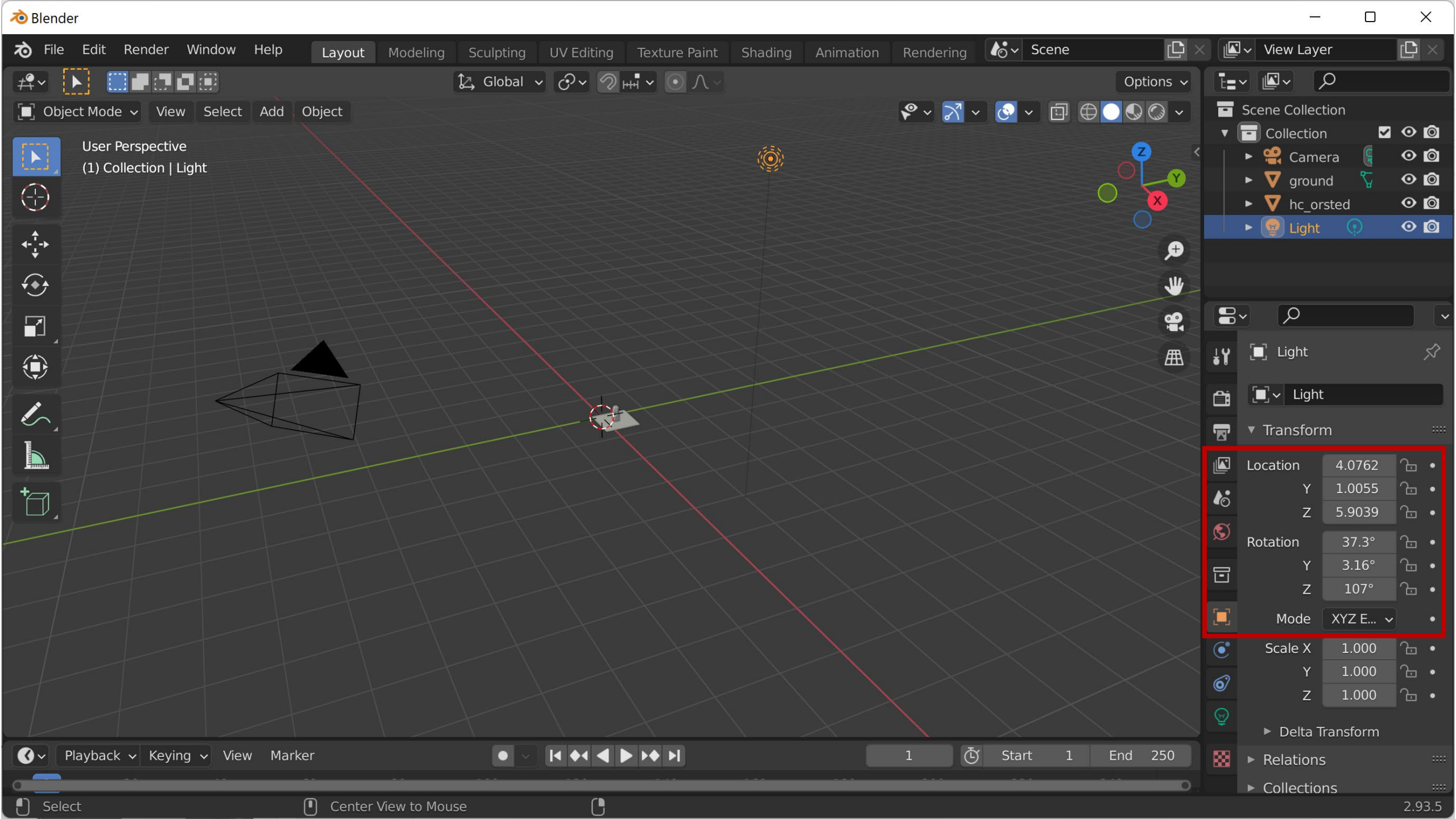
Location	0 m	•
Y	0 m	•
Z	0 m	•
Rotation	0°	•
Y	0°	•
Z	0°	•
Mode	XYZ E...	•
Scale X	1.000	•
Y	1.000	•
Z	1.000	•

Delta Transform

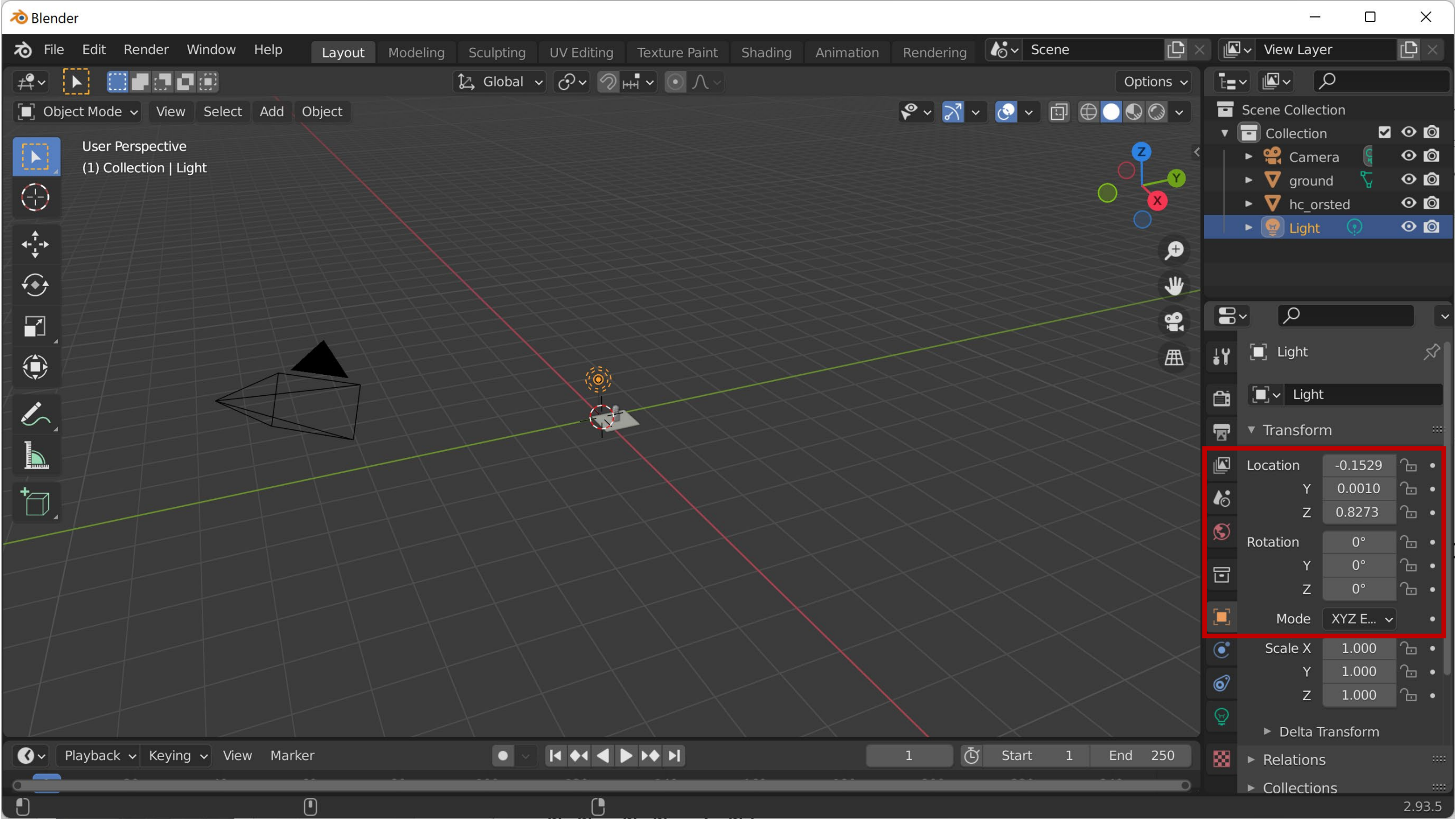
Relations

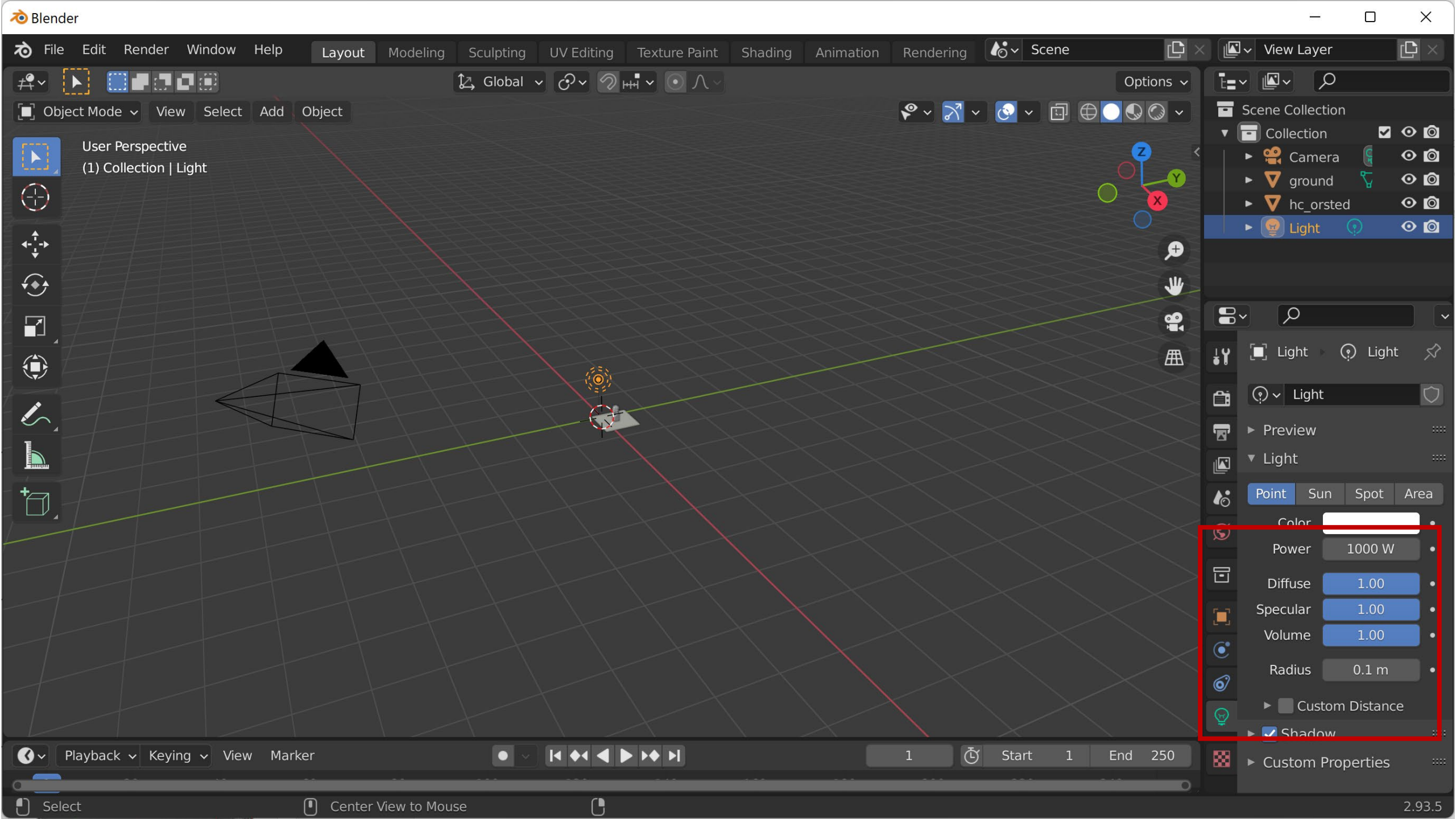
Collections

Playback Keying View Marker 1 Start 1 End 250



Location	4.0762	•
Y	1.0055	•
Z	5.9039	•
Rotation	37.3°	•
Y	3.16°	•
Z	107°	•
Mode	XYZ E...	•





Scene Collection

- Collection
  - Camera
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  - Light**

Light

Point Sun Spot Area

Color

Power 1000 W

Diffuse 1.00

Specular 1.00

Volume 1.00

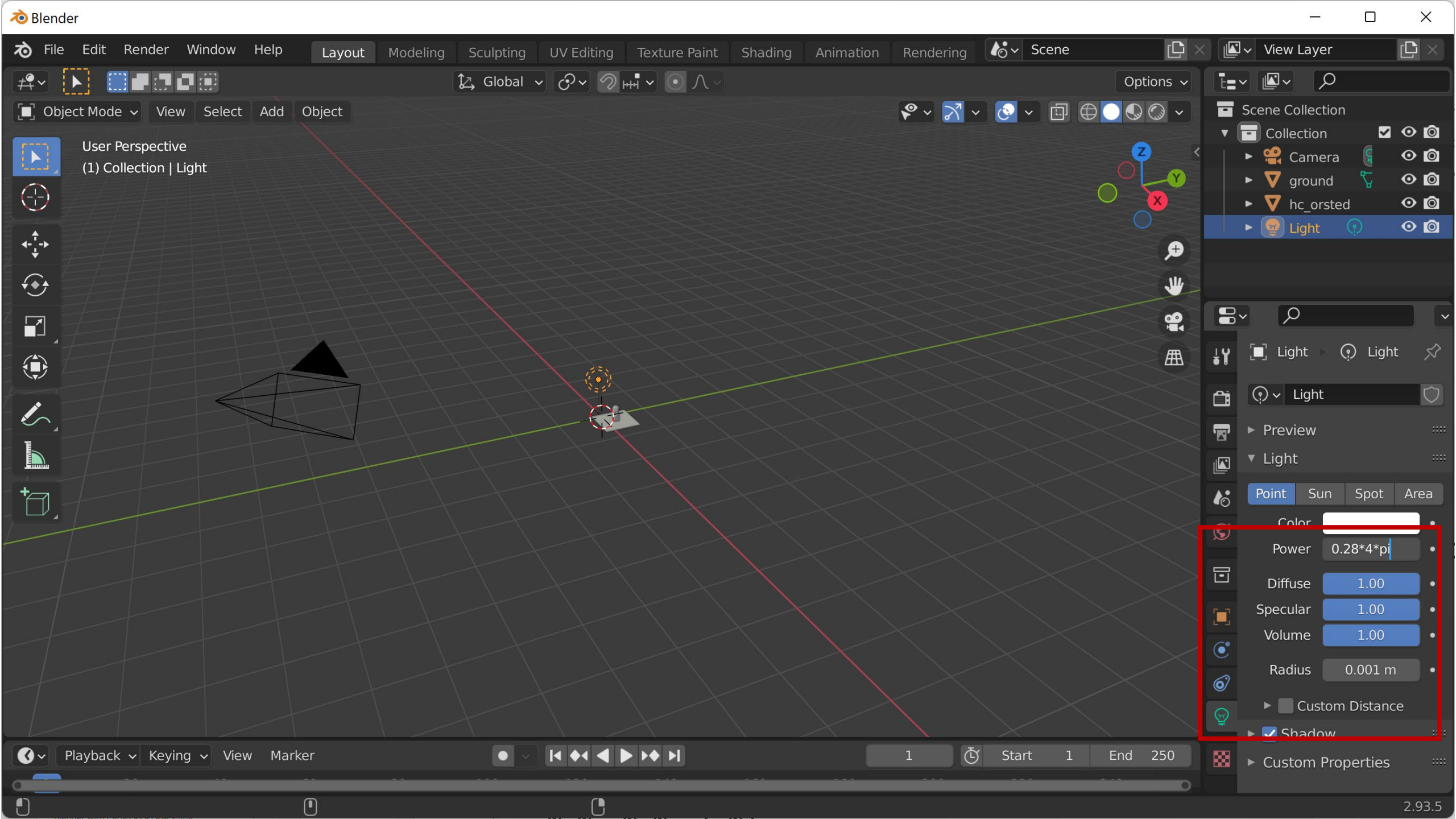
Radius 0.1 m

Custom Distance

Shadow

Custom Properties





User Perspective  
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Scene Collection  
Collection  
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Light

Light Light

Light

Point Sun Spot Area

Color

Power  $0.28 \cdot 4 \cdot \pi$

Diffuse 1.00

Specular 1.00

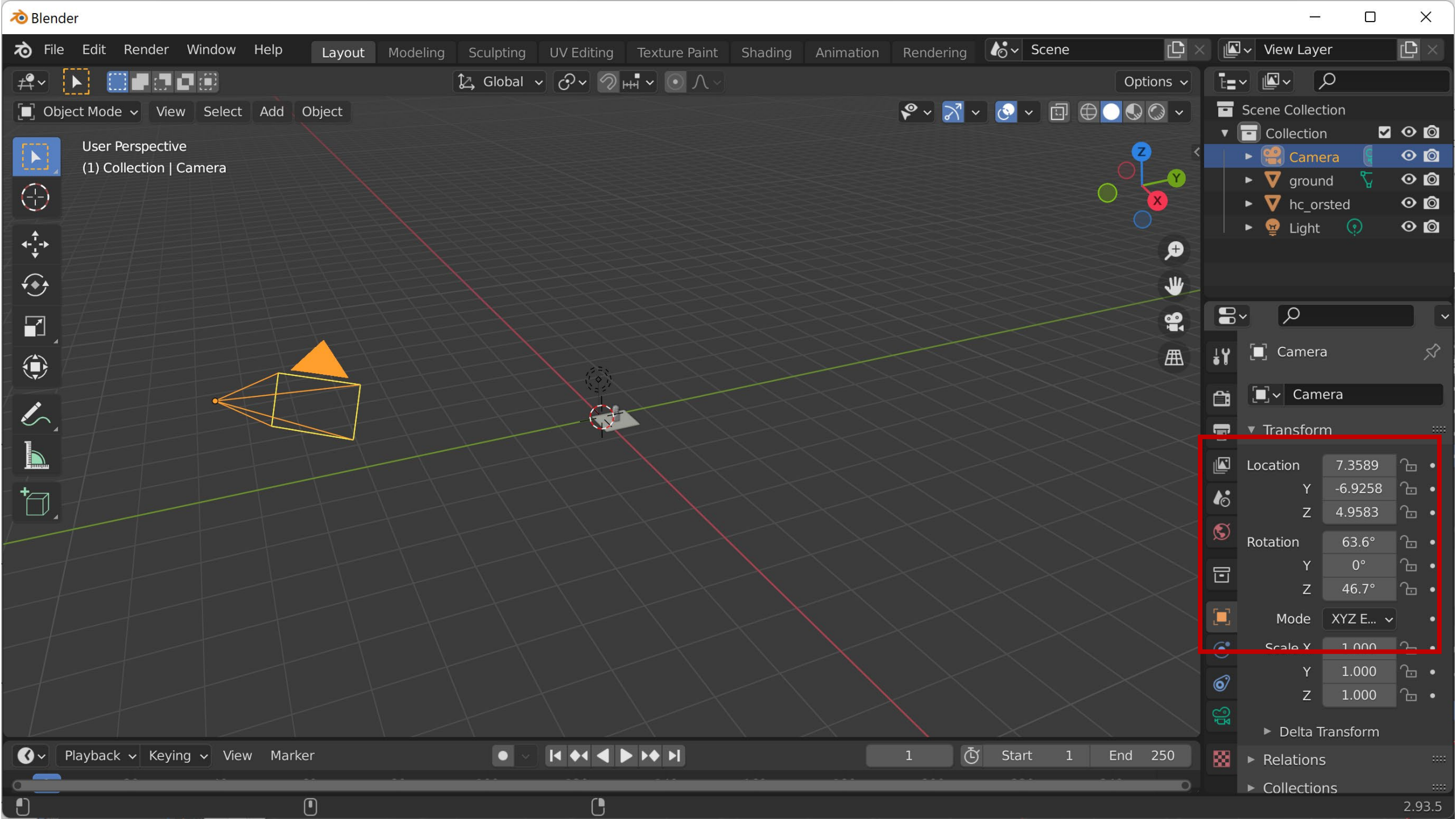
Volume 1.00

Radius 0.001 m

Custom Distance

Shadow

Custom Properties



Scene Collection

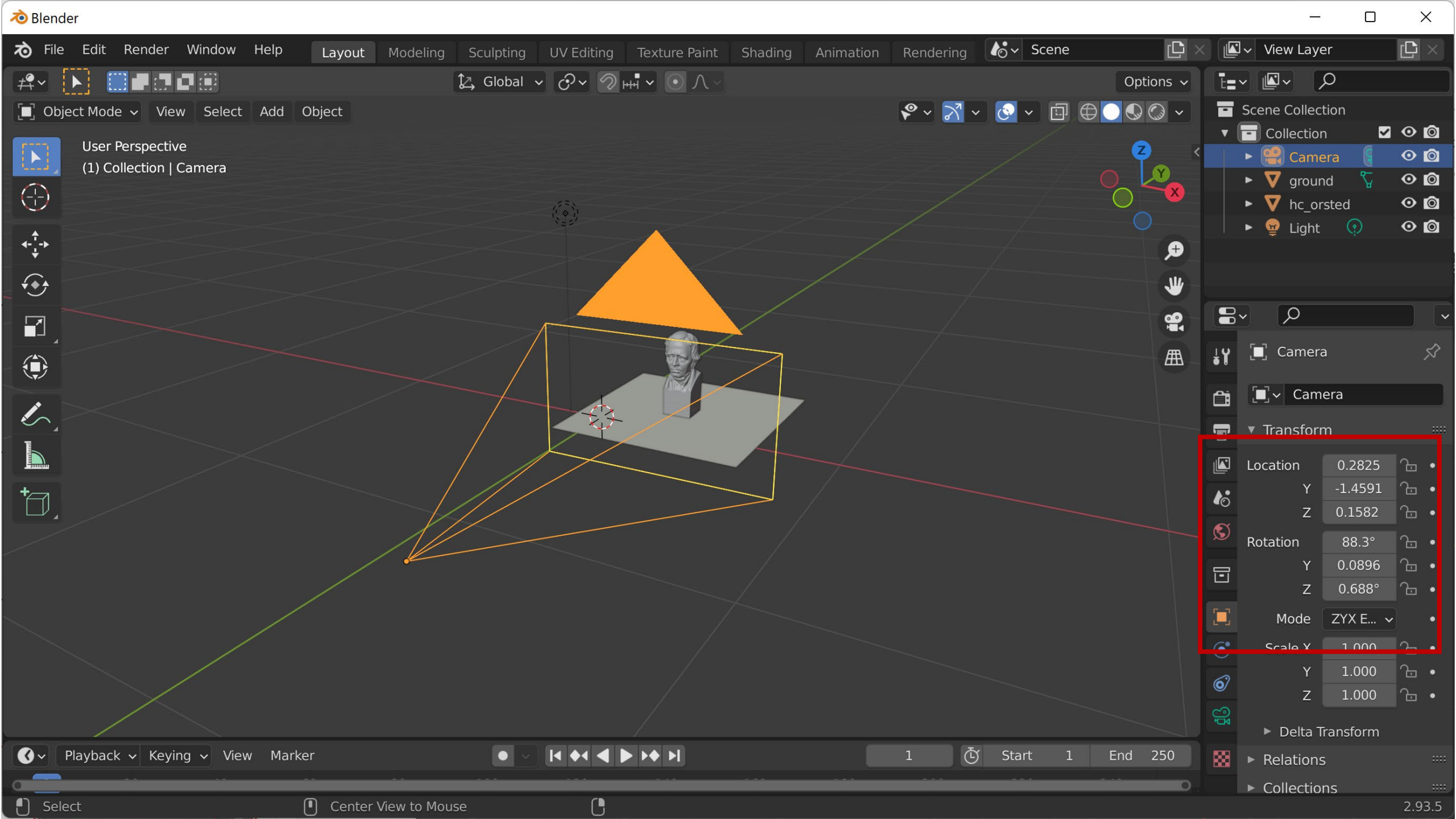
- Collection
  - Camera
  - ground
  - hc\_orsted
  - Light

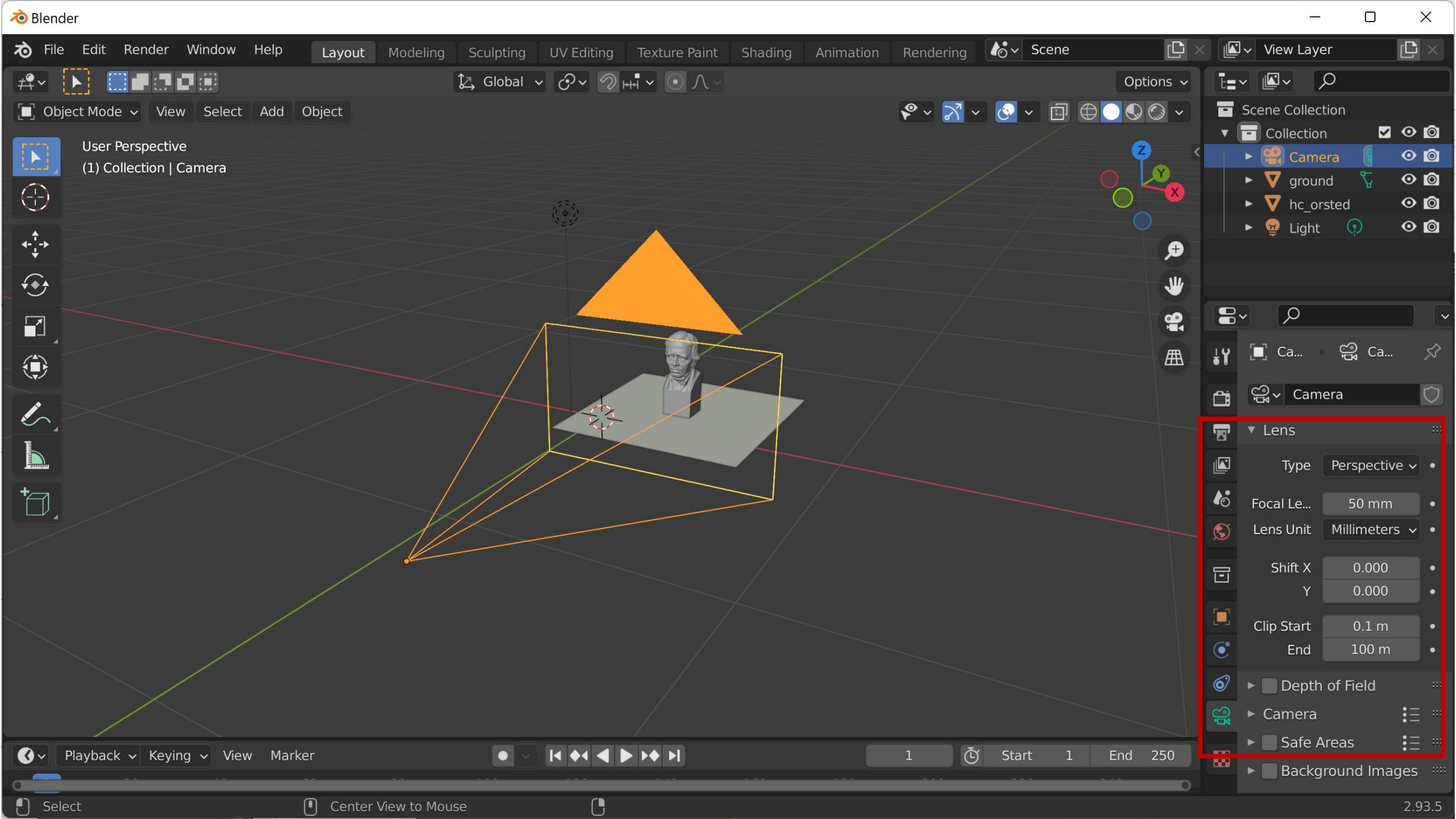
Camera

Camera

Transform

Location	7.3589	•
Y	-6.9258	•
Z	4.9583	•
Rotation	63.6°	•
Y	0°	•
Z	46.7°	•
Mode	XYZ E...	•
Scale X	1.000	•
Y	1.000	•
Z	1.000	•





Scene Collection

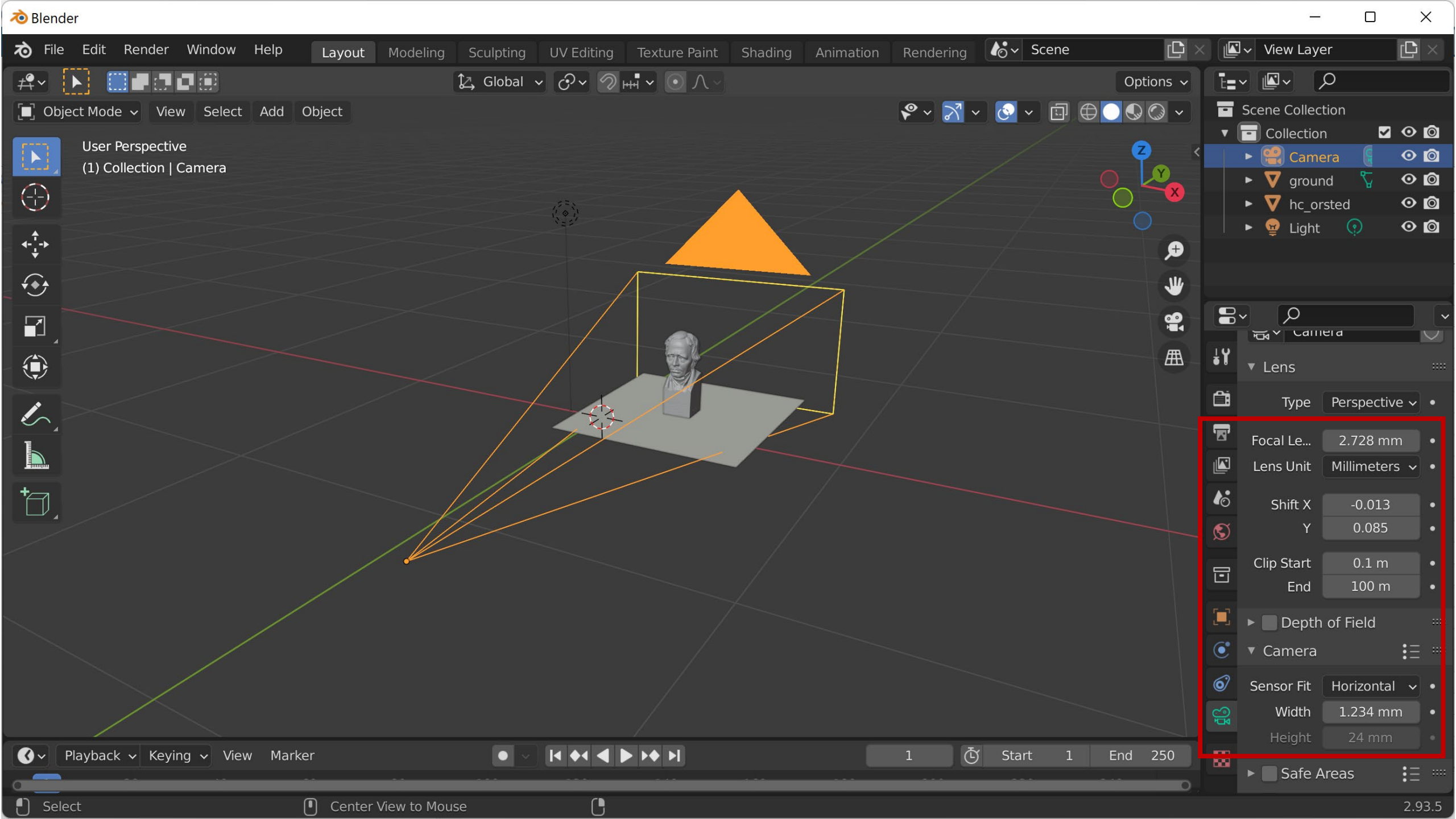
- Collection
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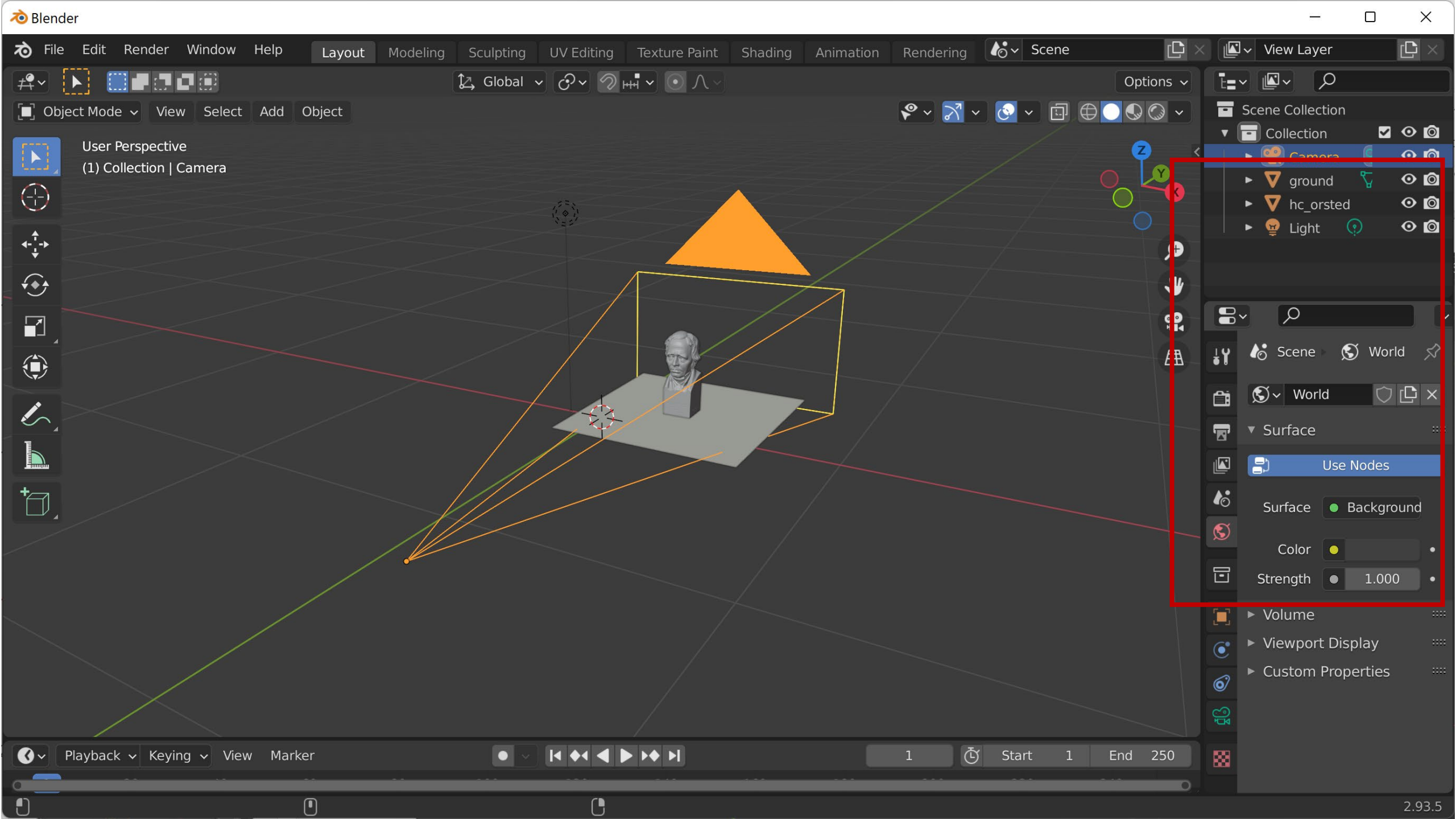
Ca... Ca...

Camera

Lens

- Type Perspective
- Focal Le... 50 mm
- Lens Unit Millimeters
- Shift X 0.000
- Y 0.000
- Clip Start 0.1 m
- End 100 m
- Depth of Field
- Camera
- Safe Areas
- Background Images

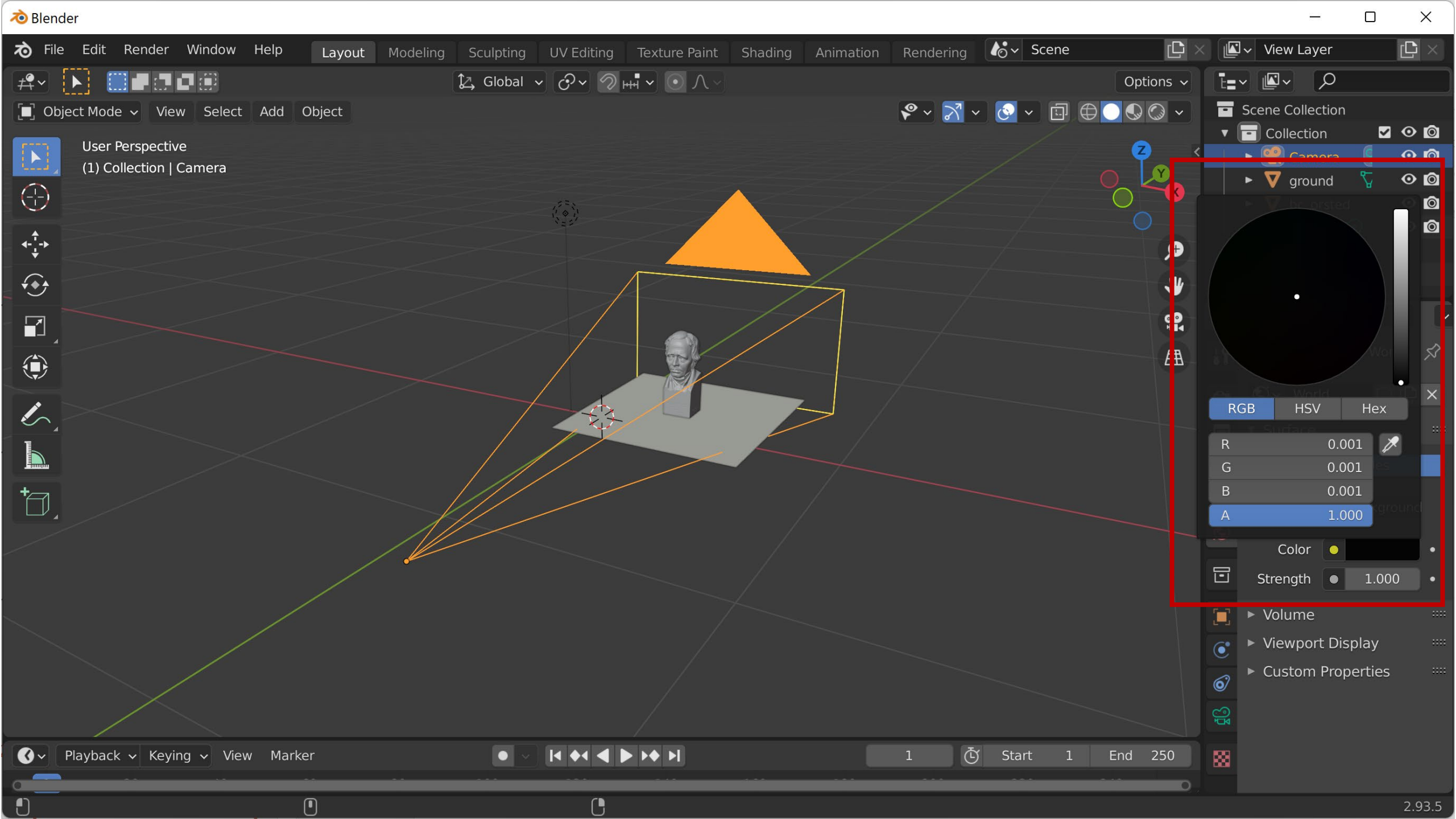




3D Viewport content: Camera, bust, ground, orange triangle, coordinate axes.

Properties Panel (Surface tab):

- Scene: World
- World: World
- Surface: Use Nodes
- Surface: Background
- Color: [Yellowish-Green]
- Strength: 1.000




Scene Collection


- Collection
- Camera
- ground



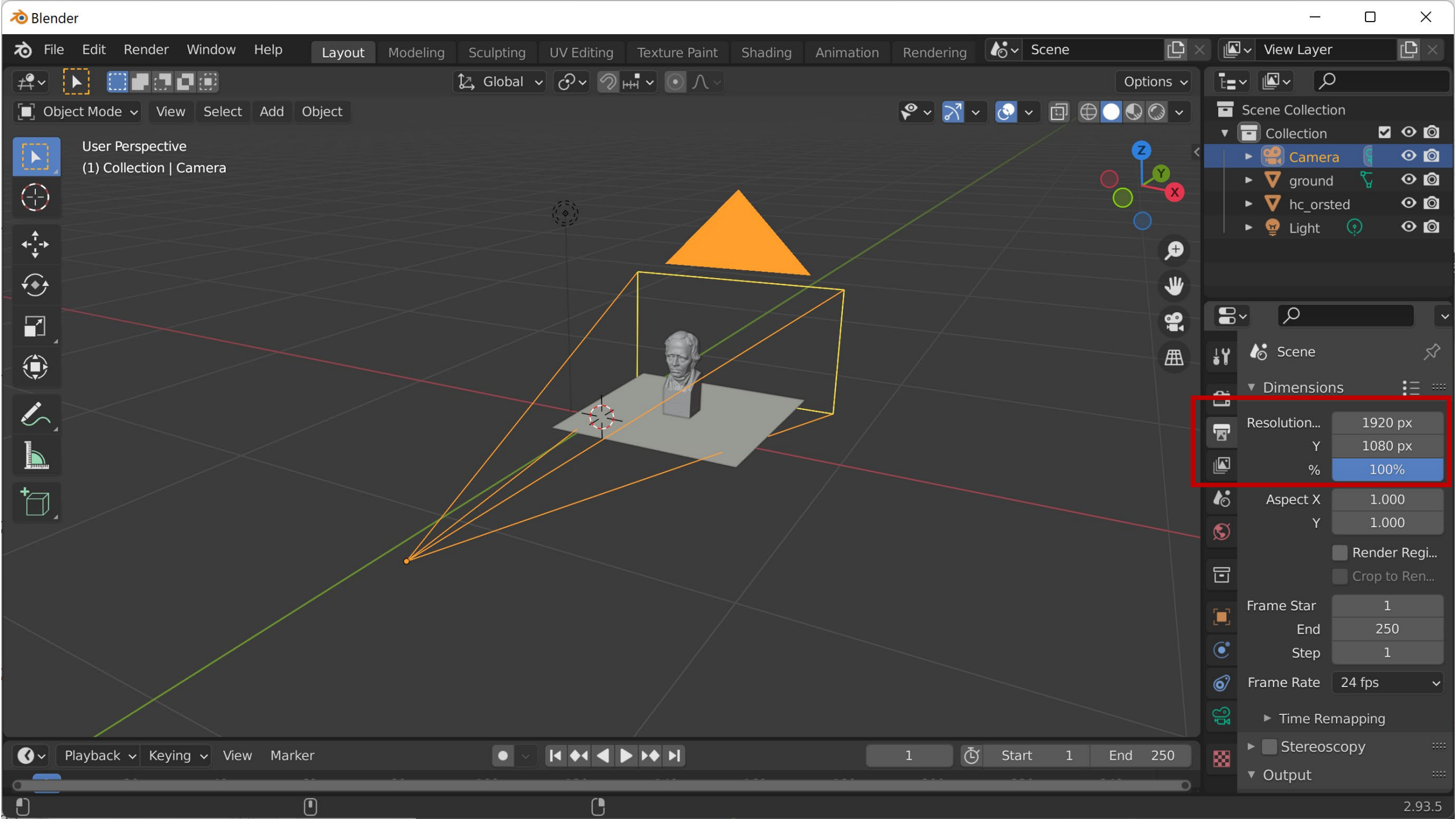
RGB HSV Hex

R	0.001
G	0.001
B	0.001
A	1.000

Color 

Strength  1.000

- Volume
- Viewport Display
- Custom Properties



Resolution...	1920 px
Y	1080 px
%	100%

Aspect X	1.000
Y	1.000

Render Regi...  
 Crop to Ren...

Frame Star	1
End	250
Step	1

Frame Rate 24 fps

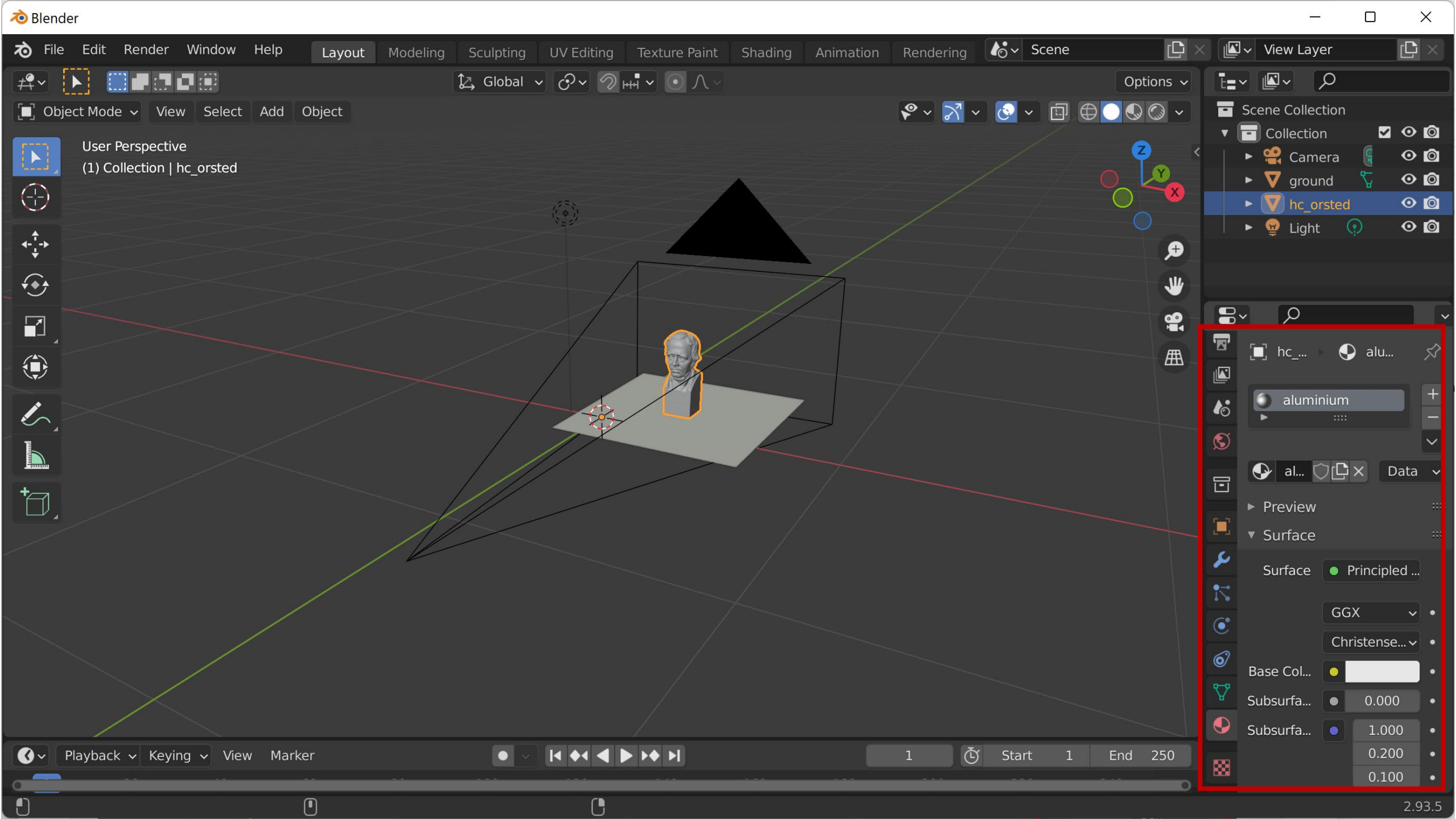
▶ Time Remapping

▶  Stereoscopy

▼ Output







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Material Properties

Material: aluminium

Surface: Principled BSDF

GGX

Christensen

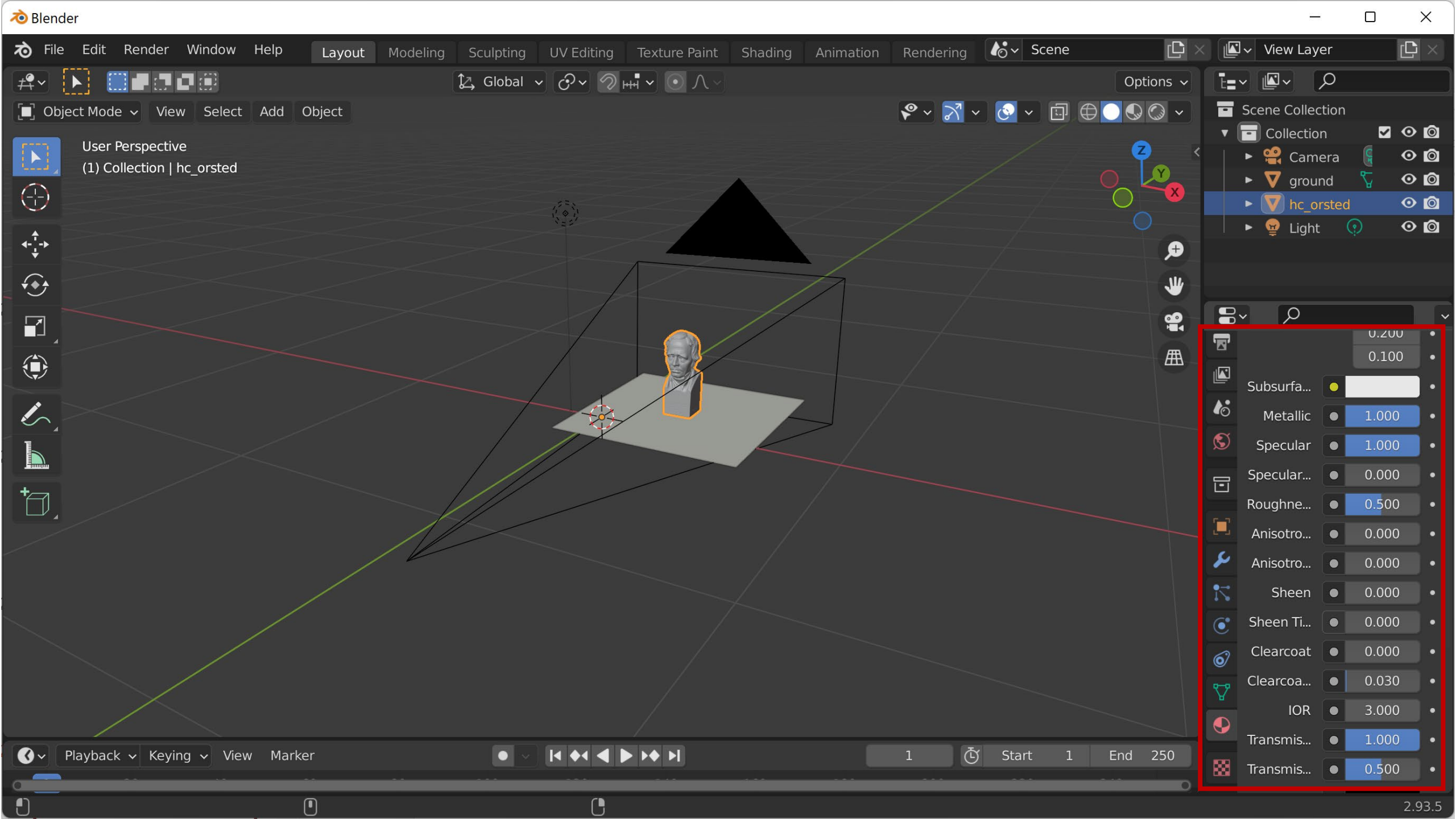
Base Col... [white]

Subsurfa... 0.000

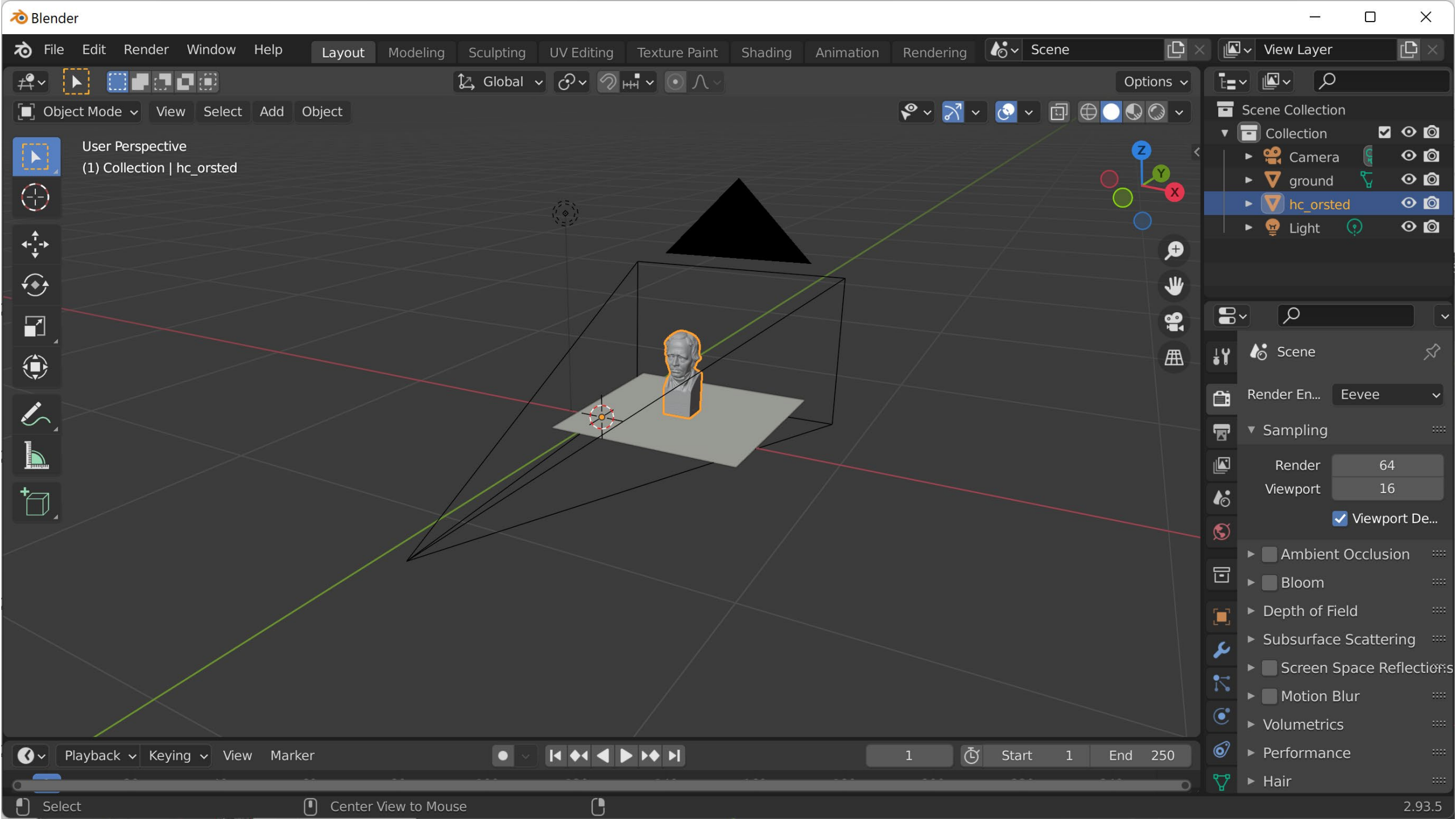
Subsurfa... 1.000

0.200

0.100



Subsurfa...	0.200
	0.100
Subsurfa...	0.200
Metallic	1.000
Specular	1.000
Specular...	0.000
Roughne...	0.500
Anisotro...	0.000
Anisotro...	0.000
Sheen	0.000
Sheen Ti...	0.000
Clearcoat	0.000
Clearcoa...	0.030
IOR	3.000
Transmis...	1.000
Transmis...	0.500



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Scene

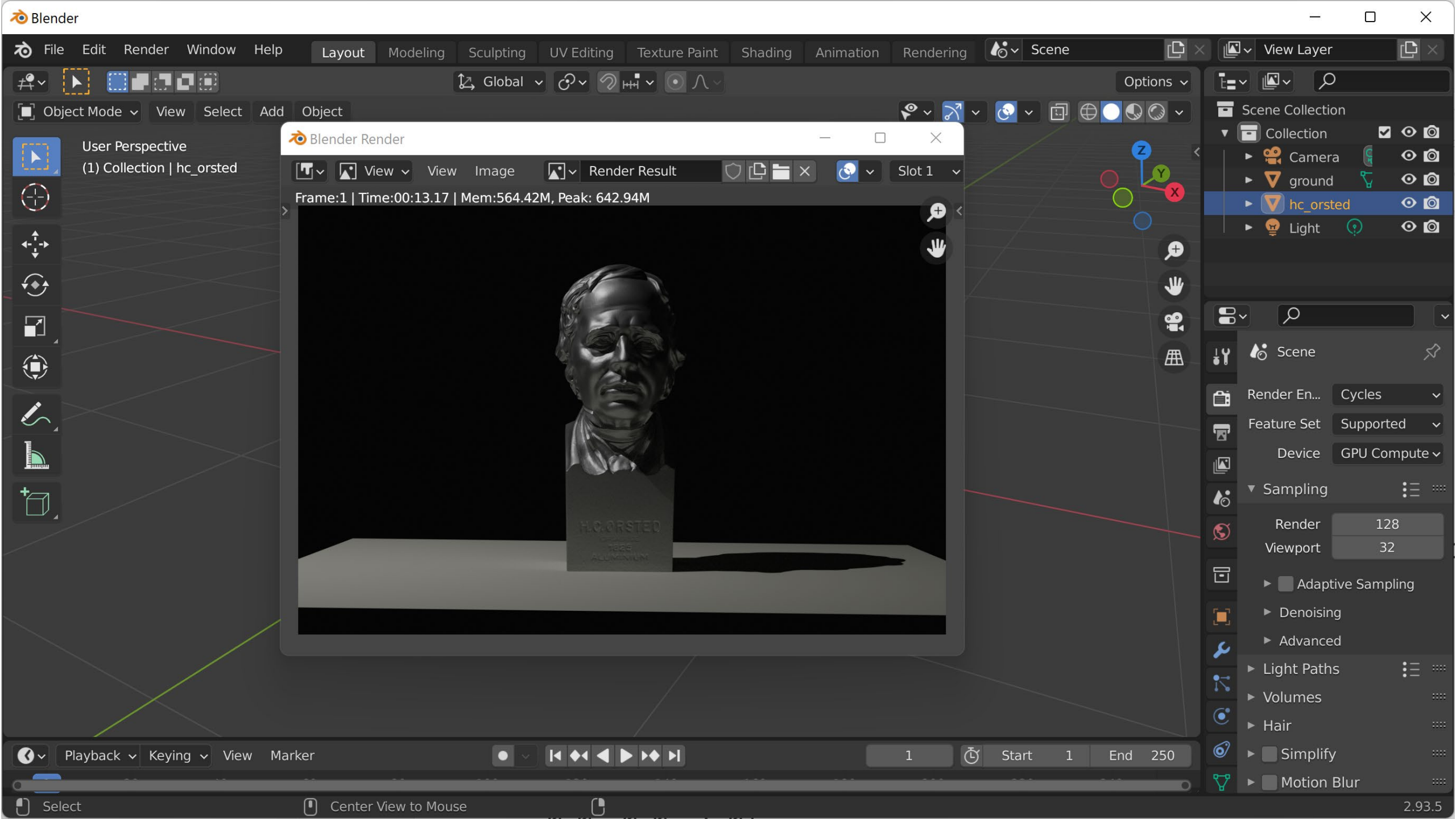
Render En... Eevee

Sampling

Render	64
Viewport	16

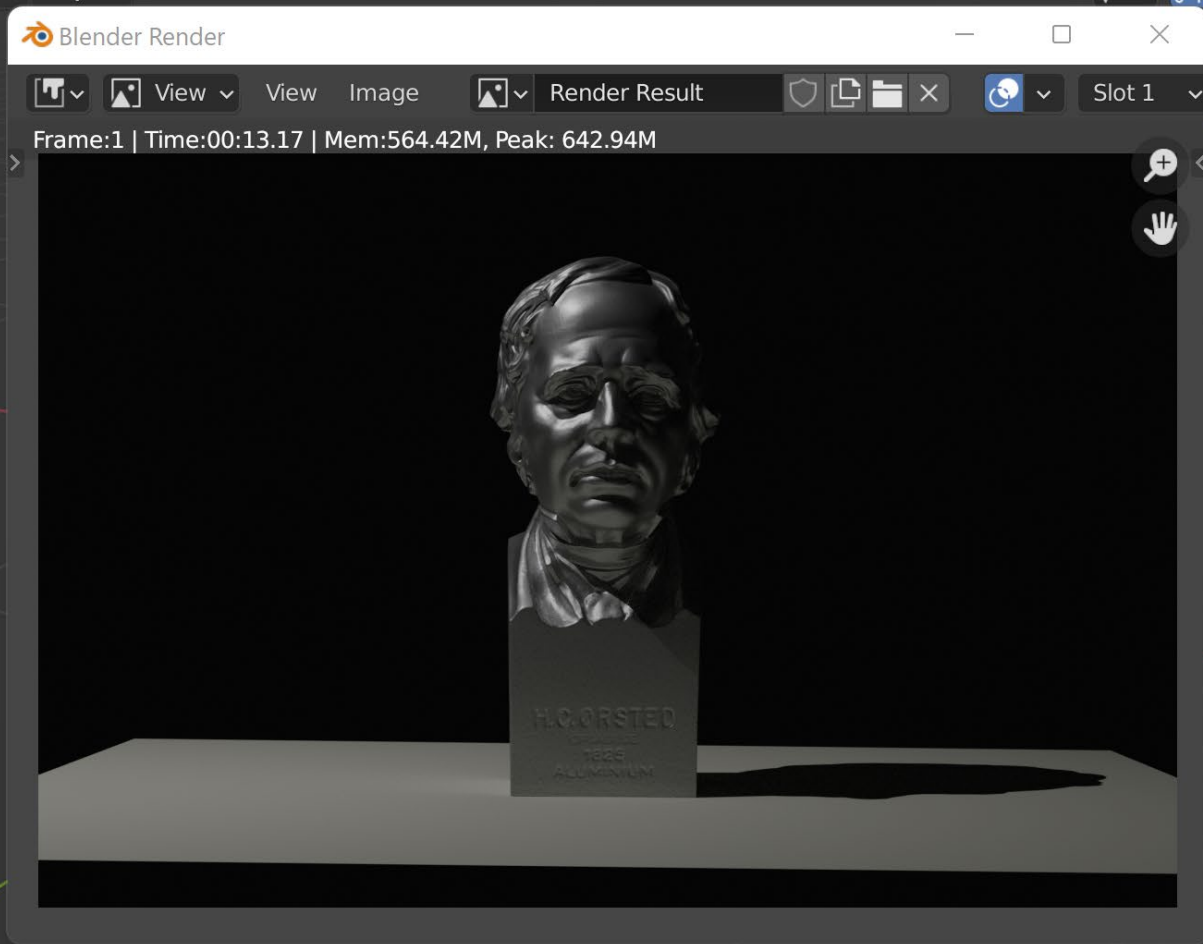
Viewport De...

- Ambient Occlusion
- Bloom
- Depth of Field
- Subsurface Scattering
- Screen Space Reflections
- Motion Blur
- Volumetrics
- Performance
- Hair



User Perspective  
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A vertical toolbar on the left side of the interface, containing icons for navigation (pan, rotate, zoom), selection (select, lasso), and editing (add, delete, link).



Scene Collection

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Render Engine: Cycles

Feature Set: Supported

Device: GPU Compute

Sampling

Render	128
Viewport	32

- Adaptive Sampling
- Denoising
- Advanced
- Light Paths
- Volumes
- Hair
- Simplify
- Motion Blur

