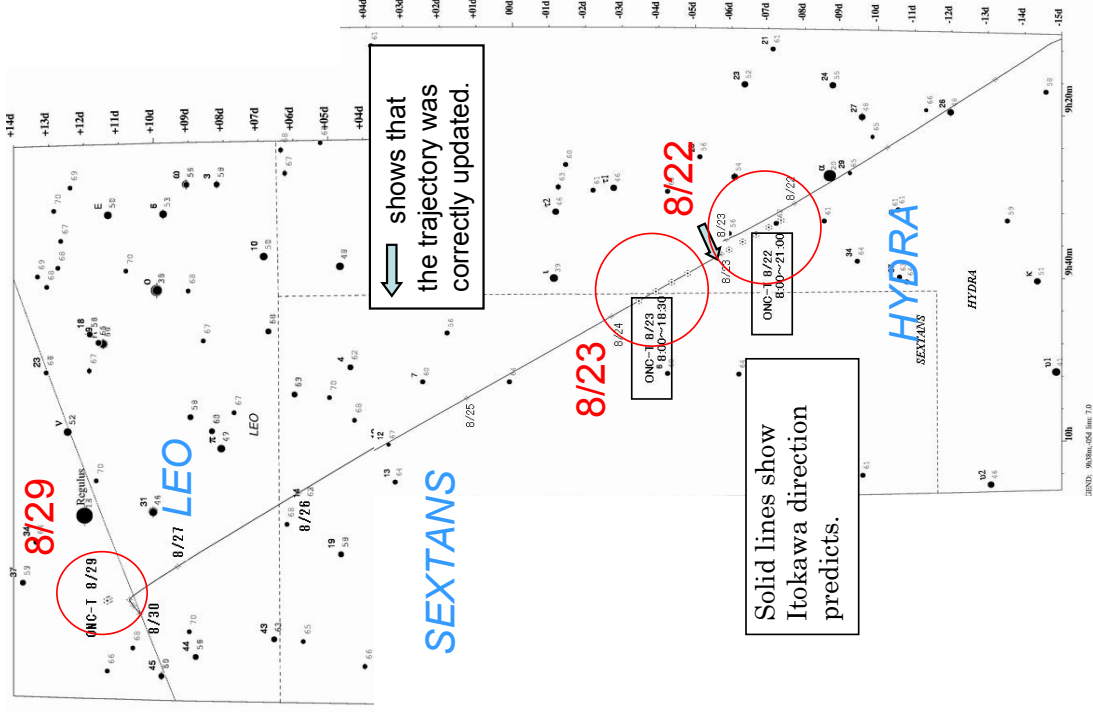


Hayabusa, Sept. 1st

- Hayabusa stopped its ion engines operation and is on the ecliptic plane, approaching to Itokawa at the distance of 1,900km with 18 km/hour, as of September 1st.



Itokawa at Leo on Aug 29.

- Any bright star except Itokawa and Regulus is not exposed at the same time.

