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(57) Abstract: Particular embodiments of the disclosed subject matter provide methods and systems to support interactive games on a television via internet protocol. An example embodiment includes receiving a game selection from a remote user through a set-top box via a network, activating the selected game on a games server, and communicating game rendering information to the set-top box via the network thereby enabling remotely playing the selected game via a television monitor and a remote control device.

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11: streaming of game video towards set-top box

2. claims: 8-14,23-24,30-33

i2: download of game levels onto set-top box

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