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Figure S1. Cross section SEM image of the solidified AgCl-KCl eutectic. In the insets, the arrows indicate regions showing partially faceted growth of KCl.



Figure S2. XRD spectrum of approximately 15 μ m thick as-solidified AgCl-KCl eutectic. Both AgCl (Fm3m, *a*=5.5491 Å, JCPDS file No.31-1238) and KCl (Fm3m, *a*=6.2917 Å, JCPDS file No.41-1476) peaks are observed.



Figure S3. (a) EDX collected from this sample shows Ag, Cl, and K peaks. (b) EDX confirms the absence of K after KCl removal.



Figure S4. Cross section SEM image of as melted AgCl (bright)-KCl (dark) eutectic (a) and elemental mappings of (b) Ag L α , (c) K K α , and (d) Cl K α , respectively.

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Figure S5. (a) Schematic illustration of the sample orientation respect to the normal incident light for FT-IR. (b) Lower magnification SEM image of AgCl-KCl eutectic grown on Si substrate.



Figure S6. (a) SEM image of 6 μ m diameter colloidal particles cast on a Si substrate. Cross sectional (b) and plan view (c) SEM images of 6 μ m diameter silica opal template assembled using the doctor blade method. Schematic illustration shows the experimental procedure for assembling the 6 μ m diameter colloidal particles.

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Figure S7. Angled view SEM image of AgCl-KCl eutectic infilled in 6 μ m silica opal template. The inset shows a higher magnification image of the AgCl-KCl eutectic infilled in 6 μ m silica opal template.



Figure S8. EDX spectrum of the 3D mesoporous inverse AgCl opal.

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Figure S9. Cross sectional SEM image of 3D mesostructured AgCl-KCl eutectic grown in a template formed from a 3 μ m diameter silica template. The inset shows a higher magnification SEM of the templated eutectic.



Figure S10. (a) Schematic illustration of the experimental setup used for directional solidification and (b) temperature profile in the modified three zone furnace.