I am a researcher at the University of Manchester and I got involved in the orchestra to build some robots myself and also to help others build robots too. My involvement increased very quickly and I have ended up running the technical work on the orchestra! This involves helping other people to build robots and making sure that they will work with the orchestra, keeping the current robots working, and programing the orchestra to play new music. The robot that I have built is Will’s Woodblock (not named by me!), which is a pair of drum sticks that hit wooden loom shuttles (donated by Quarry Bank Mill) and made out of laser cut wood. I enjoy the technical challenges that are presented by the robot orchestra and I am looking forward to working more with schools in the future and helping them to build instruments. When I am not looking after the robots I spend my time designing amplifiers for the receivers of Radio Telescopes (such as those at Jodrell Bank).